
NINTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

Prelude *Movement I from Concerto in A Minor (BWV 593)*

A. Vivaldi/J. S. Bach

Welcome and Announcements

Recognition of Darcy McPhail

Call to Worship

One: All who hunger, gather gladly.

All: We come to feast on the life-giving Word.

One: Here, love abounds and grace overflows.

All: Here, blessings multiply as gifts are shared.

One: Come, let us pour ourselves out in prayer and praise,

All: and open ourselves to renewal and rest.

Hymn *Love Divine, All Loves Excelling*

Love divine, all loves excelling, Joy of heaven, to earth come down,
fix in us thy humble dwelling; all thy faithful mercies crown.
Jesus, thou art all compassion; pure, unbounded love thou art;
visit us with thy salvation; enter every trembling heart.
Breathe, O breathe thy loving Spirit into every troubled breast;
let us all in thee inherit; let us find the promised rest.
Take away the love of sinning; Alpha and Omega be;
end of faith, as its beginning, set our hearts at liberty.
Come, Almighty, to deliver; let us all thy life receive;
suddenly return, and never, nevermore thy temples leave.
Thee we would be always blessing, serve thee as thy hosts above,
pray, and praise thee without ceasing, glory in thy perfect love.
Finish then thy new creation; pure and spotless let us be;
let us see thy great salvation perfectly restored in thee:
Changed from glory into glory, till in heaven we take our place,
till we cast our crowns before thee, lost in wonder, love, and praise.

Prayer of Confession

God of abundance, in your hands meager offerings become bread to feed a multitude. Your mercy overflows to fill deserted landscapes with hope and grace. In you there is always more than enough. But we see only scarcity: too few resources to share with our neighbors, too little energy to respond to those in need. We turn from those who suffer rather than offering compassion and care. Transform us, we pray. Open our hands to share freely and generously and stretch our hearts to new expressions of love. We ask these things in the name and for the sake of your Son our Lord. Amen.

Assurance of Pardon

Passing the Peace of Christ

Prayer for Illumination

Old Testament Reading: Isaiah 55:1-5

¹Ho, everyone who thirsts, come to the waters; and you that have no money, come, buy and eat!
Come, buy wine and milk without money and without price. ²Why do you spend your money for that which

is not bread, and your labor for that which does not satisfy? Listen carefully to me, and eat what is good, and delight yourselves in rich food. ³ Incline your ear, and come to me; listen, so that you may live. I will make with you an everlasting covenant, my steadfast, sure love for David. ⁴ See, I made him a witness to the peoples, a leader and commander for the peoples. ⁵ See, you shall call nations that you do not know, and nations that do not know you shall run to you, because of the Lord your God, the Holy One of Israel, for he has glorified you.

New Testament Reading: Matthew 14:13–21

¹³ Now when Jesus heard this, he withdrew from there in a boat to a deserted place by himself. But when the crowds heard it, they followed him on foot from the towns. ¹⁴ When he went ashore, he saw a great crowd; and he had compassion for them and cured their sick. ¹⁵ When it was evening, the disciples came to him and said, “This is a deserted place, and the hour is now late; send the crowds away so that they may go into the villages and buy food for themselves.” ¹⁶ Jesus said to them, “They need not go away; you give them something to eat.” ¹⁷ They replied, “We have nothing here but five loaves and two fish.” ¹⁸ And he said, “Bring them here to me.” ¹⁹ Then he ordered the crowds to sit down on the grass. Taking the five loaves and the two fish, he looked up to heaven, and blessed and broke the loaves, and gave them to the disciples, and the disciples gave them to the crowds. ²⁰ And all ate and were filled; and they took up what was left over of the broken pieces, twelve baskets full. ²¹ And those who ate were about five thousand men, besides women and children.

Homily “More Than Enough”

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 *Festive Praise*

Marilyn Wilkins, soprano

Allen Pote

Sing to the Lord a song of praise, a wonderful marvelous song.
Sing to the Lord with joy in your heart, a wonderful, marvelous song.
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, amen.

Come, rejoice, as you sing you will lift up your voices in praise and thanksgiving to God.

Sing all of the heaven, sing of the glory of God.
Sing all of the earth rejoice! Sing of the glory, the marvelous glory of God.

Sing to the Lord a song of praise, a wonderful marvelous song.
Sing to the Lord with joy in your heart, a wonderful, marvelous song.
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, amen.

Sing a new song with the lute and the harp, make melody with the sound of the lyre.
It is good to give thanks to the Lord, sing praises, rejoice and be glad for the Lord is our God.

Sing to the Lord a song of praise, a wonderful marvelous song.
Sing to the Lord with joy in your heart, a wonderful, marvelous song.
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, amen.

Sing to the Lord a marvelous song!

Pastoral Prayer and the Lord's Prayer

Benediction

Postlude *Finale Jubilante*

Healey Willan



Remember in your thoughts and prayers:

Health concerns: Louis McCaleb; 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; Baywood Crossing residents and staff; Ronny Carter (Betty Pendleton's cousin); Bob Pesl; Joan Gibertini's grandson Johnathan Hackney, and son Tim Tovey; Chère Wharry; Averie Weigler (Bonnie and Jim Keith's granddaughter); Lisa DeGraff (Barbara Davis' daughter).

Rejoice: Katie and Michael Zientek (Thelma Jean's granddaughter) on the birth of their son, Samuel, on July 28th.

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 with your designated Emergency Contact. All information will be kept confidential. Thanks!

FPC Ministries and Groups Zoom Videoconference Meetings. To arrange a meeting with your ministry or group, contact Barbara to schedule a Zoom videoconference at office@fpcpasadena.org.