

ELEVENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

Prelude *Holy God, We Praise Thy Name*

David Cherwien

Call to Worship

One: How very good and pleasant it is when kindred live together in unity!

All: A family formed by faith, we gather to worship the Living Lord.

One: Lifelong followers seeking sustenance, new disciples searching for grace— a family fashioned by faith, we gather to kneel before the Giver of Mercy. Children of God, come!

All: The Lord gathers us in and calls us his own. Let us praise God!**Hymn** *Glorious Things of Thee Are Spoken*

Glorious things of thee are spoken, Zion, city of our God.
 God, whose word cannot be broken, formed thee for a blest abode.
 On the rock of ages founded, what can shake thy sure repose?
 With salvation's walls surrounded, thou may'st smile at all thy foes.
 Round each habitation hovering, see the cloud and fire appear
 for a glory and a covering, showing that the Lord is near.
 Thus deriving from their banner light by night and shade by day,
 safe they feed upon the manna which God gives them when they pray.
 See, the streams of living waters, springing from eternal love,
 well supply thy sons and daughters and all fear of want remove.
 Who can faint while such a river ever flows, their thirst to assuage?
 Grace, so like the Lord the giver, never fails from age to age.

Prayer of Confession

Holy One, there is much we must confess: When we discount another's pain or overlook neighbors in distress, forgive us. When we choose callous words over compassionate impulses, forgive us. When we think others less deserving of grace and ration kindness as if it could be exhausted, forgive us. Have mercy upon us, Lord, and heal our brokenness, so that every word and deed that proceeds from our hearts might glorify you and show your grace. We ask it in Christ's name. Amen.

Assurance of Pardon**Passing the Peace of Christ****Prayer for Illumination****New Testament Reading:** Matthew 15:21-28

²¹Jesus left that place and went away to the district of Tyre and Sidon. ²²Just then a Canaanite woman from that region came out and started shouting, "Have mercy on me, Lord, Son of David; my daughter is tormented by a demon." ²³But he did not answer her at all. And his disciples came and urged him, saying, "Send her away, for she keeps shouting after us." ²⁴He answered, "I was sent only to the lost sheep of the house of Israel." ²⁵But she came and knelt before him, saying, "Lord, help me." ²⁶He answered, "It is not fair to take the children's food and throw it to the dogs." ²⁷She said, "Yes, Lord, yet even the dogs eat the crumbs that fall from their masters' table." ²⁸Then Jesus answered her, "Woman, great is your faith! Let it be done for you as you wish." And her daughter was healed instantly.

Homily "Recognizing God's Grace"

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 *Movement I from Concerto in G Major (BWV 592)*

J.Ernst/J. S. Bach

Pastoral Prayer and the Lord's Prayer

Benediction

Postlude *Postlude in C Major*

Arthur Foote



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; Ron Grimes (Thelma Jean Paradysz's son-in-law); Adan Afzal (Uzma Aroog Dean's 12 year old cousin); Edward Broad (Margaret Bardin's son-in-law); Janet Smith.

Funeral Service for George Yeargin is Saturday, August 22, 2020, 2 pm at Grandview Funeral Home, 8501 Spencer Hwy., Pasadena, Texas 77505. Rev. Dr. Fairfax Fair will lead the service. *Note: Masks are required. Limited attendance.*

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. We have held several Zoom meetings with good success! To arrange a meeting with your ministry or group, contact Barbara to schedule a Zoom videoconference at office@fpcpasadena.org.