

## THIRTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

**Welcome and Announcements****Prelude** *Fantasia in A Minor (BWV 904)*

J. S. Bach

**Call to Worship**

One: Lift up your eyes to the Lord, the exalted One, who is enthroned in the heavens.

**All: Seeking compassion, seeking grace, we look to the Lord, the giver of mercy.**

One: God welcomes us; draw near to the king of creation.

**All: We worship the Lord of heaven and earth!****Hymn** *God, Bless Your Church With Strength!*

God, bless Your church with strength! Wherever we may be,  
 upbuild Your servants as we work in common ministry.  
 Urge us from fledgling faith to venture and to soar  
 through open skies, to sing the praise of Christ whom we adore.

God, bless Your church with life! May all our branches thrive,  
 unblemished, wholesome, bearing fruit. Abundantly alive.  
 From You, one holy vine, in freedom may we grow;  
 sustain us in our mission, Lord, Your love and peace to show.

God, bless Your church with hope! Despite chaotic days,  
 may we in chaos shine to light a pathway through life's maze.  
 May justice be our aim, and kindness ours to share,  
 in humbleness O may we walk, assured our God is there!

**Prayer of Confession**

**Lord, you have made us stewards of your creation and commissioned us to carry out your work, using the best of the abilities you give us. We confess we do not always serve you with our best. We withhold our gifts and live in fear, failing to trust you and step out in faith. Forgive us, we pray. Because it is built on you, increase our courage. Make us bold to use our talents to show your love for the sake of your kingdom, until you come in glory. We ask it in Christ's name. Amen.**

**Assurance of Pardon****Prayer for Illumination****New Testament Reading** Matthew 25:14-30

<sup>14</sup>“For it is as if a man, going on a journey, summoned his slaves and entrusted his property to them; <sup>15</sup>to one he gave five talents, to another two, to another one, to each according to his ability. Then he went away. <sup>16</sup>The one who had received the five talents went off at once and traded with them, and made five more talents. <sup>17</sup>In the same way, the one who had the two talents made two more talents. <sup>18</sup>But the one who had received the one talent went off and dug a hole in the ground and hid his master's money. <sup>19</sup>After a long time the master of those slaves came and settled accounts with them. <sup>20</sup>Then the one who had received the five talents came forward, bringing five more talents, saying, ‘Master, you handed over to me five talents; see, I have made five more talents.’ <sup>21</sup>His master said to him, ‘Well done, good and trustworthy slave; you have been trustworthy in a few things, I will put you in charge of many things; enter into the joy of your master.’

<sup>22</sup> And the one with the two talents also came forward, saying, 'Master, you handed over to me two talents; see, I have made two more talents.' <sup>23</sup> His master said to him, 'Well done, good and trustworthy slave; you have been trustworthy in a few things, I will put you in charge of many things; enter into the joy of your master.' <sup>24</sup> Then the one who had received the one talent also came forward, saying, 'Master, I knew that you were a harsh man, reaping where you did not sow, and gathering where you did not scatter seed; <sup>25</sup> so I was afraid, and I went and hid your talent in the ground. Here you have what is yours.' <sup>26</sup> But his master replied, 'You wicked and lazy slave! You knew, did you, that I reap where I did not sow, and gather where I did not scatter? <sup>27</sup> Then you ought to have invested my money with the bankers, and on my return I would have received what was my own with interest. <sup>28</sup> So take the talent from him, and give it to the one with the ten talents. <sup>29</sup> For to all those who have, more will be given, and they will have an abundance; but from those who have nothing, even what they have will be taken away. <sup>30</sup> As for this worthless slave, throw him into the outer darkness, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.'

**Sermon** "Being Faithful"

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** *Little Fantasia in D Minor*

Johann Pachelbel

**The Sacrament of Holy Communion**

**The Great Prayer of Thanksgiving and The Lord's Prayer**

**Receiving the Elements**

**Prayer after Communion**

**Benediction**

**Postlude** *Lead On, O King Eternal*

Gilbert Martin



**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; Ron Grimes (Thelma Jean Paradysz's son-in-law); Mary Knapik; Steve Dunn (Elois Murray's son); Laura Weigler; Avery Weigler; Larry Parks; Faye Chapman; Jean Kochera (Kimberly Waggett's mom);<sup>2</sup> Joyce DeLoach; John Rarden, Sr.; Lyles Burke; Michael Wharry; Emma Abrams; Jamie Jamison.

**Loss of loved one:** Family of Ronny Carter (Betty Pendleton's cousin)

## **Upcoming Events @ FPC - more details at [fpcpasadena.org](http://fpcpasadena.org)**

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**Today, November 15 - 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).

**Upcoming Worship Services:** 11/22-sanctuary worship with a live streaming option; 11/29-virtual worship.

**Wonderful Wednesday THIS Wednesday, November 18, at 6 pm** with Tomas Spath from The Institute for Civility in Government. A Zoom invitation will be sent through an FPC email.

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

**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](mailto:revfair@fpcpasadena.org) to add your name. If needed, contact the church office for Zoom link at [office@fpcpasadena.org](mailto:office@fpcpasadena.org).

**Brunch & Book Group** meet next on Saturday, November 21, at 10 am via Zoom to discuss "*The Beekeeper of Aleppo*" by Christy Lefteri. Contact Ruth Askine or Rev. Fairfax Fair to join.

## **Announcement from Presbyterian Women**

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After being told that Wreaths Across America Houston would not be selling wreaths, the decision has since been made to sell the wreaths for 2020.

PW WILL NOT have a fund raiser this year selling the wreaths. However, if you received a form in the mail from Wreaths Across America and wish to purchase wreaths, PW will still receive credit for the purchase.

Wreaths cost \$15 each and PW receives \$5 from each wreath sold. Just a reminder, PW uses the money for our VA hospital party and visit.

Some of you may have received a form in the mail from WAA asking for your contribution. If so, this form may be filled out and mailed with your check, but must be **received by December 1st** for it to count on this year's order. **Do not mail your order to the church or to Melba Slaven! Checks are to be made payable to "Wreaths Across America - Houston" and mailed to the address provided on the same form.**

Those wanting to purchase by credit card, please go on-line to **Wreaths Across America Houston and click on "donate to fundraising team"**. Type in **Presbyterian Women Pasadena** and this will take you to the page for credit card information.

If you want your wreath to go to a particular grave and you do not know the site or grave number, please call Melba Slaven and she will give you the information you will need in order to do this.

Thanks to everyone for your support!

Melba Slaven

Chairman for WAA Fundraiser