



**seeking:**  
honest questions  
for deeper faith

Anaheim First Presbyterian Church

February 26, 2023 @ 10:30 am

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**PRELUDE** *Allemande from French Suite V* J.S. Bach

**CHORAL INTROIT** *O Christ Bestow Thy Blessings* Gabriel Fauré

### **CALL TO WORSHIP**

Listen! There is hope to be found here.

**God calls us by name here. Love abides here.**

This world is full of chatter, so may we do our best to listen.

**We will listen for God is speaking.**

**\*HYMN NO 344** *Christ of the Upward Way* Sursum Corda

Christ of the upward way, my Guide divine, where Thou hast set Thy feet, may I place mine;  
And move and march wherever Thou hast trod, keeping face forward up the hill of God.

Give me the heart to hear Thy voice and will, that without fault or fear I may fulfill  
Your purpose with a glad and holy zest, like one who would not bring less than the best.

Christ of the upward way, my Guide divine, where Thou hast set Thy feet, may I place mine;  
And when Your last call comes, serene and clear, calm may my answer be, "Lord, I am here."

### **CALL TO CONFESSION: EXTINGUISHING THE FIRST CANDLE OF LENT**

#### **PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

**Holy God, too often we treat your Word like a radio station—something we can tune in and out of when it's convenient. Our minds are full of ads, emails, news updates, and notifications. In the midst of this clutter, we tend to gravitate toward the voices that think like us—easily ignoring the voices being silenced, easily ignoring your voice.**

**Forgive us for failing to listen. Forgive us for getting caught in distractions.**

**Forgive us for forgetting what your voice sounds like.**

**Drain the distractions from our minds and help us turn once again toward you.**

**With earnest hearts we pray.**

**ANTHEM** *Kyrie Eleison (Lord Have Mercy)* Joseph Haydn

### **PASSING THE PEACE**

**RESPONSE** (v 1) *What Wondrous Love is This*

*What wondrous love is this, O my soul, O my soul, What wondrous love is this, O my soul!*

*What wondrous love is this that caused the Lord of bliss to bear the heavy cross for my soul,  
For my soul, to bear the heavy cross for my soul!*

**SCRIPTURE**

Gen 2:15-17, 3:1-7; Mt 4:1-11

**SERMON**

*Who Will You Listen To?*

**AFFIRMATION OF FAITH**

In a world full of noise, we believe that God is speaking.

In a world full of chaos, we believe that God is singing. In a world full of temptation, we believe that God is healing.

So, we will listen to God—our Creator, Friend, and Guide.

And we will listen for water in the desert, for the wind of the Spirit, for the laughter of children, for the sound of open doors, and for God's voice, who calls us beloved. 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 NO**

*Who Will You Listen To?*

*Tune: Leoni, Lyrics by Anna Strickland*

The voices from the past that echo through our minds

Like noisy ghosts haunt and harass with words unkind.

Who will we listen to? Lies that bind and abase?

Or God who counters words untrue with words of grace?

Society demands we always strive for more

Accumulating wealth and land and leave the poor

Who will we listen to? The tempter's jealousy?

Or God's provision and pursuit of equity?

A rushing flood of hate in news we often see

Conceals God's kingdom in a great cacophony

Who will we listen to? The chaos all around?

Or God's dream of a world made new where love abounds?

**BENEDICTION****CHORAL BENEDICTION****POSTLUDE**

*'Leoni'*

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

Liturgy by Sarah Speed, sanctifiedart.org



Announcements