

Easter Sunday

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF ANAHEIM

Anaheim First Presbyterian Church

April 17, 2022 @ 10:30 am

PRELUDE

Christ the Lord is Risen Today

arr. Harold DeCou

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

CHORAL INTROIT

Now is Christ Risen!

Knut Nystedt

CALL TO WORSHIP

This day is not like any other day for today we are invited to slow down.

Today we take it all in and rest in good news.

This day is not like any other day for today we are full to the brim.

Today we are singing. Today joy cannot be contained.

This day is not like any other day for today the stone was rolled away.

Today the women saw the empty grave. Today we know—death does not win.

This day is not like any other day for Christ is risen!

He is risen indeed!

HYMN No 123 (v. 1, 2 & 4)

Jesus Christ is Risen Today

Easter Hymn

Jesus Christ is risen today, Alleluia! Our triumphant holy day, Alleluia!

Who did once upon the cross, Alleluia! Suffer to redeem our loss, Alleluia!

Hymns of praise then let us sing, Alleluia! Unto Christ, our heavenly King, Alleluia!

Who endured the cross and grave, Alleluia! Sinners to redeem and save, Alleluia!

Sing we to our God above, Alleluia! Praise eternal as God's love; Alleluia!

Praise our God, ye heavenly host, Alleluia! Father, Son, and Holy Ghost, Alleluia!

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

God of new life, we are a mixed bag. We want to be full to the brim with hope and joy, but often we overflow with comparison and doubt. We want to embody the resurrection, but often we'd rather stay the same than to begin again. We want to have the courage to be like the women on that Easter morning—to run and speak truth, but often we are weary of courage and uncertain of our own voices.

Forgive us for all the ways we remain unchanged. Break into our hearts. Overflow here.

With hope we pray, amen.

ANTHEM

Lift Your Voice and Sing, He is Risen!

Lloyd Larson

PASSING OF THE PEACE

RESPONSE

Halle, halle, halleluia! Halle, halle, halleluia! Halle, halle, halleluia! Halleluia! Halleluia!

SCRIPTURE Luke 24:1-12

SERMON

Full to the Brim—An Expansive Life

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

We believe in a God who can astound us—a God who created

the mountains of Colorado, the stars on a summer night, and the green of Ireland.

We believe in Jesus, whose example changes us—an example of love for those on the fringes, healing for the sick, and welcome for the lonely.

We believe that Jesus was abandoned by his friends, wounded, mocked, and killed by the state. And in a garden, three days later, we believe that life began again—the stone was rolled back, as death lost its sting.

Ever since that day, we believe the Spirit has been inviting us into an expansive life—a life not measured by wealth or accolades, but a life full to the brim with joy, overflowing with laughter, saturated in hope, and decorated with good news. Death has lost its sting. We believe, and are set free. Thanks be to God, amen.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

HYMN NO 108 (v. 1, 2, 3, & 5)

Christ is Alive!

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Christ is alive! Let Christians sing, the cross stands empty to the sky.

Let streets and homes with praises ring, Love, drowned in death, shall never die.

Christ is alive! No longer bound to distant years in Palestine,

But saving, healing, here and now, and touching every place and time.

Not throned afar, remotely high, untouched, unmoved by human pains,

But daily, in the midst of life, our Savior in the God-head reigns.

Christ is alive, and comes to bring good news to this and every age,

Till earth and sky and ocean ring with joy, with justice, love and praise.

BENEDICTION

CHORAL BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

Christ Arose

Robert Lowry



Today's Worship Leaders:

Kim Skilling, Pastor

David Hughes, Director of Music, Carol Hughes, Accompanist

Abbott Hatch & Richard Ramich, Video and Sound

Today's Liturgy by Sarah Speed, Sanctified Art

Announcements