



seeking:  
honest questions  
for deeper faith

Anaheim First Presbyterian Church

March 12, 2023 @ 10:30 am

**PRELUDE** *Variations on "Austrian Hymn"* F.J. Haydn, arr. Reginald Gerig

**CHORAL INTROIT** *Lord, You are Worthy!* Johannes Brahms

### CALL TO WORSHIP

We gather together—seekers, dreamers, shooting-star wishers—in hopes of seeing God.  
**We gather together—the curious, the hungry, the loving, the lonely—in hopes of finding peace.**  
We gather together—those who are thirsty and those with water to spare—in hopes of finding justice.

**Thirsty, we come to the well. Together we worship God.**

**\*HYMN NO 446** *Glorious Things of Thee Are Spoken* Austrian Hymn

Glorious things of thee are spoken, Zion, city of our God;  
God whose word cannot be broken Formed thee for a blest abode.  
On the Rock of Ages founded, what can shake thy sure repose?  
With salvation's walls surrounded, thou may'st smile at all thy foes.

See, the streams of living waters, springing from eternal love,  
well supply thy sons and daughters And all fear of want remove.  
Who can faint while such a river ever flows their thirst to assuage?  
Grace which, like the Lord, the giver, never fails from age to age.

Round each habitation hov'ring, see the cloud and fire appear  
for a glory and a cov'ring, Showing that the Lord is near.  
Thus deriving from their banner light by night and shade by day,  
Safe they feed upon the manna which God gives them when they pray.

**CALL TO CONFESSION: EXTINGUISHING THE THIRD CANDLE OF LENT**

### PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**Holy God, we have been on every side of this story. We have been the one who is thirsty and in need of compassion, and we have been the one with a bucket and a deep well. So today we wonder: how often have we missed the opportunity to share water with our neighbors? How often have we forgotten that we have a bucket and the power to bring change? How often have we simply decided that justice and compassion were not worth the work? Forgive our fragile hearts and remind us that it was you who sat at that well in Samaria in the heat of the day. It was you. It is still you. With hope we pray, amen.**

**ANTHEM** *When I Survey the Wondrous Cross* Gilbert Martin

**PASSING THE PEACE**

**RESPONSE NO 85** (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**

Exodus 17:1-7; John 4:5-42

**SERMON**

*Will You Give Me a Drink?*

**AFFIRMATION OF FAITH**

**We believe that a glass of water given to us by a stranger can taste like justice.**

**We believe that honest conversation has the power to change us.**

**We believe that all God's children have a voice and something to say.**

**We believe that Jesus loves the outcast, the ignored, the shamed, and the abandoned.**

**We believe in asking questions. We believe in curiosity. We believe in giving people a drink.**

**May we be brave enough to give people a drink. 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 350**

*Fill My Cup*

Refrain: Fill my cup, let it overflow; fill my cup, let it overflow;

Fill my cup, let it overflow; let it overflow with love.

Lord, let me be Your instrument, spreading sunshine in the land;

Let people see Your works in me; Help me live the best I can. [R]

It's my desire to live for You and to always walk upright;

Give me the strength to face each day; stay with me through each dark night.

**BENEDICTION**

**CHORAL BENEDICTION**

**POSTLUDE**

*Larghetto*

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

Liturgy by Sarah Speed, sanctifiedart.org



Announcements