

# FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF ANAHEIM

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September 26, 2021

Anaheim First Presbyterian Church

10:30 AM

## PRELUDE

Hope/Trust

*Benedict/Sibelius*

## WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

## INTROIT

Alleluia! Praise With Us the God of Grace

Gordon Young

## CALL TO WORSHIP

O Lord, we humbly come to worship you.

**Lord, inspire our praise.**

We come from a hectic world that tosses us to and fro.

**Lord, light our path and guide our steps.**

We come weighed down by regrets and worries.

**O Lord, lift our load and ease our worries.**

We come with hurts and pain.

**Lord, heal us.**

O Lord, we humbly come to worship you.

**Guided by grace and lifted by the Spirit, let us worship God!**

**Hymn No. 150** (v. 1 &2)

*Come Christians, Join to Sing*

arr. Benjamin Carr

Come, Christians, join to sing Alleluia! Amen! Loud praise to Christ our King; Alleluia! Amen!

Let all with heart and voice, Before His throne rejoice praise is His gracious choice; Alleluia! Amen!

Come, lift your hearts on high; Alleluia! Amen! Let praises fill the sky; Alleluia! Amen!

He is our guide and friend; To us He'll condescend; His love shall never end; Alleluia! Amen!

## PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**Gracious, Loving God, we are so aware of our frailty and humanness. We see people in need every day and look away. We see people who are hurting and feel only our pain. We see issues of prejudice, poverty and oppression and decide it is more than we can handle. Each and every day, O Lord, we fail you and walk among the shadows. We are truly sorry, and yet unable to take a new path on our own. Lord, in your mercy, forgive us. It is only by your grace that we can go on. Set us free this day and we will turn once again to you and seek to be faithful disciples. In Jesus' holy name, we pray, Amen.**

## ASSURANCE OF PARDON

When we humbly turn to the Lord and confess our sins, Jesus promises that God will hear our prayers and forgive us. Let us declare the good news:

**In Jesus Christ we are forgiven and set free! Thanks be to God. Amen**

**ANTHEM**

*Our God to Whom We Turn*

Edward Grubb

**SCRIPTURE**

Matthew 24:13-49

**SERMON**

“The Christian Way of Life”

**AFFIRMATION OF FAITH**

from Romans 8

**We believe there is no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus;  
for we know that all things work together for good for those who love God,  
who are called according to God’s purpose.**

**We are convinced that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor rulers, nor things present,  
nor things to come, nor powers, nor height, nor depth, nor anything else in all creation,  
will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord. Amen.**

**PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE**

**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.**

**HYMN 344**

*Christ of the Upward Way*

Angel's Story

Christ of the upward way, my Guide divine,  
Where Thou hast set Thy feet, may I place mine;  
And move and march wherever Thou hast trod,  
Keeping face forward up the hill of God.

Give me the heart to hear Thy voice and will,  
That without fault or fear I may fulfill  
Your purpose with a glad and holy zest,  
Like one who would not bring less than the best.

Christ of the upward way, my Guide divine,  
Where Thou hast set Thy feet, may I place mine;  
And when Your last call comes, serene and clear,  
Calm may my answer be, “Lord, I am here.”

**POSTLUDE**

*Come Thou Mighty King*

arr. Felice Giardini

**TODAY’S WORSHIP LEADERS:**

Dr. Steven E. Wirth, Guest Pastor  
David Hughes, Director of Music  
Carol Hughes, Accompanist  
The Chancel Choir

Abbott Hatch. Rick Connor, and Richard Ramich, Video and Sound