

## NINTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

**Welcome and Announcements****Prelude:** *Praeludium in C Major (BWV 547)*

J. S. Bach

**Introit:** *Glory to God*

James Christensen

**† Call to Worship:**

One: Come, you who hunger for food.

**All: Worship the Lord who turns wants into plenty.**

One: Come, you who hunger for justice.

**All: Worship the Lord who turns weeping into laughter.**

One: Come, you who hunger for life.

**All: Worship the Lord who is our hope and our strength.****† Hymn:** #619 *Praise, My Soul, the God of Heaven***Prayer of Confession:**

**O Christ, when the crowds surrounded you, hungry for bread and for your word, you took an offering - five loaves, two fish - and created a feast for them. We confess that nevertheless, we doubt the abundance of your grace. We are hesitant to share the gifts we have and wonder whether there is enough for all. Forgive us, O God, and make us more generous people. Enlighten us to see the miracles around us and empower us to share the gift of our lives, for you are the giver of grace upon grace, the one who turns want into plenty.**

**(Silent Confession)****Assurance of Pardon****Anthem:** *Love Lifted Me*

Joseph M. Martin

I was sinking deep in sin, far from the peaceful shore,  
 Oh, very deeply stained within, sinking to rise no more.  
 But the Master of the sea heard my despairing cry,  
 Oh, from the waters lifted me, now safe am I.

Love lifted me! When nothing else could help, Love lifted me.

Souls in danger look above, Jesus completely saves;  
 Oh, He will lift you by His love out of the angry waves;  
 Yes, He's the Master of the sea, billows His will obey;  
 Oh, He your Savior wants to be, be saved today.

Love lifted me! When nothing else could help, Love lifted me.

Love lifted me!

**Prayer for Illumination****Scripture Reading:** John 6:1-15

After this Jesus went to the other side of the Sea of Galilee, also called the Sea of Tiberias. A large crowd kept following him, because they saw the signs that he was doing for the sick. Jesus went up the mountain and sat down there with his disciples. Now the Passover, the festival of the Jews, was near. When

he looked up and saw a large crowd coming toward him, Jesus said to Philip, "Where are we to buy bread for these people to eat?" He said this to test him, for he himself knew what he was going to do. Philip answered him, "Six months' wages would not buy enough bread for each of them to get a little." One of his disciples, Andrew, Simon Peter's brother, said to him, "There is a boy here who has five barley loaves and two fish. But what are they among so many people?" Jesus said, "Make the people sit down." Now there was a great deal of grass in the place; so they sat down, about five thousand in all. Then Jesus took the loaves, and when he had given thanks, he distributed them to those who were seated; so also the fish, as much as they wanted. When they were satisfied, he told his disciples, "Gather up the fragments left over, so that nothing may be lost." So they gathered them up, and from the fragments of the five barley loaves, left by those who had eaten, they filled twelve baskets. When the people saw the sign that he had done, they began to say, "This is indeed the prophet who is to come into the world."

When Jesus realized that they were about to come and take him by force to make him king, he withdrew again to the mountain by himself.

**Sermon:** "Audacious Faith"

Rev. Dr. Fairfax Fair

† **Affirmation of Faith: Apostles' Creed (p. 34)**

† **Hymn: #39** *Great Is Thy Faithfulness*

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

† **Hymn: #547** *Go, My Children, with My Blessing*

† **Benediction**

† **Response:** *Threefold Amen*

Richard Warner

**Postlude:** *Llanfair*

Robert Williams, arr. Albert L. Travis

*Please be seated for the Postlude*

† *Please stand in body or spirit*



*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.*

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

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**Worship in the Sanctuary!** We are now worshipping in the sanctuary at 10:30 am each Sunday. Livestream continues as an option for those who have yet to be vaccinated or are immunosuppressed or are not feeling well. Masks optional and encouraged.

**Ministries, committees, and groups** will decide to continue to meet by Zoom or in the building, masks optional and encouraged. Please continue social distancing, out of respect for those not yet vaccinated or immunosuppressed. *Don't forget to coordinate with the church office to get your meeting on the calendar and scheduled for a room.*

**YOGA led by Carey Coker is back on Tuesdays and Thursdays in the Fellowship Hall!**

Chair Yoga 5-6 pm. Regular Yoga 6:15-7:15. Cost \$5/class. Bring a mat for Regular Yoga.

**The FPC Handbell Choir is returning! They will have their first practice on Sunday, August 1, at 12:15, in their new convenient location, Room #8!** New players are welcome! Veteran ringers, Lou Anne Sinor and Lavinia Brown, can answer questions about our handbell choir. The handbells are led by Jamie Taylor. You can read more about Jamie in the August newsletter.

**PCM News** - Pasadena Community Ministries (a.k.a. Pasadena Community Food Pantry) was organized and is supported by area churches in the Pasadena/Deer Park areas. PCM gives food and clothing assistance to those in need. FPC provides budgeted financial help to PCM through volunteers, and donations of money, food, and clothing. To donate food and clothing items - place in the BLUE BIN near the Fellowship Hall. Money can be donated in the offering plate with the designation: PCM, or in the large PCM bottle near the church office. *PCM is located at 2301 S Houston Rd in Pasadena. Their hours are Tuesday – 9:00 am to 12:00 pm and Thursday – 9:00 am to 12:00 pm. Bring a mask. If you have questions, call 713.477.4336 or email [pcm200@att.net](mailto:pcm200@att.net).*

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**Donate on the FPC Website - it's convenient and easy! Just remember:**

- All money sent will be applied to your annual giving/pledge unless Kimberly, the Financial Secretary, is directed otherwise.
  - To designate any other giving, such as a memorial fund, mission project, other special offerings, etc., email Kimberly at [kimberly@fpcpasadena.org](mailto:kimberly@fpcpasadena.org) with your designation (or call the church).
  - Presbyterian Women donations are in a separate account and are given at PW circle meetings.
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**Stepping Out in Faith Sunday School** led by Pat Abrams meets Sundays at 9 am in the Bride's Room.

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

**Brunch & Book Group** meets next on Saturday, August 18, 10-12 pm, in the Fellowship Hall to discuss "*The Mystery of Mrs. Christie*" by Marie Benedict. Bring brunch goodies to share. Questions? Ask Ruth Askine.

**The Wednesday Brown Bag and Bible meets next on August 4 and August 18.** Beginning September 8, Brown Bag will meet weekly. The plan is to meet in the Fellowship Hall. Aware that the risk of Covid is not the same for everyone and mindful of our call as Christians to care for everyone, fully vaccinated people will have the option of wearing or not wearing a mask. We will dive into Second Peter and enjoy being together! If you would prefer a Zoom meeting, please reach out to Rev. Fair or the church office.

**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.

**Flower Distribution** - Currently, when flowers are given on Sunday, the donor is asked to take the flowers after church and/or share them with a person or family of their choosing.

**These Days Daily Devotionals for July-August-September** are available in the narthex. *Please return your gently used 'These Days' to the collection area in the narthex. Imelda Carrillo will deliver them to the Pasadena City Jail.*

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**Mask Policy @ FPC - Mask optional but encouraged for everyone's health and well being.**

**Live-streaming of Sunday's service can be found on our website.** Please use your good judgment about which worship option is best for you and your health.

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**Remember in your thoughts and prayers:**

**Health concerns:** Glen Russel; The Guthries, friends of Tom Hoffman; Diane Hall's relative, Barry; Marie Marlow; Kevin Smith; Dale Sinor; Brian Davis; Brad Stratton; Donna Gilchrest; Mary and Rex Knapik; Jamie Jamison; Don Kreitz; Cathy Sydnor; Imelda Carrillo; Health care workers and all those struggling with the coronavirus; Baywood Crossing residents and staff.

**Flowers** today are given to the Glory of God in loving memory of Robert Hall given by his wife, Diane; son, Mark Hall; and daughter, Kathy Erickson.

*In Robert's memory, please take a gladiola with you as you leave.*

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**Leading in Worship Today**

Rev. Dr. Fairfax Fair  
Marilyn Wilkins, Music Director  
Ron Ollis, Organist  
Barry Webb, Audio-Visual

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**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.”**

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