

FOURTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

Prelude *Give to Our God Immortal Praise*

David Cherwien

Call to Worship

One: Jesus says, "Where two or three are gathered in my name, I am there among them."

All: Christ is here.

One: Calling us to the water, beckoning us to the feast,

All: Christ is here.

One: Speaking to our souls, listening to our prayers,

All: Christ is here.

One: Binding us as one body, sending us out in service,

All: Christ is here.

One: Jesus says, "Where two or three are gathered in my name, I am there among them."

All: Christ is here. Let us worship the Lord.**Hymn** *Lord, I Want to be a Christian*

Lord, I want to be a Christian in my heart, in my heart;

Lord, I want to be a Christian in my heart.

In my heart, in my heart, Lord, I want to be a Christian in my heart.

Lord, I want to be more loving in my heart, in my heart;

Lord, I want to be more loving in my heart.

In my heart, in my heart, Lord, I want to be a Christian in my heart.

Lord, I want to be more holy in my heart, in my heart;

Lord, I want to be more holy in my heart.

In my heart, in my heart, Lord, I want to be a Christian in my heart.

Lord, I want to be like Jesus in my heart, in my heart;

Lord, I want to be like Jesus in my heart.

In my heart, in my heart, Lord, I want to be a Christian in my heart.

Prayer of Confession

Forgiving God, you teach us to seek reconciliation with those who have wronged us for, above all else, we are to love one another. Instead we let resentment smolder until anger flares, destroying any chance of peace. We blame others and refuse to repent. Grant us grace in our dealings with others. Make space in our wounded hearts for the possibility of forgiveness, and teach us to turn toward others in love as you turn toward us. We ask these things in the name of your Son, our Christ. Amen.

Assurance of Pardon**Passing the Peace of Christ****Prayer for Illumination****New Testament Reading:** Romans 13:8-10

⁸ Owe no one anything, except to love one another; for the one who loves another has fulfilled the law. ⁹ The commandments, "You shall not commit adultery; You shall not murder; You shall not steal; You shall not covet"; and any other commandment, are summed up in this word, "Love your neighbor as yourself." ¹⁰ Love does no wrong to a neighbor; therefore, love is the fulfilling of the law.

Homily “Paul, The Beatles, and 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 *A Covenant Prayer*

Allen Pote

Marilyn Wilkins, soprano

Lord, make me what you will, I put myself into your hands.

Put me to doing, put me to suffering, let me be employed for you, or laid aside for you.

Lord, make me what you will, I will no longer be my own.

Let me be full, let me be empty, let me have all things, let me have nothing.

Lord, I freely and with a willing heart, give it all to you, to your pleasure and disposal, Lord.

Make me what you will.

Pastoral Prayer and the Lord's Prayer

Benediction

Postlude *Postlude on Coronation*

Jason D. Payne



Remember in your thoughts and prayers:

Health concerns: Louis McCaleb; Jimmy Gilchrest; Donna Morrison; Bill McPhail; Jane Christopher; Joannie King; Harvey Coe (Brett Coe's father); Imelda Carrillo and daughter Serena; Baywood Crossing residents and staff; Ronny Carter (Betty Pendleton's cousin); Joan Gibertini's grandson Johnathan Hackney, and son Tim Tovey; Ron Grimes (Thelma Jean Paradysz's son-in-law); Adan Afzal (Uzma Aroog Dean's 12 year old cousin); Roy Kreitz.

Upcoming Events @ FPC - more details at fpcpasadena.org and *FPC September Newsletter*

- **Sunday, September 13 - Dr. Brian Blount**, President of Union Presbyterian Seminary and Professor of New Testament, will be preaching for our virtual service.
- **Brown Bag and Bible is coming back on Wednesday, September 16 at 12:00 pm.** Make your lunch, grab your Bible, and click the link for this Zoom meeting. If you are not on Fairfax's email list and want to be a part of the Bible study, please email Fairfax at revfair@fpcpasadena.org to add your name.
- **Wonderful Wednesday is returning on September 16 at 6:00 pm.** Cathy Chang and Juan Lopez, who are married, PC(USA) mission co-workers serving in the Philippines, will be the virtual speakers. They help global partners address issues of forced migration and human trafficking. Cathy and Juan focus their vision on people whose dreams have been denied. Hear their personal stories and how it has translated into becoming mission partners. The Zoom invitation will come out in an FPC email blast.

- **Sunday, September 20 - Virtual worship service with communion** in your home using your own communion elements (a sip of wine or juice and piece of bread or cracker).
- **Flu Shot Clinic - October 5 - 1:30-3:30 pm** - A Flu Shot Clinic will be provided by Walgreens Pharmacy. (Covid precautions will be taken.) Drive through in front of the church. Everyone is welcome from ages 7 years and up. For more information and a Consent for Vaccination form, go to the September Newsletter. **Forms must be returned to the church (secure mail box) or to Nola Bray via email by September 20.**
- **October 4 at 10:00 am- Drive in Worship** - We will celebrate the 80th Anniversary of FPC and World Communion Sunday. We will also be receiving the Peace and Global Witness Offering. A Congregational Meeting to elect officers will follow the worship service.

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

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!