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FOURTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

**Prelude** *Sinfonia from Contata No. 29*

J. S. Bach/arr. H. McKinney

**Call to Worship**

One: Come from the fields of your daily labors, come, here is rest and renewal.

**All: We gather, hearts ready to receive God's life-giving Word.**

One: Come into the presence of the Living Lord.

**All: We come to praise God, the sender and the sent.**

**Hymn** *Christ of the Upward Way*

Christ of the upward way, my guide divine, where You have set Your feet may I place mine;  
And move and march wherever You have trod, keeping face forward up the hill of God.

Give me the heart to hear Your voice and will, that without fault or fear I may fulfill  
Your purpose with a glad and holy zest, like one who would not bring less than the best.

Christ of the upward way, my guide divine, where You have set Your feet may I place mine;  
And when Your last call comes serene and clear, calm may be answer be, "Lord, I am here."

**Prayer of Confession**

**God, you send us as prophets to proclaim your coming reign. You send us out as witnesses to embody your justice, kindness, and mercy. Yet we shrink from your call to serve as messengers of your kingdom. We cling to safe surroundings and turn from the demands of discipleship. Forgive us, we pray. Embolden us and send us again as heralds of your good news. It is in Christ's name that we pray. Amen.**

**Assurance of Pardon**

**Passing the Peace**

**Prayer for Illumination**

**New Testament Reading:** Matthew 10:40-42

<sup>40</sup> "Whoever welcomes you welcomes me, and whoever welcomes me welcomes the one who sent me. <sup>41</sup> Whoever welcomes a prophet in the name of a prophet will receive a prophet's reward; and whoever welcomes a righteous person in the name of a righteous person will receive the reward of the righteous; <sup>42</sup> and whoever gives even a cup of cold water to one of these little ones in the name of a disciple—truly I tell you, none of these will lose their reward."

**Homily** "Simple Acts"

Rev. Dr. Fairfax Fair

**Affirmation of Faith (from *A Brief Statement of Faith*)**

In life and in death we belong to God. Through the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit we trust in the one Triune God, the holy one of Israel, whom alone we worship and serve. With believers in every time and place, we rejoice that nothing in life or in death can separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.

Marilyn Wilkins, soprano

I, the Lord of sea and sky, I have heard my people cry.

All who dwell in dark and sin my hand will save.

I, who made the stars of night, I will make their darkness bright.

Who will bear my light to them? Whom shall I send?

Here I am, Lord. Is it I, Lord? I have heard you calling in the night.

I will go, Lord, if you lead me. I will hold your people in my heart.

I, the Lord of snow and rain, I have borne my people's pain.

I have wept for love of them. They turn away.

I will break their hearts of stone, give them hearts for love alone.

I will speak my word to them. Whom shall I send?

Here I am, Lord. Is it I, Lord? I have heard you calling in the night.

I will go, Lord, if you lead me. I will hold your people in my heart.

I, the Lord of wind and flame, I will tend the poor and lame.

I will set a feast for them. My hand will save.

Finest bread I will provide till their hearts be satisfied.

I will give my life to them. Whom shall I send?

Here I am, Lord. Is it I, Lord? I have heard you calling in the night.

I will go, Lord, if you lead me. I will hold your people in my heart.

### **Pastoral Prayer and the Lord's Prayer**

### **Benediction**

**Postlude** *Fugue in D Major*

Theodore Dubois



### **Remember in your thoughts and prayers:**

**Health concerns:** Louis McCaleb; Jimmy Gilchrest; Donna Morrison; Bill McPhail; Jane Christopher; Gary Berridge; Thelma Jean Paradysz

### **Next Drive-in Worship**

July 19, at **8 am**, we will have a drive-in (no touch) worship service with communion in the parking lot of First Presbyterian, Pasadena. Please note the following:

- Bring your cell phone for audio (calls can also be placed from home - audio-only)
- Bring your own communion elements, bread or a cracker and a sip of juice or a sip of wine
- Print bulletin from website: [fpcpasadena.org](http://fpcpasadena.org). Printed bulletins will not be available
- Call-in to worship service at 609-663-4151
- Stay in car during worship service

You will see Marilyn and Ron providing musical leadership and Dr. Fair preaching. We also will celebrate communion together. Arrive a few minutes early to get parked but please remain in your cars. We want everyone to stay healthy and don't want to risk exposures to the virus. Rain day is July 26, if necessary.

### **Emergency Contact for each member needed for our church records**

We are updating our records and want to have an emergency contact for everyone. Please contact the church at 281-991-8700 (*leave a message*) or email at [office@fpcpasadena.org](mailto:office@fpcpasadena.org) with your designated Emergency Contact. All information will be kept confidential. Thanks!