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TWELFTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

**Prelude** *Prelude No. 2 in G Major*

Felix Mendelssohn

**Call to Worship**

One: As one body we have many members, each uniquely gifted for a particular purpose.

**All: We, who are many, are one body in Christ.**

One: Prophets and poets, thinkers and teachers, artists and advocates, consolers and caregivers.

**All: We, who are many, are one body in Christ.**

One: With thanksgiving we offer our varied gifts in service to Christ, who makes us one.

**All: Let us glorify the Lord!**

**Hymn** *Go to the World!*

Go to the world! Go into all the earth. Go preach the cross where Christ renews life's worth,  
baptizing as the sign of our rebirth. Alleluia. Alleluia.

Go to the world! Go into every place. Go live the word of God's redeeming grace.

Go seek God's presence in each time and space. Alleluia. Alleluia.

Go to the world! Go struggle, bless, and pray; the nights of tears give way to joyous day.

As servant church, you follow Christ's own way. Alleluia. Alleluia.

Go to the world! Go as the ones I send, for I am with you till the age shall end,  
when all the hosts of glory cry "Amen!" Alleluia. Alleluia.

**Prayer of Confession**

**Risen Lord, we call you the Son of the Living God, but we do not trust you to be at work in our world here and now. We proclaim you as the Messiah, who delivers us from death to life but we doubt your power to transform our lives. We profess you as the Christ, the Lord of our lives, but our attention often wanders and our loyalty is tested. Forgive us. Help us not only to proclaim you, but to follow your way of justice and peace. We ask it in Christ's name. Amen.**

**Assurance of Pardon**

**Passing the Peace of Christ**

**Prayer for Illumination**

**New Testament Reading:** Matthew 16:13-20

<sup>13</sup> Now when Jesus came into the district of Caesarea Philippi, he asked his disciples, "Who do people say that the Son of Man is?" <sup>14</sup> And they said, "Some say John the Baptist, but others Elijah, and still others Jeremiah or one of the prophets." <sup>15</sup> He said to them, "But who do you say that I am?" <sup>16</sup> Simon Peter answered, "You are the Messiah, the Son of the living God." <sup>17</sup> And Jesus answered him, "Blessed are you, Simon son of Jonah! For flesh and blood has not revealed this to you, but my Father in heaven. <sup>18</sup> And I tell you, you are Peter, and on this rock I will build my church, and the gates of Hades will not prevail against it. <sup>19</sup> I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven, and whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven." <sup>20</sup> Then he sternly ordered the disciples not to tell anyone that he was the Messiah.

**Homily** "The Challenge of Choice"

Rev. Dr. Fairfax Fair

**Affirmation of Faith (Apostles' Creed)**

I believe in God the Father Almighty,  
Maker of heaven and earth,

and in Jesus Christ His only Son, our Lord;  
who was conceived by the Holy Ghost,  
born of the Virgin Mary,  
suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
was crucified, dead and buried;  
he descended into hell;  
the third day he rose again from the dead;  
he ascended into heaven,  
and sitteth on the right hand  
of God the Father Almighty;  
from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead.  
I believe in the Holy Ghost;  
the holy catholic church;  
the communion of saints;  
the forgiveness of sins;  
the resurrection of the body;  
and the life everlasting. Amen

**Offering** *O Lord, What a Mornin'*

arr. Harry T. Burleigh

Marilyn Wilkins, soprano

My Lord, what a mornin', when the stars begin to fall.  
Done quite all my worldly ways, join that heavenly band.  
Oh my Lord, what a mornin' when the stars begin to fall.

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

**Benediction**

**Postlude** *Trumpet Tune in D Major*

Gilbert Martin



**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; 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.

**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!

**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](mailto:office@fpcpasadena.org).