



FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF ANAHEIM

OCTOBER 25, 2020

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

BAGPIPE INTROIT

CALL TO WORSHIP

We come to hear the story of God's faithfulness to past generations.

But we are looking to the future, even as we give thanks for our past.

Our God is also God of the future. The God who was with our ancestors is also with us.

Therefore, we can go forward in hope.

Whatever else fails, God, through Christ remains faithful,
showering our lives with grace and strength. Praise be to God.

HYMN

Our God, Our Help in Ages Past

*Our God, our help in ages past, Our hope for years to come,
Our shelter from the stormy blast, And our eternal home:*

*A thousand ages in Thy sight Are like an evening gone;
From everlasting Thou art God, To endless years the same.*

*Our God, our help in ages past, Our hope for years to come,
Be Thou our guard while life shall last, And our eternal home.*

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

God of the ages, your love for humankind, present in the beginning of all things,
extends throughout history and touches our lives.

Your love sees failings and forgives. Your love feels pain and wipes away our tears.

Your love knows grief and comforts the sorrowful. Your love sees sin and still loves the sinner.

Forgive us when we fail to live lives that reflect your love.

Forgive us the many times when we take for granted all that you have done for us.

Transform us, through your Spirit.

Grant us your vision and empower us to serve you this day and all days.

HYMNS WE KNOW BY HEART

ANTHEM

Be Thou My Vision

arr. Dennis Janzer

SCRIPTURE

Hebrews 12:1-2

SERMON

“Imperfect Vision”

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

by Rev. Kathleen Henrion

I believe in God, creator of all things, whose heavenly song sent the planets into motion. Even when we go astray, God calls us back, showing us the fullness of life and giving us new songs of praise for each and every day. I believe in Jesus Christ who lived for us and among us, healing the sick, easing the burdens of all people, and teaching us the new song of God’s kingdom. He showed His love for all God’s children in His death and the hope for eternal life in His resurrection. And I believe in the Holy Spirit, the breath of life who sings God’s grace through all time and space. I listen for the Holy Spirit through the history of songs sung by all the communion of saints and through the unwritten songs of all who are to come in the future. I believe that God has a song for my life as well. Amen.

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

Be Thou My Vision

*Be thou my vision, O Lord of my heart:
Nought be all else to me, save that Thou art—
Thou my best thought, by day or by night,
Waking or sleeping Thy presence my light.*

*Be Thou my wisdom, and Thou my true word;
I ever with Thee and Thou with me, Lord;
Heart of my own heart, whatever befall,
Still be my vision, O Ruler of all.*

BENEDICTION

CHORAL RESPONSE

BAGPIPE POSTLUDE

Today's Worship Leaders:

Kim Skilling, Pastor

David Hughes, Director of Music

Carol Hughes, Accompanist

Richard Cook, Bagpiper

Tracy Ramont, Heart Hymn Storyteller

AFPC’s Intern Choir

Abbott Hatch, Video and Sound