

### SIXTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

#### **Welcome and Announcements**

Please sign the Friendship Folder and pass it to others seated on your pew. If you have a prayer request, complete the 'yellow' prayer card, ushers will collect them during the opening hymn.

Minute for Mission

Passing the Peace of Christ

1st Sunday Lunch – July 7

**Betsy Marlow** 

Organ Voluntary Jesus, Thy Blood and Righteousness

GERMANY, arr. Diane Bish

**Introit** Bless The Lord, O My Soul

Mikhail M. Ippolitov-Ivanov

†Call to Worship Debra Kirkpatrick

One: The steadfast love of God never ceases.

All: God's mercies never come to an end; they are new every morning.

One Great is your faithfulness, O God. You hear us when we cry.

All: So we praise you and will not be silent. We will sing praises and give thanks to God's

holy name.

†Hymn #620

Praise, My Soul, the King of Heaven

LAUDA ANIMA

Praise, my soul, the King of heaven; to his feet your tribute bring; ransomed, healed, restored, forgiven, evermore his praises sing:

Alleluia! Alleluia! Praise the everlasting King.

Praise him for his grace and favor to his people in distress; praise him still the same as ever, slow to chide, and swift to bless:

Alleluia! Alleluia! Glorious in his faithfulness.

Fatherlike, he tends and spares us; well our feeble frame he knows; in his hands he gently bears us, rescues us from all our foes.

Alleluia! Alleluia! Widely yet his mercy flows.

Angels, help us to adore him; you behold him face to face. Sun and moon, bow down before him, dwellers all in time and space: Alleluia! Alleluia! Praise with us the God of grace.

# **Prayer of Confession**

Almighty God, you shower us with blessings, with opportunities to know your grace. You call us to leave our selfish ways and follow your call to compassion. We choose shallow belief over transformative faith. You have told us that your love is enough, that the waters of mercy will not run dry, but we choose fear instead of trust, hiding behind the illusion that we can survive on our own. Forgive us, Holy God, and by your forgiveness, give us another opportunity to try again

(Silent Confession)

**Assurance of Pardon** 

†Gloria Patri #581

## **Prayer for Illumination**

# **Old Testament Reading:** Lamentations 3:22-33

The steadfast love of the Lord never ceases, his mercies never come to an end; they are new every morning; great is your faithfulness. 'The Lord is my portion,' says my soul, 'therefore I will hope in him.' The Lord is good to those who wait for him, to the soul that seeks him. It is good that one should wait quietly for the salvation of the Lord. It is good for one to bear the yoke in youth, to sit alone in silence when the Lord has imposed it, to put one's mouth to the dust (there may yet be hope), to give one's cheek to the smiter, and be filled with insults. For the Lord will not reject forever. Although he causes grief, he will have compassion according to the abundance of his steadfast love; for he does not willingly afflict or grieve anyone.

**Anthem** 

Speak and We Will Hear

Joseph M. Martin and Jimbo Stevens

Silently, quietly, Lord, we feel you near.
Silently, quietly, speak, and we will hear.
Search us, Lord, know us, Lord, in Your Word show us, Lord.
Silently, quietly, speak, and we will hear.

In the stillness of this hour let us feel Your presence strong. In the silence of your temple, Lord, let us hear Your Spirit's song.

Silently, quietly, Lord, we feel you near.
Silently, quietly, speak, and we will hear.
Search us, Lord, know us, Lord, in Your Word show us, Lord.
Silently, quietly, speak, and we will hear.

### New Testament Reading: Mark 5:21-43

When Jesus had crossed again in the boat to the other side, a great crowd gathered round him; and he was by the lake. Then one of the leaders of the synagogue named Jairus came and, when he saw him, fell at his feet and begged him repeatedly, 'My little daughter is at the point of death. Come and lay your hands on her, so that she may be made well, and live.' So he went with him. And a large crowd followed him and pressed in on him. Now there was a woman who had been suffering from hemorrhages for twelve years. She had endured much under many physicians, and had spent all that she had; and she was no better, but rather grew worse. She had heard about Jesus, and came up behind him in the crowd and touched his cloak, for she said, 'If I but touch his clothes, I will be made well.' Immediately her hemorrhage stopped; and she felt in her body that she was healed of her disease. Immediately aware that power had gone forth from him, Jesus turned about in the crowd and said, 'Who touched my clothes?' And his disciples said to him, 'You see the crowd pressing in on you; how can you say, "Who touched me?" He looked all round to see who had done it. But the woman, knowing what had happened to her, came in fear and trembling, fell down before him, and told him the whole truth. He said to her, 'Daughter, your faith has made you well; go in peace, and be healed of your disease.' While he was still speaking, some people came from the leader's house to say, 'Your daughter is dead. Why trouble the teacher any further?' But overhearing what they said, Jesus said to the leader of the synagogue, 'Do not fear, only believe.' He allowed no one to follow him except Peter, James, and John, the brother of James. When they came to the house of the leader of the synagogue, he saw a commotion, people weeping and wailing loudly. When he had entered, he said to them, 'Why do you make a commotion and weep? The child is not dead but sleeping.' And they laughed at him. Then he put them all outside, and took the child's father and mother and those who were with him, and went in where the child was. He took her by the hand and said to her, 'Talitha cum', which means, 'Little girl, get up!' And immediately the girl got up and began to walk about (she was twelve years of age). At this they were overcome with amazement. He strictly ordered them that no one should know this, and told them to give her something to eat.

Sermon

### "The Problem with Miracles"

Rev. Dr. Fairfax Fair

†Affirmation of Faith: The Apostles' Creed (p.35)

†Hymn #42

Your Faithfulness, O Lord, Is Sure

WINCHESTER NEW

Your faithfulness, O Lord, is sure in all your words, your gracious deeds; you gently lift all burdened souls and well provide for all our needs.

The eyes of all are fixed on you; by you their wants are all supplied; your open hand is bountiful and every soul is satisfied.

Lord, you are just in all your ways, and kind in everything you do; forever near you stand to hear and help all those who call on you.

My mouth shall speak your praise, O Lord; my soul shall bless your holy name; let all things living join the song of praise, from age to age the same.

## Pastoral Prayer and The Lord's Prayer

**Call to Offering** 

Offertory

O God, Thou Faithful God

Partita IX (BWV767), J. S. Bach

†Doxology #606

†Prayer of Dedication

†Hymn #39

Great Is Thy Faithfulness

**FAITHFULNESS** 

Great is thy faithfulness, O God my Father; there is no shadow of turning with thee. Thou changest not; thy compassions they fail not. As thou hast been thou forever wilt be. Refrain:

Great is thy faithfulness! Great is thy faithfulness! Morning by morning, new mercies I see. All I have needed thy hand hath provided. Great is thy faithfulness, Lord unto me!

Summer and winter, and springtime and harvest, sun, moon, and stars in their courses above Join with all nature in manifold witness to thy great faithfulness, mercy, and love. Refrain

Pardon for sin and a peace that endureth, thine own dear presence to cheer and to guide, Strength for today and bright hope for tomorrow: blessings all mine, with ten thousand beside! Refrain

### †Charge and Benediction

**†Response** Amen in B flat Hal H. Hopson

**Postlude** Fugue in E Minor (BWV142) Dietrich Buxtehude

†Please stand in body or spirit



**Flowers** today are given to the **GLORY OF GOD** by Pat McPhail in thanksgiving for the lives of her grandchildren, Darcy, Emily, Avery, and Evan.

Worship in the Sanctuary is at 10:30 am each Sunday. Livestream can be found at fpcpasadena.org.

### FPC Sunday School: All classes except Men's Bible Study begin at 9 am.

- Sunday Morning Bible Study—8:45 am in the Library. Led by Mark Corder.
- **Stepping Out in Faith**—Bride's Room & Zoom (contact Bonnie Keith for the Zoom link). Pat Abrams leads the current study of *Paul for Everyone:* 1 Corinthians, by N. T. Wright.
- **Current Christianity** Room #8. Mark Clemmons leads the current study of the book *Elusive Grace:* Loving Your Enemies While Striving for God's Justice by Dr. Scott Black Johnston. **(Class will not meet in July.)**
- Kindergarten through 5th grade—Room #7. Led by Bonnie Keith and Donna Gilchrest.
- 6th-12th grade—Room #10. Led by James Jackson and Brian Davis.



Drop by the Fellowship Hall after Sunday School or before worship for fellowship, a cup of coffee, and possibly a 'treat'... 10-10:30 every Sunday morning.

**The Brunch and Book Group** meets next on Saturday, **July 20**, 10-Noon in the Fellowship Hall to discuss the book **Ashes: A Ludington-van der Berg Mystery**, by M. M. Lindvall.

### Brown Bag and Bible will not meet during the month of July.

The **Chain Stitchers** latest sewing project is **Bibs, Burps, Blankets, & More**. Patterns and leadership by Donna Gilchrest. The Chain Stitchers meets most Thursdays from noon-3 in the Fellowship Hall, or 6-9 pm in Room #9. **Come** and work on the current project or bring a project of your own. **Stay** for the fellowship and fun!

The next Young at Heart Bus Trip (for ages 55+) is Friday, July 26, to Orange, Texas. You will tour First Presbyterian Church of Orange, a unique, historical, and very special house of worship. Also, the Stark Museum of Art, where you will find one of the nation's most significant collections of American Western art, and view original pictorial quilts that tell the story of Black history in the West from the 1500s through the civil rights movement. Lunch at Robert's Steak House (your cost). Bus loads at 7:45 am, departs at 8:00 am.

### Remember in your thoughts and prayers:

Health concerns: Joyce & Garland DeLoach; Ann Wright; John S. Griswold; Kay Goates; Frank & Glenda Kucera; Mary & Rex Knapik; Mike & Susan Wallace; Margaret Bardin; Emma Abrams; Pat Pesl; Kay Hutson; Brad Stratton; Imelda Carrillo; Anne Berridge; Cathy Armstrong; Dolores Thacker's friend, Maury Fregia; Lavinia Brown's sister, Edith Morehead; Joan Gibertini 's friend, Valerie O'Keefe; Richard Heeth's friend, Corrie Martinez; John Griswold's sister, Patricia Roberts; Leah Slaven; Ukraine and the Middle East.

Sunday, June 30	Sunday School-Men's Class—Library	8:45 am	
	Sunday School-All Ages	9:00 am	
	Fellowship—FH	10:00 am	
	Worship Service	10:30 am	
	Nominating Committee—#10	11:30 am	
	Ministerio Corban—FH	4-8:30 pm	
Tuesday, July 2	Chair Yoga—FH	5:00 pm	
	Floor Yoga—FH	6:15 pm	
Wednesday, July 3	Baywood Crossing	10:00 am	
	<b>No</b> Brown Bag & Bible		
	Prayer Shawl—#10 and Zoom	1:00 pm	
	Choir Practice	7:00 pm	
	Ministerio Corban—FH	7-10:00 pm	
Thursday, July 4	HAPPY 4 <sup>TH</sup> OF JULY!		
	—Church building is closed—		
Saturday, July 6	Men's Breakfast—FH	8:00 am	
	Private-FH	6-11 pm	
Sunday, July 7	Sunday School-Men's Class—Library	8:45 am	
	Sunday School-All Ages	9:00 am	
	Fellowship—FH	10:00 am	
	Worship Service	10:30 am	
	1 <sup>st</sup> Sunday Lunch—July 4 <sup>th</sup> Celebration!!	11:30 am	
	Ministerio Corban—FH	4-8 <b>:</b> 30 pm	

### **Mission Statement**

"Our mission is to live and share the good news of God's love, grace, and mercy in Jesus Christ, to equip people for discipleship and service, and to work for social justice and peace."

#### **FPC Elders**

Class of 2024	Class of 2025	Class of 2026
Brett Coe	Roy Kreitz	Betsy Marlow
Trustee	Trustee	Trustee
Donna Gilchrest	James Jackson	Sarah Brown
Bonnie Keith	Pat McPhail	Jason Reed
Tom Swan	Laura Phipps	Barry Webb

#### **FPC Deacons**

Class of 2024	Class of 2025	Class of 2026
Donna Coe	Imelda Carrillo	Samantha Cayton
Rhonda Haskins	Cappy Phipps	David Kirkpatrick
Elois Murray	Liz Reed	Claudia Kreitz
James Taylor	Karen Schimnowski	Dolores Thacker

### **Leading in Worship Today**

Rev. Dr. Fairfax F. Fair Debra Kirkpatrick, Liturgist Marilyn Wilkins, Music Director Ron Ollis, Organist Barry Webb, Audio-Visual Yulissa Delgado, Nursery Attendant CCLI #3275908 CVLI #505477134



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