

## SCRIPTURE

Deuteronomy 31:7-8

## PRAYER OF UNKNOWNING

based on prayer by Thomas Merton

Lord God, we have no idea where we are going. We do not see the road ahead of us. We cannot know for certain where it will end. Nor do we really know ourselves, and the fact that we think we are following Your will does not mean that we are actually doing so.

But we believe that the desire to please You does in fact please You. And we hope we have that desire in all that we are doing. We hope that we will never do anything apart from that desire. And we know that, if we do this, You will lead us by the right road, though we may know nothing about it.

Therefore we will trust You always though we may seem to be lost and in the shadow of death. We will not fear, for You are ever with us, and You will never leave us to face our perils alone.

## OFFERING OURSELVES TO GOD'S FUTURE

### SCRIPTURE

Romans 12:1-2 (the Message translation)

### \*HYMN NO 525

*Here I Am, Lord*

I, the Lord of sea and sky. I have heard My people cry, All who dwell in deepest sin.

My hand will save. I who make the stars of night; I will make their darkness bright.

Who will bear My light to them? Whom shall I send?

Refrain: Here I am, Lord. It is I, Lord? I have heard you calling in the night.

I will go, Lord, where you lead me; I will hold Your people in my heart.

I the Lord of snow and rain, I have borne my people's pain. I have wept for love of them,

They turn away. I will break their hearts of stone; Give them hearts for love alone.

I will speak My word to them. Whom shall I send? [refrain]

I the Lord of wind and flame, I will tend the poor and lame; I will set a feast for them

My hand will save. Finest bread I will provide Till their hearts be satisfied

I will give my life to them. Whom shall I send? [refrain]

## WOVEN TOGETHER

As we sing the hymn, you are invited to write your name on a ribbon and weave it into the tapestry in the front of the sanctuary.

## BENEDICTION

## CHORAL BENEDICTION

## POSTLUDE

*All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name* Oliver Holden, arr. Gordon Young

## Today's Worship Leaders

Kim Skilling, Pastor

David Hughes, Director of Music, Carol Hughes, Accompanist

Abbott Hatch & Richard Ramich, Video and Sound



# First Presbyterian Church

at the heart of Anaheim



# A Service of Song and Prayer

## May 22, 2022

**PRELUDE** *Open Our Eyes* Bob Cull

**WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**CALL TO WORSHIP AND OPENING HYMN NO 324** *Open My Eyes, That I May See*

Come, let us worship the Lord our God.

**For great is the Lord, and greatly to be praised.**

In our worship, may our eyes be opened this day,

**That we might see our need for God's grace..**

**Open my eyes, that I may see Glimpses of truth Thou hast for me;**

**Place in my hands the wonderful key That shall unclasp and set me free.**

**Silently now I wait for Thee, ready, my God, Thy will to see;**

**Open my eyes, illumine me, Spirit divine!**

In our worship, may our ears be opened this day,

**That we may hear and be led by your still, small voice.**

**Open my ears, that I may hear Voices of truth Thou sendest clear;**

**And while the wave notes fall on my ear, Everything false will disappear.**

**Silently now I wait for Thee, ready, my God, Thy will to see;**

**Open my ears illumine me, Spirit divine!**

In our worship, may our hearts be opened this day,

**That we may receive your blessings.**

**Open my mouth, and let me bear Gladly the warm truth everywhere;**

**Open my heart, and let me prepare Love with Thy children thus to share.**

**Silently now I wait for Thee, ready, my God, Thy will to see;**

**Open my heart illumine me, Spirit divine!**

**PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

**Forgive us, Lord, for we have sinned.**

**You have called us to confession, but we'd rather offer excuses. You have called us to live as new creations in the new world of your kingdom, but still we cling to the security of old lives and familiar lands. Your call is difficult and challenging, and we confess, O Lord, that it is hard to hear...and follow.**

**And yet, only in your love are we made whole. Only in your life do we find our lives. Only by following you can we be all that we were created to be. Forgive us, O Lord, and open our ears to hear your calling, our hearts to receive your grace. Amen.**

**ANTHEM** *Order My Steps* Burleigh/Arr. Schrader

**PASSING THE PEACE**

**RECALLING GOD'S FAITHFULNESS**

**INTRODUCTION TO SINGING OUR PRAYERS**

**\*HYMN NO 276** (v. 1 & 3) *Great is Thy Faithfulness*

Great is Thy faithfulness, O God my Father, there is no shadow of turning with Thee;

Though changest not, Thy compassions they fail not; as Thou hast been Thou forever wilt be.

Refrain: Great is Thy faithfulness, great is they faithfulness.

Morning by morning new mercies I see. All I have needed Thy hands have provided.

Great is Thy faithfulness, Lord, unto me.

Pardon for sin and a peace that endureth, Thine own dear presence to cheer

and to guide; strength for today and bright hope for tomorrow,

Blessings all mine, with ten thousand beside! [Refrain]

**SCRIPTURE** Lamentations 3:22-23

**PRAYER RESPONSE** Dayenu

We will create a prayer of remembrance and thanksgiving together, recalling God's acts of faithfulness and all responding, "It would have been enough."

**SEEKING GOD'S VISION**

**HYMN NO 339** *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.

Riches I heed not, nor vain, empty praise; Thou mine inheritance, now and always;

Thou and Thou only, first in my heart, Great God of haven, my treasure Thou art.

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.

**SCRIPTURE** Habakkuk 2:1-3

**SEEING THROUGH GOD'S EYES**

Everyone will be invited to put on a pair of heart shaped glasses and we will consider together what God might be calling us to write on the Billboard of our church.

**MOVING FORWARD BY GOD'S GRACE**

**\*HYMN NO 281** *Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah*

Guide me, O Thou great Jehovah, Pilgrim through this barren land; I am weak,

but Thou art mighty; Hold me with Thy powerful hand;

Bread of heaven, bread of heaven, feed me till I want no more, Feed me till I want no more.

Open now the crystal fountain, Whence the healing stream doth flow;

Let the fire and cloudy pillar Lead me all my journey through; Strong deliverer, strong deliverer,

Be Thou still my strength and shield, Be Thou my strength and shield.

When I tread the verge of Jordan, Bid my anxious fears subside;

Death of death, and hell's destruction, Land me safe on Canaan's side;

Songs of praises, songs of praises I will give to Thee, I will ever give to Thee.