



ANAHEIM FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

January 17, 2021

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## WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

### LIGHTING OF THE CHRIST CANDLE

You are encouraged to join us in lighting a candle in your home as the service begins.

### CHORAL INTROIT

*Swell the Full Chorus*

G.F. Händel

### CALL TO WORSHIP

The buzz of the world interrupts our lives and fills our ears.

**Call us into Your way of life, O God.**

The complaints of others settle in our mind and cloud our vision.

**Lead us into Your vision of life, O God.**

The cries of the poor, the oppressed and the outcast pierce our hearts.

**Guide us in Your example of living for others, O God.**

Fill our hearts, fill our eyes, fill our ears with Your love, O God.

**Draw near to us as we draw near to You.**

### **HYMN NO. 482 (vs. 1 & 3)** *Praise Ye The Lord, the Almighty*

*Praise ye the Lord, the Almighty, the King of creation!*

*O my soul, praise Him, for He is thy health and salvation!*

*All ye who hear, now to His temple draw near; Join me in glad adoration!*

*Praise ye the Lord! O let all that is in me adore Him!*

*All that hath life and breath, come now with praises before Him!*

*Let the amen sound from His people again; Gladly for aye we adore Him.*

### PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**Holy God, Creator of all that is, Donor of Grace, and Giver of Life: Hear our prayer.**

**There are chasms in our lives, deep valleys that separate us from one another and from you.**

**We confess that we have allowed those rifts to grow,**

**for fear of admitting our part in the separation, for fear of being rejected when we reach out.**

**You call us to a reconciled life, to healed relationships,**

**to a wholeness with each other and with you.**

**Mend us, we pray, and make us new creations through the power and love of Christ,**

**in whose name we pray. Amen.**

**ANTHEM**

*Now Let Us All Praise God and Sing*

Gordon Young

**SCRIPTURE**

John 1:43-51

**SERMON**

“What is Your Nazareth”

**AFFIRMATION OF FAITH** *drawn from the writings of M. L. King, Jr. by A. Reichard*

I refuse to believe that we are unable to influence the events around us.

I refuse to believe we are bound by racism, war, and injustice.

I believe those around me are my brother and my sister.

I believe in dignity every day and that our brokenness can be healed.

I believe we can overcome oppression and violence, without resorting to it.

This means I seek to reject revenge and retaliation.

I remember, “Hate cannot drive out hate: only love can.”

And trust that, “Faith is taking the first step even when you can’t see the whole staircase”

**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.563 (v. 1)**

*The Spirit in Our Hearts*

*Lift every voice and sing till earth and heaven ring, ring with the harmonies of liberty.*

*Let our rejoicing rise high as the listening skies; Let it resound loud as the rolling sea.*

*Sing a song full of the faith that the dark past has taught us;*

*Sing a song full of the hope that the present has brought us;*

*Facing the rising sun of our new day begun, let us march on, till victory is won.*

**BENEDICTION**

**CHORAL RESPONSE**

**POSTLUDE**

*Praise to the Lord*

arr. Gordon Young

**Today's Worship Leaders**

Kim Skilling, Pastor

David Hughes, Director of Music

Carol Hughes, Accompanist

AFPC Intern Choir

Abbott Hatch, Video and Sound