

TWENTY-NINTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Prelude *Prelude in G Major (BWV 568)*

J. S. Bach

Welcome and Announcements**Call to Worship**

One: Exalt the Almighty and worship at God's holy mountain,

All: for the Lord our God is holy.

One: Look! The Lord draws near; come into the presence of the Holy One.

All: Let us behold the glory of our God.

Hymn #708 *We Give Thee but Thine Own*

We give thee but thine own, whate'er the gift may be;
all that we have is thine alone, a trust, O Lord, from thee.

May we thy bounties thus as stewards true receive,
and gladly, as thou blessest us, to thee our first fruits give.

The captive to release, to God the lost to bring,
to teach the way of life and peace: it is a Christ-like thing.

And we believe thy word, though dim our faith may be;
whate'er we do for thine, O Lord, we do it unto thee.

Prayer of Confession

Living Lord, in you we live and move and have our being. You call us to give all that we are and all that we have in service to Christ. But we hold tightly to our treasure, afraid we will not have enough for ourselves. We hold back our talents, afraid our gifts will not be enough. God, unclench our fists and help us to give fully and freely so that, in all things, you may be glorified. We ask it in Christ's name. Amen.

Assurance of Pardon**Prayer for Illumination**

New Testament Reading Matthew 22:15-22

¹⁵ Then the Pharisees went and plotted to entrap him in what he said. ¹⁶ So they sent their disciples to him, along with the Herodians, saying, "Teacher, we know that you are sincere, and teach the way of God in accordance with truth, and show deference to no one; for you do not regard people with partiality. ¹⁷ Tell us, then, what you think. Is it lawful to pay taxes to the emperor, or not?" ¹⁸ But Jesus, aware of their malice, said, "Why are you putting me to the test, you hypocrites? ¹⁹ Show me the coin used for the tax." And they brought him a denarius. ²⁰ Then he said to them, "Whose head is this, and whose title?" ²¹ They answered, "The emperor's." Then he said to them, "Give therefore to the emperor the things that are the emperor's, and to God the things that are God's." ²² When they heard this, they were amazed; and they left him and went away.

Sermon "Taxes and Tithes"

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. Amen.

Anthem *Canticle of Thanksgiving*

John Rutter

Marilyn Wilkins, soprano

Benedictus Dominus: Lord, we thank you for all creation,
We worship you, we honor you, we bless your Holy Name forever.

Lord, you were there before the hills and mountains,
You formed the earth, you made the sea and sky;
You are God, our strength and our salvation through a thousand ages passing by.

The earth is yours, and all that is within it,
You gave it life and ev'ry gift so fair;
In the wealth and wonder of creation You were there, Lord, you were there.

Lord, we are called as servants in your kingdom
To do your work, and not to seek for rest,
Share each load, and bear each other's burdens, that our lives may be forever blest.

Lord, you are there in gentleness and goodness,
In kindly thoughts and quiet words of prayer:
In the love which binds us all together You are there, Lord, you are there.

Lord who can tell the greatness of your glory,
Or who can sing the fullness of your praise?
You are God immortal and eternal; grant us strength to serve you all our days.

Through all the years your goodness never failed us:
In times of joy and days of dark despair

You were there, the One who never changes; You were there, Lord,
You still are there, Lord; You will be there, Lord, you always will be there.

Pastoral Prayer and The Lord's Prayer

Benediction

Postlude *Trumpet Jubilante*

Craig A. Penfield



Remember in your thoughts and prayers:

Health concerns: Louis McCaleb; Donna Morrison; Bill McPhail; Jane Christopher; Imelda Carrillo and daughter Selena; Baywood Crossing residents and staff; Ronny Carter (Betty Pendleton's cousin); Tim Tovey (Joan Gibertini's son); Ron Grimes (Thelma Jean Paradysz's son-in-law); Mary Knapik; Joan Keith; Steve Dunn (Elois Murray's son); Linda Dupler; Laura Weigler.; Barry Webb's brother, Ron, and nephew, Nick.

Upcoming Events @ FPC - more details at fpcpasadena.org

Virtual Sunday Worship on October 18. Go to fpcpasadena.org.

In-Sanctuary Worship Sunday, October 24, 10:30 am.

Brown Bag and Bible Wednesdays 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. If needed, contact the church office for Zoom link at office@fpcpasadena.org.

Prayer Shawl Group meet every Tuesday via Zoom at 1:30 pm. To join this group contact Johnnie Haltom or Barbara Davis.

Wonderful Wednesday this week on October 21 at 6 pm. Rev. David Wells, chaplain with the Presbyterian International Seafarer Ministry will be the speaker. The Zoom invitation will be sent out in an email blast from FPC Pasadena.

Day of Service is November 14, 10-Noon. Between now and Nov. 14: prepare CWS/PDA hygiene kits; Seafarer's boxes; grocery items for PCM; write letters or cards to residents of Pasadena Interfaith Manor. Note: Interfaith Manor cards will be available to sign on the way into worship on October 25. Detail instructions for all items can be found in the October Newsletter, pages 10-11. On Nov. 14. drop items off at the front drive-thru between 10-noon.

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!

Barbara Davis, Office Manager, will be on vacation October 14-25. Barbara can be reached by email at office@fpcpasadena.org or call to leave a message at 713-443-5529.