



RAISING OUR SAILS TO CATCH THE SPIRIT

Anaheim First Presbyterian Church

October 16, 2022 @ 10:30 am

PRELUDE *Come, Thou Fount* "Nettleton", arr. Gordon Young

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

CHORAL INTROIT *Declare This and Let it be Heard, Alleluia!* *Martin Shaw*

CALL TO WORSHIP

We have gathered in the presence of the One who etches grace on our hearts.

This is the place where God will transform us into disciples.

We glorify our God, who yearns for justice, not just for a favored few,
but for the least of our world.

This is the place where God will write compassion on our souls.

We give thanks to God for unceasing grace; we remember God's persistence in saving us.

This is the place where God will breathe the Word into our lives.

***HYMN NO 356** *Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing* Nettleton

Come, Thou Fount of every blessing, tune my heart to sing Thy grace;
Streams of mercy, never ceasing, call for songs of loudest praise.

Teach me some melodious sonnet, sung by flaming tongues above;
Praise the mount! I'm fixed upon it, mount of God's unchanging love!

Here I raise my Ebenezer, Hither by Thy help I'm come;

And I hope, by Thy good pleasure, safely to arrive at home.

Jesus sought me when a stranger, wandering from the fold of God;

He, to rescue me from danger, interposed His precious blood.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Lord, it is easy for us to say that we will follow you; and then turn our backs and act as though our commitment to you does not mean anything to us. We are called to trust Jesus, but we are more comfortable trusting ourselves. We are invited to put on the whole armor of God and instead clothe ourselves with greed and fears. Forgive us and grant us the courage to be your disciples and enable us to joyfully proclaim your healing mercies and your transformational love. In Jesus' Name, we pray.

ANTHEM *Honor and Glory* J.S. Bach arr. Walter Ehret

PASSING THE PEACE

RESPONSE Halle, Halle, Halleluja!

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

SCRIPTURE Ephesians 6:10-17

SERMON *A Sailor's Life*

SAILOR LOG

PRAYER OF TRUST

from Sailboat Church, p. 41

God I know that I need you. I also know that there are mountains between us that I cannot climb over or move. I cannot make myself believe in you. Neither can I fix the most basic problems in my life. I need you to do what only you can do. I trust (or I want to trust, or I want to want to trust) that Jesus can bring me over everything that separates us. I want him to do this, and I invite his Holy Spirit into my life to take control so this can happen. Make me able to trust that this work is happening in me day by day in spite of how I feel or anything else. Protect me from any attempts to destroy my faith or push me back to where I started. I pray this trusting not in myself but in what Jesus did for me out of love. So be it.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND LORD'S PRAYER

(Traditional, Hymnal p. 16)

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 372** *Lord, I Want to Be a Christian*

Lord, I want to be a Christian in-a my heart, in-a my heart (repeat)

In-a my heart, in-a my heart, Lord, I want to be a Christian in-a my heart.

Lord, I want to be more loving...

Lord, I want to be more holy...

Lord, I want to be like Jesus...

BENEDICTION

CHORAL BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE *The Rejoicing, from Music for the Royal Fireworks, G.F. Handel*

Today's Worship Leaders:

Kim Skilling, Pastor

David Hughes, Director of Music, Carol Hughes, Accompanist,

Abbott Hatch & Richard Ramich, Video and Sound



Announcements