



seeking:
honest questions
for deeper faith

Anaheim First Presbyterian Church

March 19, 2023 @ 10:30 am

PRELUDE *Be Thou My Vision* arr. Matthew Weston

CHORAL INTROIT *Hosanna* Daniel Moe

CALL TO WORSHIP

We come this morning to worship the God made known to us in Christ Jesus.

We come seeking the Christ, the Light of the world.

We come to worship God, and to seek God's presence.

The light of God's presence may be uncomfortable.

Even so, we come to worship.

Even so, we seek God's presence, for in this Light is our life.

***HYMN NO 339** *Be Thou My Vision* Slane

Be Thou my vision, O Lord of my heart; nought be all else to me, save that Thou art--

Thou my best thought, by day or by night, waking or sleeping, Thy presence my light.

Riches I heed not, nor vain empty praise, Thou mine inheritance, now and always:

Thou and Thou only, first in my heart, Great God of heaven, my treasure Thou art.

Be Thou my wisdom, and Thou my true word; I ever with Thee and Thou with me, Lord;

Heart of my own heart, whatever befall, Still be my vision, O Ruler of all.

CALL TO CONFESSION: EXTINGUISHING THE FOURTH CANDLE OF LENT

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (Prayed Responsively)

Who here has sinned?

We have sinned. We put our heads in the sand. We ignored people in need. We make false assumptions and fail to be kind. We are in need of forgiveness.

Good news! Our God is a merciful God. God does not punish, hold grudges, or keep score.

When you suffer, God weeps. When you sin, God forgives. When you lose your way, God comes running.

Thanks be to God for a love like that.

Have you sinned?

I have sinned. I put my head in the sand. I ignore people in need. I make false assumptions and fail to be kind. I, too, am in need of forgiveness.

Good news! Our God is a merciful God. God does not punish, hold grudges, or keep score.

When you suffer, God weeps. When you sin, God forgives. When you lose your way, God comes running.

Thanks be to God for a love like that. Amen.

ANTHEM *Wondrous Love* arr. Shaw/Parker

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 John 9

SERMON *Who Sinned?*

WELCOME OF NEW MEMEBER Alyse Hein

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 280 *Amazing Grace*

Amazing grace (how sweet the sound) that saved a wretch like me!

I once was lost, but now am found, was blind, but now I see.

'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear, and grace my fears relieved;

How precious did that grace appear the hour I first believed!

Through many dangers, toils and snares I have already come:

'Tis grace has brought me safe thus far, and grace will lead me home.

The Lord has promised good to me, His word my hope secures;

He will my shield and portion be as long as life endures.

When we've been there ten thousand years, bright shining as the sun,

We've no less days to sing God's praise than when we'd first begun.

BENEDICTION

CHORAL BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE *Amazing Grace*

arr. Kevin Norris

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