



seeking:
honest questions
for deeper faith

Anaheim First Presbyterian Church

March 5, 2023 @ 10:30 am

PRELUDE

The Swan

Camille Saint-Saens

CHORAL INTROIT

Kyrie Eleison

Joseph Haydn

CALL TO WORSHIP

What is it like to begin again?

It is like flowers in the spring that push through frozen ground. It is like babies learning to walk, one clumsy step at a time. It is like Nicodemus in the night, asking Jesus for guidance. It is like a Sunday morning, starting our week anew.

May we find God in our seeking.

May we learn as we go.

May we be brave enough to begin again.

Let us worship the God of new beginnings.

***HYMN** *Begin Again* Tune: Dix, Lyrics by Anna Strickland

In the deep night of the soul, rich in questions, yearning for life that matters far beyond
Picket fences and front lawns. When we tire of life mundane, we can still begin again.

In the sunset of our life. after years of joy and strife, as we ponder legacy
Wondering what we will leave. When the lights are growing dim, we can still begin again

Every morning, every hour, Spirit gifts us with the power to begin our life anew

What then will we choose to do? Close a chapter, lift the pen to once more begin again

EXTINGUISHING 2ND CANDLE OF LENT

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

God of new life, you call us into unknown places, and we bury our heads in the sand.

You promise all the stars in the sky, and we doubt it can be true.

You speak of new life in the Spirit, and we tell ourselves we've missed our chance.

Over and over and over again, you invite us closer to you. Show us the way.

Forgive our mistakes. Give us the courage to begin again with you. Amen.

ANTHEM

Cantique de Jean Racine

Gabriel Fauré

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

Genesis 12:1-4a; John 3:1-17

SERMON*How Can We Begin Again?***THE SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER**

Invitation

Great Thanksgiving

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**Lift up your hearts. **We lift them up to the Lord.**Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. **It is right to give God thanks and praise.**

Breaking of the Bread

Communion of the People (Kim)

*Please come forward to pick up an individual serving of communion.**When all are served Pastor Kim will invite those in the sanctuary and those at home to join in partaking of the sacrament together.*

Prayer following Communion and Lord's Prayer

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 316***Breathe on Me, Breath of God*

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Breathe on me, Breath of God, fill me with life anew,
that I may love the way you love, and do what you would do.Breathe on me, Breath of God, until my heart is pure,
until with Thee I will one will, to do and to endure.Breathe on me, Breath of God, Till I am wholly Thine,
Until this earthly part of me glows with Thy fire divine.Breathe on me, Breath of God, so shall I never die,
but live with you the perfect life of Thine eternity.**BENEDICTION****CHORAL BENEDICTION****POSTLUDE***Voluntary in A minor*

William Boyce

Today's Worship Leaders:

Guest Preacher, Elizabeth Wang

David Hughes, Director of Music, Carol Hughes, Accompanist

Quintessa Wedell, Cello

Abbott Hatch & Richard Ramich, Video and Sound

Liturgy by Sarah Speed, sanctifiedart.org



Announcements