



Anaheim First Presbyterian Church

January 22, 2023 @ 10:30 am

PRELUDE *Open our Eyes* Bob Cull

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

CHORAL INTROIT *Praise* Alec Rowley

CALL TO WORSHIP

Jesus comes along side us, calls us by name, and invites us to follow.

It is a simple call but a hard one, because following requires leaving.

It's hard to leave our nets and walk away from the lake.

But we have come this far,

to this place...where we can listen...and be transformed.

***HYMN NO 324** *Open My Eyes, That I May See*

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!

Open my ears that I may hear voices of truth thou sendest clear, and while the wave notes fall on my ear, ev'rything false will disappear. Silently now I wait for thee, ready, my God, thy will to see. Open my ears, illumine me, Spirit divine!

Open my mouth and let me bear gladly the warm truth ev'rywhere. 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 mouth, illumine me, Spirit divine!

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

We hear Jesus' invitation: "Follow me." And we want to follow, but we also want to stay where we are. We want to receive what you offer, but we also want to cling to what we already have. And so we are stuck.

Holy One, Calm our fears. Forgive our selfishness. Loosen our grip and liven our feet.

ANTHEM *Canticle of Hope* Joseph Martin

PASSING THE PEACE

RESPONSE Halle, Halle, Halleluja!

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

SCRIPTURE Matthew 4:12-23 and Isaiah 9:1-4

SERMON *Stop, Drop, and Go?*

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (Based on the prayer of St Brendan, the Patron Saint of Sailors)

We believe that God calls us to journey beyond the familiar and into the unknown.

That God gives us the faith to leave old ways and to break fresh ground.

We believe that Christ is stronger than each storm within us and so we will trust in the darkness and know that our times, even now, are in God's hands.

We believe that the Spirit is at work to tune our spirits to the music of heaven, empowering us to obey God's commands and follow as Christ leads. 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

Postlude on "Italian Hymn"

arr. Edward Broughton

Today's Worship Leaders:

Maggie Harmon, Preacher, Liturgy by Joanna Harader

Kim Skilling, Pastor and Liturgist

David Hughes, Director of Music, Carol Hughes, Accompanist

Abbott Hatch & Richard Ramich, Video and Sound



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