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September 12, 2021

Anaheim First Presbyterian Church

10:30 AM

PRELUDE

Melody

Cesar Franck

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

INTROIT With a Voice of Singing, Alleluia!

Martin Shaw

CALL TO WORSHIP

God is our strength, our rock, our fortress and our deliverer.

God is our rock, in whom we take refuge; our shield, salvation, and stronghold.

So we call upon the Lord, who is worthy to be praised.

Let us join hearts and voices in song as we worship God.

Hymn No 264

When In Our Music God is Glorified

Engelberg

When in our music God is glorified, and adoration leaves no room for pride, It is as though the whole creation cried: Alleluia!

How often, making music, we have found a new dimension in this world of sound, As worship moved us to a more profound Alleluia!

So has the church, in liturgy and song, in faith and love, through centuries of wrong, Borne witness to the truth in every tongue: Alleluia!

Let every instrument be tuned for praise! Let all rejoice who have a voice to raise! And may God give us faith to sing always: Alleluia!

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

by Beth Merrill Neel

Holy God, hear our prayer. Sometimes our lives are a mess, because of choices we have made or because of choices others have made. Sometimes our lives are great, and we're kind and generous. Sometimes our lives are great and we forget to be to grateful and humble. We trust that in the jumble of all of this, you are present. We trust that you are with us, walking with us when we stray, nudging us back to the right path, slowing us down when we get ahead of you, and waiting for us when we lag behind. So we thank you, and ask for your forgiveness, and pray that you will stay with us throughout the journey. Amen.

PASSING OF THE PEACE

ANTHEM Deep River Soloist Kyrsten Ohta arr. Jester Hairston

SCRIPTURE Selections from 2 Samuel 22:1-23:1
SERMON Fully Alive: Living Doxology

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.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE 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.

HYMN 275 God of Our Life Sandon

God of our life, through all the circling years, we trust in Thee; In all the past, through all our hopes and fears, Thy hand we see. With each new day, when morning lifts the veil, we own Thy mercies, Lord which never fail.

God of our past, our times are in Thy hand; with us abide, Lead us by faith to hope's true promised land; Be thou our guide. With Thee to bless, the darkness shines as light, and faith's fair vision changes into sight.

God of the coming years, through paths unknown we follow Thee; When we are strong, Lord, leave us not alone; our refuge be. Be Thou for us in life our daily bread, our heart's true home when all our years have sped.

BENEDICTION CHORAL PRAISE POSTLUDE

All Glory Be to God on High

G.P. Telemann

Today's Worship Leaders

Kim Skilling, Pastor
David Hughes, Director of Music
Carol Hughes, Accompanist
The Chancel Choir
Abbott Hatch and Rick Connor, Video and Sound