



ANAHEIM FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

June 20, 2021

PRELUDE

For the Beauty of the Earth

arr. Jan Sanborn

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

CHORAL INTROIT

O Sing Unto the Lord a New Song

Hans Leo Hassler

CALL TO WORSHIP

When I think of God's presence in the world, I am grateful:

Grateful for the presence of hope; grateful for the gift of life.

And when I think of God's presence in my life, I am humbled:

Humbled by the gift of grace; humbled by the invitation to begin again.

And when I think of God's presence in this community, I am glad:

Glad to be surrounded by holy people worshiping our Holy God.

Let us give thanks and bless God and one another.

Let us worship God together.

HYMN NO. 473 (v. 1, 4, 5) *For the Beauty of the Earth*

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For the beauty of the earth, for the glory of the skies,

For the love which from our birth over and around us lies,

Refrain: Lord of all, to Thee we raise this our hymn of grateful praise.

For the joy of human love, brother, sister, parent, child,

Friends on earth, and friends above, for all gentle thoughts and mild, [Refrain]

For Thy church that evermore lifteth holy hands above,

Offering up on every shore, her pure sacrifice of love, [Refrain]

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Holy God, we know that you created us in love, to enjoy this world and You, to bless your creation and your children. Yet we know that we do not do your will. With clenched hands, we can neither give nor receive. With eyes tight shut, we cannot see pain or beauty. With feet of clay, we cannot dance in joy or run to help. We ask for your help and your power to change. Open our hands and eyes, move our feet, toward grace and hope and trust in You.

PASSING OF THE PEACE

ANTHEM	<i>O Lord Most Holy</i>	Anton Bruckner
SCRIPTURE	I Thessalonians 5:12-22	
SERMON	“Bless You!”	

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH *Based on a quote by Julian of Norwich*

We believe that God is everything that is good and encouraging.

God is our clothing that wraps, clasps and encloses us so as never to leave us.

In her palm, God showed Julian a little thing round as a ball about the size of a hazelnut.

She looked at it asked herself: “What is this thing?”

God answered: “It is everything that is created.”

She wondered how it could survive since it seemed so little it could suddenly disintegrate into nothing. The answer came: “It endures and ever will endure, because God loves it.”

And so we believe that everything has being because of God’s love.

PRAYER & 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 288 *I Sing the Mighty Power of God* Ellacombe

I sing the mighty power of God that made the mountains rise;
 That spread the flowing seas abroad and built the lofty skies.
 I sing the wisdom that ordained the sun to rule the day;
 The moon shines full at God’s command, and all the stars obey.

I sing the goodness of the Lord that filled the earth with food;
 God formed the creatures with a word and then pronounced them good.
 Lord, how Thy wonders are displayed, where’er I turn my eyes;
 If I survey the ground I tread, or gaze upon the skies!

There’s not a plant or flower below but makes Thy glories known;
 And clouds arise, and tempests blow, by order from Thy throne;
 While all that borrows life from Thee is ever in Thy care.
 And everywhere that we can be, Thou, God, art present there.

BENEDICTION

RESPONSE

POSTLUDE *The Rejoicing, from Music for the Royal Fireworks* G.F. Handel

Kim Skilling, Pastor

David Hughes, Director of Music

Carol Hughes, accompanist

AFPC Intern Choir

Abbott Hatch and Rick Connor, Video and Sound