



# Holy Humor Sunday



FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF ANAHEIM

Anaheim First Presbyterian Church

April 16, 2023 @ 10:30 am

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**PRELUDE** *Selections from 'The Musical Clocks'* F.J. Haydn

**CHORAL INTROIT** *Praise!* Alec Rowley

## CALL TO WORSHIP

Joy is loose,

**In the wiggles of the children,**

The whispers of the youth,

**The smiles of the adults.**

We praise God for this glorious day,

**Let the praise break forth in the most unlikely places and in silly ways.**

Joy and praise fill our hearts and our songs

**Let the laughter be deep, for we are Easter People and "Alleluia" is our song.**

**\*HYMN NO 118** *The Day of Resurrection* Lancashire

The day of resurrection! Earth, tell it out abroad;

The Passover of gladness, the Passover of God.

From death to life eternal, from this world to the sky,

Our Christ hath brought us over with hymns of victory.

Our hearts be pure from evil, that we may see aright

The Lord in rays eternal of resurrection light;

And, listening to His accents, may hear, so calm and plan,

His own "all hail!" and hearing, may raise the victor strain.

Now let the heavens be joyful, let earth the song begin,

Let the round world keep triumph, and all that is therein.

Let all things seen and unseen their notes of gladness blend,

For Christ the Lord is risen, our joy that hath no end.

## PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**You know better than we do, Amused God, what important people we believe we are.**

**Believing we must be serious all the time, we miss out on the joy of your creation. Choosing to feast on the pain of the world, we skip the picnic offered in paradise. Clinging to the despair which is our best friend, we ignore Jesus. who can bring us home to your heart.**

**Forgive us, Heart of Joy, and make us open to the startling, and upside-down ways in which you work. Fill us with Easter's laughter; fill us with your healing joy; fill us with the love poured into us through Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior.**

**ANTHEM***Angels Rolled The Stone Away*

Jester Hairston

**PASSING THE PEACE****RESPONSE** *Halle, Halle, Halleluja!**Halle, Halle, Halleluja! Halle, Halle, Halleluia! Halle, Halle, Halleluia! Halleluia, Halleluia!***SCRIPTURE**

1 Peter 1:3-9

**SERMON***“Eastering with Song and Laughter”***TIME OF SHARED LAUGHTER****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***Give to Us Laughter**Lyrics by Walter Farquharson**(sung to tune: Be Thou my Vision)*

Give to us laughter, O Source of our life. Laughter can banish so much of our strife!  
Laughter and love give us wholeness and health. Laughter and love are the coin of true wealth.

Give to us laughter as sign of deep joy; Let us in laughing find Christian employ,  
Joining with stars and with bright northern lights, Laughing and praising and sharing delights.  
Even in sorrow and hours of grief, Laughter with tears brings us healing relief!  
God, give us laughter, and God, give us peace, Joy of your promise among us increase.

**BENEDICTION****CHORAL BENEDICTION****POSTLUDE***March, from 'The Musical Clocks'*

F.J. Haydn

**Today’s Worship Leaders:**

Kim Skilling, Pastor

David Hughes, Director of Music, Carol Hughes, Accompanist

Soloists: Jim Schamp, Marin Hamilton, Zac Beeker, Rick Connor

Abbott Hatch &amp; Richard Ramich, Video and Sound



Announcements