



RAISING OUR SAILS TO CATCH THE SPIRIT

Anaheim First Presbyterian Church

October 30, 2022 @ 10:30 am

PRELUDE

O God, Our Help in Ages Past

William Croft, arr. Gordon Young

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

CHORAL INTROIT

A Mighty Fortress is Our God

arr. W.B. Olds

CALL TO WORSHIP

We come to hear the story of God's faithfulness to past generations.

But we are looking to the future, even as we give thanks for our past.

Our God is also God of the future. The God who was with our ancestors is also with us.

Therefore, we can go forward in hope. Whatever else fails, God, through Christ remains faithful, showering our lives with wisdom, grace and strength. Praise be to God.

***HYMN NO 210** (v. 1-4) *Our God, Our Help in Ages Past*

St. Anne

O God, our help in ages past, our hope for years to come,
Our shelter from the stormy blast, and our eternal home:

Before the hills in order stood, or earth received its frame,
From everlasting Thou art God, to endless years the same.

A thousand ages in Thy sight are like an evening gone;
Short as the watch that ends the night before the rising sun.

Time, like an ever rolling stream, soon bears us all away;
We fly forgotten, as a dream dies at the opening day.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Forgive us, O Lord, for we have sinned.

We have trusted in our strength rather than your power.

We have trusted in our cleverness rather than in your wisdom.

We have hoarded the gifts you entrust to us, rather than dare discipleship.

Merciful God, forgive us.

ANTHEM

The Mystery of Years

Dan Forrest

PASSING THE PEACE

RESPONSE Halle, Halle, Halleluja!

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

SCRIPTURE Matthew 25:14-30

SERMON

Risking All

SAILOR 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)

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 *The Summons*

Will you come and follow me if I but call your name? Will you go where you don't know and never be the same? Will you let my love be shown? Will you let my name be known, will you let my life be grown in you and you in me?

Will you leave yourself behind if I but call your name? Will you care for cruel and kind and never be the same? Will you risk the hostile stare should your life attract or scare? Will you let me answer prayer in you and you in me?

Will you let the blinded see if I but call your name? Will you set the prisoners free and never be the same? Will you kiss the leper clean and do such as this unseen, and admit to what I mean in you and you in me?

Will you love the "you" you hide if I but call your name? Will you quell the fear inside and never be the same? Will you use the faith you've found to reshape the world around, through my sight and touch and sound in you and you in me?

Lord your summons echoes true when you but call my name. Let me turn and follow you and never be the same. In Your company I'll go where Your love and footsteps show. Thus I'll move and live and grow in you and you in me.

BENEDICTION

CHORAL BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE *A Mighty Fortress is Our God* Martin Luther, 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



Announcements