



RAISING OUR SAILS TO CATCH THE SPIRIT

Anaheim First Presbyterian Church

September 18, 2022 @ 10:30 am

PRELUDE

O Love That Wilt Not Let Me Go

Albert L. Peace, arr. Roger House

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

CHORAL INTROIT *Sing to God With Gladness (Ps 99)*

Flor Peeters

CALL TO WORSHIP

We are branches, rooted in the vine of Christ.

We come because we seek to abide in Christ.

The branches that remain in the vine bear much fruit.

We come because we long to be spiritually vibrant, alive, productive.

If we abide in Christ, then Christ's words will abide in us.

We come because we strive to be faithful disciples.

Trusting in the promises of our God,

We rejoice in the presence of Christ and we worship in joy!

***HYMN NO 464** *Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee*

Hymn to Joy

Joyful, joyful we adore Thee, God of glory, Lord of Love;

Hearts unfold like flowers before Thee, Opening to the sun above.

Melt the clouds of sin and sadness; Drive the gloom of doubt away;

Giver of immortal gladness, fill us with the light of day.

All Thy words with joy surround Thee, Earth and heaven reflect Thy rays,

Stars and angels sing around Thee, Center of unbroken praise.

Field and forest, vale and mountain, flowery meadow, flashing sea,

Chanting bird and flowing fountain, call us to rejoice in Thee.

Mortals, join the happy chorus which the morning stars began;

Love divine is reigning o'er us, joining all in heaven's plan.

Ever singing, march we onward, victors in the midst of strife,

Joyful music leads us sunward in the triumph song of life.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Gracious God, you plant your seeds of love in our lives. Yet, we don't always nurture their growth. We don't listen to you. We worry that we will not receive what we need. We complain when things don't go our way. Abide in us, Vine Grower. Forgive us of our sins, so we may live boldly, love fearlessly, and proclaim unceasingly that Jesus Christ is our Lord and Savior.

ANTHEM

We Walk by Faith and Not by Sight

Jan Sanborn

PASSING THE PEACE

RESPONSE *Halle, Halle, Halleluja!*

Halle, Halle, Halleluja! Halle, Halle, Halleluja! Halle, Halle, Halleluja! Halleluja! Halleluia!

SCRIPTURE John 15:1-8

SERMON *The Sailing Life is an Abiding Life*

SAILOR'S LOG

PRAYER OF ST BRENDAN, THE NAVIGATOR (Patron Saint of Sailors)

Help us to journey beyond the familiar and into the unknown.

Give us the faith to leave old ways and break fresh ground with You.

Christ of the mysteries, we trust You to be stronger than each storm within us.

We will trust in the darkness and know that our times, even now, are in Your hand.

Tune our spirit to the music of heaven, and somehow,

make our obedience count for You. AMEN.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND LORD'S PRAYER (Traditional, Hymnal p. 16)

***HYMN NO 384** *O Love That Wilt Not Let Me Go*

St Margaret

O love that wilt not let me go, I rest my weary soul in thee;

I give thee back the life I owe, that in thine ocean depths its flow may richer, fuller be.

O light that followest all my way, I yield my flickering torch to thee;

My heart restores its borrowed ray, that in thy sunshine's blaze its day may brighter, fuller be.

O joy that seekest me through pain, I cannot close my heart to Thee;

I trace the rainbow through the rain, and feel the promise is not vain that morn shall tearless be.

O cross that liftest up my head, I dare not ask to fly from Thee;

I lay in dust life's glory dead, and from the ground there blossoms red life that shall endless be.

BENEDICTION

CHORAL RESPONSE

POSTLUDE *Finale*

Hector Berlioz

Today's Worship Leaders:

Kim Skilling, Pastor

David Hughes, Director of Music, Carol Hughes, Accompanist

Abbott Hatch & Richard Ramich, Video and Sound



Announcements