



*First Presbyterian Church of San Pedro*  
October 8, 2023, 10:00 am  
Leading worship today: Rev. Sam Chung  
Nineteenth Sunday after Pentecost

**Prelude**

**Welcome and Announcements**

**Christy Wade**

**\*Call to Worship:**

LEADER: Give thanks to the LORD, for God is good;

**ALL: God's steadfast love endures forever.**

LEADER: God crowns the year with bounty;

**ALL: Pastures of the wilderness overflow, the hills gird themselves with joy.**

LEADER: Valleys deck themselves with grain, and sing together for joy.

**ALL: So let us all praise God for all God's goodness to us.**

**\*Opening Hymn "The King of Love My Shepherd Is" Hymn #171 & GTG #802**

The King of love my shepherd is,  
whose goodness faileth never;  
I nothing lack if I am his  
and he is mine forever.

Where streams of living water flow  
my ransomed soul he leadeth,  
and where the verdant pastures grow,  
with food celestial feedeth.

Perverse and foolish oft I strayed,  
but yet in love he sought me,  
and on his shoulder gently laid,  
and home, rejoicing, brought me.

In death's dark vale I fear no ill  
with thee, dear Lord, beside me;  
thy rod and staff my comfort still,  
thy cross before to guide me.

**UNISON Prayer of Confession**

**Pastor Sam**

God of abundant mercy, you see our failures to keep your law of love. We have not always loved our neighbours as you taught. We find it impossible to love our enemies as Jesus asked. Forgive us all the times we failed to live out your love. Renew in us the courage to offer others the generosity of heart you have shown us in Jesus. *(please pray silently)*

**Assurance of Pardon**

**Pastor Sam**

**Prayers For Each Other & Passing the Peace**

**\*Song**

**"Why Me"**

**Kris Kristoferson**

**Prayer for Illumination**

## Scripture      **Matthew 21:33-46 NRSV**

<sup>33</sup>“Listen to another parable. There was a landowner who planted a vineyard, put a fence around it, dug a wine press in it, and built a watchtower. Then he leased it to tenants and went to another country.

<sup>34</sup>When the harvest time had come, he sent his slaves to the tenants to collect his produce. <sup>35</sup>But the tenants seized his slaves and beat one, killed another, and stoned another. <sup>36</sup>Again he sent other slaves, more than the first; and they treated them in the same way. <sup>37</sup>Finally he sent his son to them, saying, ‘They will respect my son.’ <sup>38</sup>But when the tenants saw the son, they said to themselves, ‘This is the heir; come, let us kill him and get his inheritance.’ <sup>39</sup>So they seized him, threw him out of the vineyard, and killed him. <sup>40</sup>Now when the owner of the vineyard comes, what will he do to those tenants?” <sup>41</sup>They said to him, “He will put those wretches to a miserable death, and lease the vineyard to other tenants who will give him the produce at the harvest time.”

<sup>42</sup>Jesus said to them, “Have you never read in the scriptures: ‘The stone that the builders rejected has become the cornerstone; this was the Lord’s doing, and it is amazing in our eyes’? <sup>43</sup>Therefore I tell you, the kingdom of God will be taken away from you and given to a people that produces the fruits of the kingdom. <sup>44</sup>The one who falls on this stone will be broken to pieces; and it will crush anyone on whom it falls.”

<sup>45</sup>When the chief priests and the Pharisees heard his parables, they realized that he was speaking about them. <sup>46</sup>They wanted to arrest him, but they feared the crowds, because they regarded him as a prophet.

**The Sermon**

***“Harvest Time”***

**Pastor Sam**

**Call For Offering**

**Offertory**

**\*Doxology**

**\*Prayer of Dedication**

**\*Closing Hymn**

***“Blessed Assurance” Hymn #341 & GTG #839***

Blessed assurance, Jesus is mine!  
Oh, what a foretaste of glory divine!  
Heir of salvation, purchase of God,  
Born of His Spirit, washed in His blood.

This is my story, this is my song,  
Praising my Savior all the day long;  
This is my story, this is my song,  
Praising my Savior all the day long.

Perfect submission, perfect delight,  
Visions of rapture now burst on my sight;  
Angels, descending, bring from above  
Echoes of mercy, whispers of love.

This is my story, this is my song,  
Praising my Savior all the day long;  
This is my story, this is my song,  
Praising my Savior all the day long.

Perfect submission, all is at rest,  
I in my Savior am happy and blest,  
Watching and waiting, looking above,  
Filled with His goodness, lost in His love.

This is my story, this is my song,  
Praising my Savior all the day long;  
This is my story, this is my song,  
Praising my Savior all the day long.

**Postlude**

## **UPCOMING EVENTS**

**Prayer Group Online:** Tuesday, October 10th, 6:30 pm,  
Zoom Link: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/6916031866>  
Send prayer requests to Christy Wade or: [office@firstpressanpedro.org](mailto:office@firstpressanpedro.org)

**2023 Fall Fashion Event Hosted by PEO Chapter LQ**

Sunday, October 29, 2023, 12:00 pm - 2:00 pm at First Presbyterian Church of San Pedro  
RSVP: Sherrill Truax (310) 707-7327

**Family Promise Christmas Party Volunteer**

To volunteer to be a personal shopper or gift wrapper at the party: Please contact Sara Park at [sarah@familypromiseosb.org](mailto:sarah@familypromiseosb.org) by October 24, 2023

**Setting The Table, An Interfaith Service of Gratitude**

Thursday, November 9, 2023, 7:00 pm Hosted by San Pedro United Methodist Church  
580 W. 6th St., San Pedro, CA 90731 Reception to Follow

**Peartree Lane Land Movement:** In collaboration with The City of Rolling Hills Estates, the Rotary Club of Palos Verdes Peninsula has organized donation efforts for those affected by the land movement.

To send a CHECK: (Currently **only** accepting check donations)

Make checks payable to: Palos Verdes Peninsula Rotary Foundation and mail checks to Palos Verdes Peninsula Rotary Foundation, Inc. 904 Silver Spur Road, #270, Rolling Hills Estates, CA 90274. Please write "Peartree Lane Relief Fund on the memo line. To receive a donation letter please include your email address with your donation. Thank you.

Note: Please be aware that all Sunday services are posted on Youtube.com and can be viewed by the general public.