



ANAHEIM FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

April 18, 2021

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

Alleluia, for Christ the Lord is Risen!

J.S. Bach

CALL TO WORSHIP

It is easier to stay where we are and who we are.

We know what to expect and what is expected of us.

But Christ calls us to journey with him into new life.

We are not sure we are ready for that.

But there is no going back, only forward.

So we gather this day to place our hope and trust in Christ, our Savior and Guide.

HYMN NO.115

Come, Ye Faithful, Raise the Strain

Come, ye faithful, raise the strain of triumphant gladness;

God has brought forth Israel into joy from sadness;

Loosed from Pharaoh's bitter yoke Jacob's sons and daughters;

Led them, with unmoistened foot, through the Red Sea waters.

'Tis the spring of souls today; Christ has burst His prison,

And from three days' sleep in death as a sun hath risen.

Now rejoice, Jerusalem, and with true affection

Welcome in unwearied strains, Jesus' resurrection!

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Merciful and loving God: when we are ungrateful, remind us of your grace. When we are oblivious, open our eyes. When we are reluctant, strengthen our resolve. When we demean ourselves, whisper that we are created in your image. When we lose all hope, show us the empty tomb.

Move us forward. Shape us, and turn us around, that we move forward into the blessing and grace of resurrection life. Amen.

ANTHEM	<i>Angels Rolled the Stone Away</i>	J. Hairston
SCRIPTURE	Exodus 16:1-3; 17:1-3	
SERMON	"No Going Back"	
AFFIRMATION OF FAITH	"An Easter Affirmation"	Kennon Callahan

We believe that...

Hope is stronger than memory. Salvation is stronger than sin.

Forgiveness is stronger than bitterness. Reconciliation is stronger than hatred.

Resurrection is stronger than crucifixion. Light is stronger than darkness.

The empty tomb is stronger than the bloodied cross.

The risen Lord is stronger than the dead Jesus. Easter is stronger than Good Friday.

We are the Easter people. We are the people of hope.

We are the people of the empty tomb, the risen Lord, the new life in Christ. 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 *I Have Decided to Follow Jesus*

I have decided to follow Jesus; I have decided to follow Jesus;

I have decided to follow Jesus; No turning back, no turning back.

The world behind me, the cross before me, The world behind me, the cross before me;

The world behind me, the cross before me; No turning back, no turning back.

BENEDICTION

CHORAL RESPONSE

POSTLUDE *I Have Decided to Follow Jesus* arr. Fred Bock

Today's Worship Leaders

Kim Skilling, Pastor

David Hughes, Director of Music

Carol Hughes, Accompanist

Olivia Kellett, Frank Espinosa, Sam Miller, José Carillo, Soloists

AFPC Intern Choir

Abbott Hatch & Rick Connor, Video and Sound

Prayer of Confession by Beth Merrill Neel