



ANAHEIM FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

May 23, 2021

PRELUDE

Sweet, Sweet Spirit

D. Akers, arr. F. Bock

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

CHORAL INTROIT

If Ye Love Me Keep My Commandments

Thomas Tallis

CALL TO WORSHIP

We gather as pilgrims on a journey of faith

We come seeking an awareness of God's presence as we walk through life.

The road we travel can be dusty, difficult, smooth, or stressful.

But whatever the road, we wish to walk in the light of God's love.

HYMN NO. 398

There's A Sweet, Sweet, Spirit

There's a sweet, sweet Spirit in this place, and I know that it's the Spirit of the Lord;

There are sweet expressions on each face, and I know they feel the presence of the Lord.

Refrain:

Sweet Holy Spirit, Sweet heavenly Dove, stay right here with us, filling us with Your love;

And for these blessings we lift our hearts in praise.

Without a doubt we'll know that we have been revived when we shall leave this place.

There are blessings you cannot receive till you know Him in His fullness and believe;

You're the one to profit when you say, "I am going to walk with Jesus all the way." (Refrain)

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

God by your Spirit you dwell within us in sighs too deep for words, yet we cannot hear you.

You wrap us tenderly in fierce love, you give us the breath of life, yet we cannot touch you.

We yearn for your presence, we seek your abundant grace, yet we cannot feel it.

Remind us, we pray, that we need only trust in the giver of life

to find the hope and faith you have promised.

**Gather us up in the winds of your favor and carry us to ever greater heights,
through Christ who loves us still.**

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

ANTHEM

O For the Wings of a Dove

Felix Mendelssohn

SCRIPTURE

Romans 8:22 - 27

SERMON

“Deep Sighs”

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH FOR PENTECOST

by Christine Sine

We believe that God has sent the Spirit to live within us,

God’s indwelling Spirit leads us into all truth.

We believe God’s Spirit teaches us to serve others,

Empower and equipping us with gifts for service.

We believe God’s Spirit breaks down the barriers that imprison us,

Comforting and encouraging us to worship God with all our hearts.

We believe God’s Spirit intercedes for us with sighs too deep for words,

And sets us free to love our neighbors as we do ourselves.

We believe God’s Spirit calls us to follow Christ.

So in the Spirit’s power and presence we will follow.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE & THE LORD’S PRAYER

Our Father, who art in Heaven, hallowed be Thy name. Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done, on Earth as it is in Heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors; and lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil. For Thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever. Amen.

HYMN NO.130

Let Every Christian Pray

Let every Christian pray, this day and every day, Come, Holy Spirit, come!

Was not the church we love commissioned from above? Come, Holy Spirit, come!

The Spirit brought to birth the church of Christ on earth to seek and save the lost:

God never has withdrawn, since that tremendous dawn, the gifts at Pentecost.

Only the Spirit’s power can fit us for this hour: Come, Holy Spirit, come!

Instruct, inspire, unite, and help us see Your light: Come, Holy Spirit, come!

BENEDICTION

CHORAL RESPONSE

POSTLUDE

Voluntary in G Major

William Boyce

Today's Worship Leaders

Kim Skilling, Pastor

David Hughes, Director of Music

Carol Hughes, Accompanist

AFPC Intern Choir Olivia Kellett, Soloist

Abbott Hatch, Video and Sound