

SEVENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

**Prelude** *In Thee Is Gladness*

David Cherwien

**Call to Worship**

One: We have come to worship the living God,

**All: who knit us together when we were yet unnamed, and welcomes us with a parent's embrace.**

One: We have come to worship the almighty God,

**All: who searches us and knows our hearts, and still loves us completely.**

One: We have come to worship the eternal God,

**All: who seeks us wherever we are and shepherds us with a guiding hand.**

**Hymn** *In Christ There is No East or West*

In Christ there is no east or west,  
in him no south or north,  
but one great fellowship of love  
throughout the whole wide earth.

In Christ shall true  
hearts everywhere  
their high communion find;  
his service is the golden cord  
close-binding humankind.

Join hands, disciples of the faith,  
whate'er your race may be.  
All children of the living God  
are surely kin to me.

In Christ now meet  
both east and west;  
in him meet south and north.  
All Christly souls are one in him  
throughout the whole wide earth.

**Prayer of Confession**

**O Lord, you have searched us and known us. You know when we cultivate kindness and our lives bear fruit that blesses the world. You know, too, when our words sow seeds of discord and our actions choke out generosity and grace. When we produce more weed than wheat, forgive us. As we wait with eager longing for your reign to be revealed in our midst, plant within us gifts of love and mercy, so that we might live as children of the kingdom and bear fruit that enriches your harvest. In Christ's name we pray. Amen.**

**Assurance of Pardon**

**Passing the Peace**

**Prayer for Illumination**

**Old Testament Reading:** Genesis 28:10-17

<sup>10</sup> Jacob left Beer-sheba and went toward Haran. <sup>11</sup> He came to a certain place and stayed there for the night, because the sun had set. Taking one of the stones of the place, he put it under his head and lay down in that place. <sup>12</sup> And he dreamed that there was a ladder set up on the earth, the top of it reaching to heaven; and the angels of God were ascending and descending on it. <sup>13</sup> And the Lord stood beside him and said, "I am the Lord, the God of Abraham your father and the God of Isaac; the land on which you lie I will give to you and to your offspring; <sup>14</sup> and your offspring shall be like the dust of the earth, and you shall spread abroad to the west and to the east and to the north and to the south; and all the families of the earth shall be blessed in you and in your offspring. <sup>15</sup> Know that I am with you and will keep you wherever you go, and will bring you back to this land; for I will not leave you until I have done what I have promised you." <sup>16</sup> Then Jacob woke from his sleep and said, "Surely the Lord is in this place—and I did not know it!" <sup>17</sup> And he was afraid, and said, "How awesome is this place! This is none other than the house of God, and this is the gate of heaven."

**New Testament Reading:** Romans 8:18-25

<sup>18</sup> I consider that the sufferings of this present time are not worth comparing with the glory about to be revealed to us. <sup>19</sup> For the creation waits with eager longing for the revealing of the children of God; <sup>20</sup> for the creation was subjected to futility, not of its own will but by the will of the one who subjected it, in hope <sup>21</sup> that the creation itself will be set free from its bondage to decay and will obtain the freedom of the glory of the children of God. <sup>22</sup> We know that the whole creation has been groaning in labor pains until now; <sup>23</sup> and not only the creation, but we ourselves, who have the first fruits of the Spirit, groan inwardly while we wait for adoption, the redemption of our bodies. <sup>24</sup> For in hope we were saved. Now hope that is seen is not hope. For who hopes for what is seen? <sup>25</sup> But if we hope for what we do not see, we wait for it with patience.

**Homily** "God With Us"

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.

**Offering** *Come To The Table*

Allen Pote

Marilyn Wilkins, soprano

Come, come, come to the table and bring your joy,  
bring all your gladness and come, come, come to the table.  
Eat the bread, drink the wine, come rejoice in the Lord.

Bring all your sorrow, bring all your pain, bring all the heartaches you bear.  
Bring who you are and hope to become, come to the table to share.

Come, come, come to the table, remember Christ,  
remember his love when you come, come, come to the table.

Come in faith, come to serve, come rejoice in the Lord.

Share in the bread, share in the wine, share in the risen Lord.  
Share as a family, come in community, one in the name of the Lord.

Come, come, come to the table to follow Christ forgiven and free,  
you must come, come, come to the table.

Come in faith, come in love, come rejoice in the Lord.

Rejoice in the Lord!

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

### **Benediction**

**Postlude** *Presto from Concerto in G Major (BWV 592)*

J. Ernst / J.S. Bach



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

**Health concerns:** Louis McCaleb; Bob Pesl; Jimmy Gilchrest; Donna Morrison; Bill McPhail; Jane Christopher; Dee Lowery & Joannie King; Harvey Coe (Brett Coe's father); Imelda Carrillo and her daughter, Monica, and granddaughter, Lauren; Thelma Jean's daughter-in-law Nancy, and granddaughter Katie and her husband and two-year-old son, Logan; Maria Morales and her husband Juan and daughter Julisa; Baywood Crossing residents and staff

### **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!