

Fully Alive

Lessons from the Life of David

The glory of God is a human fully alive,
and to be fully alive
consists of beholding God.

—St Irenaeus of Lyons

July 25, 2021

Anaheim First Presbyterian Church

10:30 AM

PRELUDE

Arioso, from Sonata in Baroque Style

Gordon Young

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

CHORAL INTROIT

Aria, from The Passion

G.F. Handel

CALL TO WORSHIP

Though the storm clouds of doubt and fear threaten to overcome us

God leads us into ways of peace.

When the darkness of war and the deep pit of anger reach toward us

God lifts and carries us through the darkness with hope and light.

Lord of hope and life, be with us today.

God of mercy and peace, lead our lives. Amen.

HYMN NO. 298

There's a Wideness in God's Mercy

In Babilone

There's a wideness in God's mercy, like the wideness of the sea;

There's a kindness in God in God's justice, which is more than liberty.

There is no place where earth's sorrows are more felt than up in heaven;

There is no place where earth's failings have such kindly judgement given.

For the love of God is broader than the measures of the mind;

And the heart of the Eternal is most wonderfully kind.

If our love were bur more faithful, we would gladly trust God's Word;

And our lives reflect thanksgiving for the goodness of our Lord.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**Holy God, giver of blessings, we thank you for the mercies we know,
and ask your forgiveness when fail to acknowledge you as the source of all good.**

When we hoard your gifts, when we say, "that's mine,"

when we ignore the bounty around us, when are blind to the good, forgive us.

Help us to share, to see, to live gratefully.

Through Christ we pray. Amen.

PASSING OF THE PEACE

ANTHEM

Recitative and Adagio, from The Passion G.F. Handel

SCRIPTURE

I Samuel 30

SERMON

“Fully Alive: Grace Under Fire”

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

Adapted from the Iona Community

As people created and called to live fully alive to God, the world, and to one another,

We believe that God is present in the darkness before dawn;

**in the waiting and uncertainty where fear and courage join hands,
conflict and caring link arms, and the sun rises over barbed wire.**

We believe in a with-us God who sits down in our midst to share our humanity.

We affirm a faith that takes us beyond the safe place:

into action, into vulnerability and into the streets.

**We commit ourselves to work for change and put ourselves on the line; to bear
responsibility, take risks, live powerfully and face humiliation;**

**to stand with those on the edge; to choose life and be used by the Spirit
for God's new community of hope. 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 NO 366 (v. 1 & 2)

Jesus, Thy Boundless Love to Me

St Catherine

Jesus, Thy boundless love to me no thought can reach, no tongue declare;

O knit my thankful heart to Thee, and reign without a rival there!

Thine wholly, Thine alone, I'd live, myself to Thee entirely give.

O grant that nothing in my soul may dwell, but Thy pure love alone;

O may Thy love possess me whole, my joy, my treasure, and my crown!

All coldness from my heart remove; may every act, word, thought be love.

BENEDICTION**RESPONSE****POSTLUDE**

Gigue, from Sonata in Baroque Style

Gordon Young

Kim Skilling, Pastor

David Hughes, Director of Music

Carol Hughes, accompanist

AJ Stevens, soloist

Abbott Hatch and Rick Connor, Video and Sound