

## FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

**Welcome and Announcements****Prelude** *Christ lag in Todesbanden from Orgel Buchlein*

J. S. Bach

**Call to Worship****Prayer of Praise****Prayer of Confession**

**O God, in your grace we find strength, and in your love we are set free. Forgive us when we do not live as people who have been freed, when we act as if the Easter story did not turn the world upside down. Forgive us, O God, when we do not live as people who know new life in you, when we forget that we are rooted in you and bound to one another by your spirit. Forgive us when we fail to live your good news and share it with others. Teach us to abide in you and broadcast your amazing grace with our lives. Hear us, O God, as we continue our confession in silence.**

**Assurance of Pardon****Prayer for Illumination****Scripture Reading** Acts 8:26-39

“Then an angel of the Lord said to Philip, “Get up and go toward the south to the road that goes down from Jerusalem to Gaza.” (This is a wilderness road.) So he got up and went. Now there was an Ethiopian eunuch, a court official of the Candace, queen of the Ethiopians, in charge of her entire treasury. He had come to Jerusalem to worship and was returning home; seated in his chariot, he was reading the prophet Isaiah. Then the Spirit said to Philip, “Go over to this chariot and join it.” So Philip ran up to it and heard him reading the prophet Isaiah. He asked, “Do you understand what you are reading?” He replied, “How can I, unless someone guides me?” And he invited Philip to get in and sit beside him. Now the passage of the scripture that he was reading was this: “Like a sheep he was led to the slaughter, and like a lamb silent before its shearer, so he does not open his mouth. In his humiliation justice was denied him. Who can describe his generation? For his life is taken away from the earth.” The eunuch asked Philip, “About whom, may I ask you, does the prophet say this, about himself or about someone else?” Then Philip began to speak, and starting with this scripture, he proclaimed to him the good news about Jesus. As they were going along the road, they came to some water; and the eunuch said, “Look, here is water! What is to prevent me from being baptized?” He commanded the chariot to stop, and both of them, Philip and the eunuch, went down into the water, and Philip baptized him. When they came up out of the water, the Spirit of the Lord snatched Philip away; the eunuch saw him no more, and went on his way rejoicing.”

**Sermon** “Get Up and Go”

Rev. Dr. Fairfax Fair

**Anthem** *Crown Him The Lord of Life*

John Purifoy

Chancel Choir, Ron Ollis - organ

Crown him the Lord of life, crown him the Lord of love.  
 Crown him the Lord of heav'n who triumphed o'er the grave,  
 And rose victorious in the strife for those he came to save.  
 Crown him the Lord of peace, whose pow'r a scepter sways  
 from pole to pole that wars may cease and all be pray'r and praise.  
 Crown him with many crowns, the Lamb upon his throne.  
 Hark how the heavenly anthem drowns all music but its own.

Awake my soul and sing of him who died for thee,  
and hail him as thy matchless King through all eternity!  
Crown him the Lord of life, who triumphed o'er the grave,  
and rose victorious in the strife for those he came to save.  
His glories now we sing who died and rose on high,  
who died, eternal life to bring and lives that death may die!  
Crown him the Lord of peace, whose pow'r a scepter sways  
Crown him the Lord of life who triumphed o'er the grave.  
Crown him the Lord of love, behold his hands and side,  
those wounds yet visible from above, in beauty glorified.  
All hail, Redeemer, hail! For thou has died for me.  
Thy praise and glory shall not fail throughout eternity!  
Crown him the Lord of peace, Crown him the Lord of love,  
Crown him the Lord of life!

## **Pastoral Prayer and The Lord's Prayer**

### **Benediction**

**Postlude** *Trumpet Recessional,*

Alfred Fedak



*Thank you for your gifts that support our ministries, year in and year out.  
Tithes and offerings may be dropped in the basket by the baptismal font.  
To show love for one another, please remember to exit the sanctuary by row from the rear  
and maintain six-foot distance from those not in your household.*

### **Remember in your thoughts and prayers:**

**Health concerns:** Brian Davis; Brad Stratton; Emma Abrams; Donna Gilchrest; Jean Johnston; Mary Knapik; Jamie Jamison; Don Kreitz; Mark Clemmons; Sarah Brady; Camp Clemmons; Cathy Sydnor; Imelda Carrillo; Averie Weigner (Keith's granddaughter); Health care workers and all those struggling with the coronavirus; Baywood Crossing residents and staff.

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

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**Sarah's House** Sarah's House is the only homeless shelter for women in the Bay area. Today we are collecting items and funds to benefit Sarah's House. They are in need of cleaning supplies; laundry detergent; cleaning gloves; diapers in sizes 3, 4, and 5; rice; cereal; peanut butter; jelly; and shelf milk. They also are accepting new and gently used women's clothing and underwear, and clothing for children ages 2 to 8. Monetary donations may be made to FPC with the designation, "Sarah's House".

**The Intercessory Prayer Group** is now scheduled to meet in the FPC Library every Wednesday at 10:00 am. Enter the hallway doors closest to the Library and join our small group!

**PayPal donations on FPC Website** - All donations given through PayPal on the FPC Website go to the general fund in your name. To designate the donation to anything other than your pledge (i.e. Sarah's House, PCM, PW, Special Offerings), contact Kimberly at [kimberly@fpcpasadena.org](mailto:kimberly@fpcpasadena.org) or leave a phone message at the church.

**Presbyterian Women Day and Night Circles** will have a joint meeting via Zoom on Tuesday, May 11 at 6:30 pm. We will be studying chapter nine of *Into the Light: Finding Hope Through Prayers of*

*Lament* by P. Lynn Miller. Dr. Fair will be leading. If you have not been a part of PW and would like to join, please contact Rhonda Haskins or Bonnie Keith.

**Brunch & Book Group** meets Saturday, May 15, 10-12 pm, to discuss *"The Horse Dancer"* by Jojo Moyes. All are invited - whether you have read the book or not! Please contact Ruth Askine if you would like to join.

**Stepping Out in Faith Sunday School** led by Pat Abrams meets Sundays at 8:30 via Zoom. To join, contact Bonnie Keith.

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

**The Wednesday Brown Bag and Bible meets every Wednesday at noon.** Email Rev. Fair 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).

**Library News** - Drop by the library to check out the new books that have been added to the collection. Books may be looked up using the card catalog or computer. Please observe a two person limit in the library at one time. Questions? Ask Bonnie Keith.

**Flower Chart Signup** is located by the bulletin boards in the hall. The cost is \$50 for two arrangements. Sign your name on the chart and complete the blue card. Please return the flower card to the church office or the offering plate with your payment. The Flower Ministry is a way to honor special occasions and loved ones. Thank you for supporting this ministry.

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**Reminder: Narthex doors open at 10 am. Worship Service is at 10:30 am.** Also, for the safety of each and every one of us, **masks must be worn while in the building - even while sitting in the sanctuary.**

**Live-streaming of Sunday's service can be found on our website.** Please use your good judgment about which option is best for you and your health. When the pandemic is over, we look forward to meeting again.

## **First Presbyterian Church of Pasadena In-Church Worship Protocols**

For at least the next year, we anticipate our lives will be shaped by the timeline set by COVID-19. We face difficult choices between conflicting needs, wants, and imperatives. We anticipate that we will be continuously evaluating what worship and all other church functions look like.

Despite our best efforts to provide a safe worship experience, conditions may again require the closing of the building. The pastor, in consultation with church leaders, will use CDC, Harris County, and PCUSA guidelines and good judgment to determine how to promote safety in reopening FPCP while actively monitoring local transmission rates of COVID-19. To preserve the health of our members, if circumstances change and worshipping together is not wise, services will again be virtual only.

We recognize that some of our members have underlying health issues or risk factors. Their health and safety must be at the forefront of our considerations. Persons with a high morbidity risk from COVID-19 are urged to stay home and continue to worship virtually. We will nonetheless strive to promote safe, in-person worship experiences for all that do not discriminate against persons with disabilities or high-risk conditions.

### **Church Physical Set Up:**

- Doors will be left open so no one has to touch a door handle. This includes the designated entry door [the front door under the porte-cochere] and the doors into the sanctuary.
- No-Touch Hand Sanitizer dispensers will be installed in the Narthex.
- Offering plates will be placed by the baptismal font.
- Pews will be marked so people space themselves safely and avoid contact.
- Hymnals, Bibles, friendship folders, offering envelopes, Kleenex, etc. will be removed from pews.
- Signs will be posted that only one person at a time is to be in the restroom and additional signs will be posted to wipe handles touched with sanitizing wipes.
- The Church kitchen will remain closed.
- Signs encouraging hand washing and mandating face mask use (covering nose and mouth) will be posted in the Narthex.
- Signs encouraging social distancing will be posted in the narthex as well as the sanctuary.
- Sanitizing wipes will be available as needed.
- Gloves will be available in the Narthex and at the back of the church.
- One microphone per speaker will be set up.
- Camera will be set up to provide option of live streaming the service.

### **Worship Procedures**

- **Everyone in the building and on the church grounds must wear a cloth or medical mask.** Members are strongly encouraged to bring their own. We may have some available, while supplies last. Individuals uncomfortable wearing a face mask or with a medical condition that makes wearing a mask problematic may continue to participate in our on-line services.
- Social distancing of a minimum of six feet must be observed at all times, with the exception of members who live in the same household.
- Non-contact infrared thermometers will be used to take temperatures upon entry. Anyone with a temperature of 100.2 and higher will not be allowed into the building.
- Names of worshipers will be recorded as they enter to keep track of who has been part of the worship experience in the event that they need to be contacted.

*Worship Procedures continued...*

- Greeters will be asked to stand back a minimum of six feet and welcome folks verbally.
- Bulletins and announcements will continue to be available online for the live streamed service.
- Bulletins will not be distributed to participate in the service in the sanctuary. Information will be projected on the screens at the front of the sanctuary.
- We will present shortened services to minimize risk.
- Live streaming on YouTube or recorded services will continue for those who are not comfortable returning to 'in-person' worship
- Soloist may sing from behind a three-sided plexiglass shield.
- There will be no congregational or choral singing. It has been determined that singing is among the riskier behaviors for spreading droplets/aerosols which can carry the virus a significant distance and remain suspended in the air.
- Worshipers will leave by row, as directed.

**Other Changes to Normal Practices**

- Online (ZOOM) continues for Brown Bag, Session and ministry meetings, PW, Book Group, Wonderful Wednesday, etc.
- Office open by appointment. As on Sundays, masks required for staff and visitors.
- Forego November celebration of communion.
- Use of building by outside groups remains suspended.
- Congregants who are sick or who have had close contact with a person who has tested positive for COVID-19 are to stay home.
- Local health officials will be contacted if a person diagnosed with COVID-19 has been in the church and this information also will be communicated with members so they are aware of potential exposure. The Clerk of Session, with the assistance of the church office, will be responsible to make the communications.

**DISCONTINUE:**

- Children's Sermon
- Passing the Peace, hugs, handshakes, elbow bumps, etc.
- Physical use of Bibles and Hymnals
- Nursery
- Coffee
- Use of water fountains