



Anaheim First Presbyterian Church

April 30, 2023 @ 10:30 am

PRELUDE

Come, Thou Fount

arr. Gordon Young

CHORAL INTROIT

God of Grace and God of Glory

arr. Michael Burkhardt

CALL TO WORSHIP

God loves us with a steadfast love.

Let the redeemed of the Lord say so!

God loves us so much he gave us his Son.

Let us believe and have eternal life!

God loves us with a great love, rich in mercy.

Let us have faith to receive this grace!

Give thanks to the Lord, for God is good.

***HYMN NO 356**

Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing

Nettleton

Come, Thou Fount of every blessing, tune my heart to sing Thy grace;

Streams of mercy, never ceasing, call for songs of loudest praise.

Teach me some melodious sonnet, sung by flaming tongues above;

Praise the mount! I'm fixed upon it, mount of God's unchanging love!

Here I raise my Ebenezer, Hither by Thy help I'm come;

And I hope, by Thy good pleasure, safely to arrive at home.

Jesus sought me when a stranger, wandering from the fold of God;

He, to rescue me from danger, interposed His precious blood.

O to grace how great a debtor daily I'm constrained to be!

Let that grace now, like a fetter, bind my wandering heart to Thee:

Prone to wander, Lord, I feel it, prone to leave the God I love,

Here's my heart, O take and seal it, Seal it for Thy courts above.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Gracious and loving God, hear our prayer. We know we do not always live as we ought:

We turn away from You, from our neighbor, and from our true selves.

We know we dim Your light within us, with our pride, our self-righteousness, and our need for control. We know that You love us, that you do not abandon us, and that again and again you call us back to You, back to love, back to grace, back to your light.

Forgive us and lead us forward by your grace, we pray, through Christ our Lord. Amen.

ANTHEM

HERE'S ONE

Mark Hayes

PASSING THE PEACE

RESPONSE*Halle, Halle, Halleluja!**Halle, Halle, Halleluja! Halle, Halle, Halleluia! Halle, Halle, Halleluia! Halleluia, Halleluia!***SCRIPTURE**

Ephesians 2:1-10 (Revised English Bible Translation)

SERMON*Doing***AFFIRMATION OF FAITH**

“An Easter Affirmation”

by Kennon Callahan

We believe that...**Hope is stronger than memory. Salvation is stronger than sin.****Forgiveness is stronger than bitterness. Reconciliation is stronger than hatred.****Resurrection is stronger than crucifixion. Light is stronger than darkness.****The empty tomb is stronger than the bloodied cross.****The risen Lord is stronger than the dead Jesus. Easter is stronger than Good Friday.****We are the Easter people. We are the people of hope.****We are the people of the empty tomb, the risen Lord, the new life in Christ. 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 108***Christ is Alive!**Truro*

Christ is alive! Let Christians sing. The cross stands empty to the sky.

Let streets and homes with praises ring. Love, drowned in death, shall never die.

Christ is alive! No longer bound to distant years in Palestine,

But saving, healing, here and now, and touching every place and time.

Not throned above, remotely high, untouched, unmoved by human pains,

But daily, in the midst of life, our Savior in the Godhead reigns.

In every insult, rift, and war where color, scorn or wealth divide,

Christ suffers still, yet loves the more, and lives, where even hope has died.

Christ is alive, and comes to bring good news to this and every age,

Till earth and sky and ocean ring with joy, with justice, love, and peace.

BENEDICTION**CHORAL BENEDICTION****POSTLUDE***The Strife Is O'er*

Palestrina, arr. Norman Johnson

Today’s Worship Leaders:

Kip Kipp, Guest Preacher

David Hughes, Director of Music, Carol Hughes, Accompanist

Abbott Hatch & Richard Ramich, Video and Sound

Dale Ramont, Liturgist



Announcements