



Anaheim First Presbyterian Church

May 14, 2023 @ 10:30 am

**PRELUDE** *Songs My Mother Taught Me* Anton Dvorak

**CHORAL INTROIT** *Good Lord!* Judy Rose

**CALL TO WORSHIP**

We gather together in the presence of God, the Lord of heaven and earth:

**the Creator of our world and everything in it;**

the One who gave us life and breath,

**the One who is never far away from any of us,**

the One in whom we live and move and have our being.

**Let's worship God together!**

**\*HYMN NO 483** *Sing Praise to God, Who Reigns Above* Mit Freuden Zart

Sing praise to God, who reigns above, the God of all creation, the God of power, the God of love,

The God of our salvation; with healing balm my soul is filled, and every faithless murmur stilled:

Refrain: To God all praise and glory!

What God's almighty power hath made God's gracious mercy keepeth;

By morning glow or evening shade God's watchful eye ne'er sleepeth;

Within the kingdom of God's might, Lo! all is just and all is right: **[Refrain]**

The Lord is never far away, but through all grief distressing,

An ever present help and stay, our peace and joy and blessing;

As with a mother's tender hand, God gently leads the chosen band: **[Refrain]**

Thus, all my gladsome way along, I sing aloud Thy praises

That all may hear the grateful song my voice unwearied raises.

Be joyful in the Lord, my heart, both soul and body bear your part: **[Refrain]**

**PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

**Creator God, Your life pulses in each of our hearts, and your love permeates each of our lives.**

**Your care sustains us in each moment, and your compassion guides us in each situation. When**

**we fall, you lift us, when we fail you restore us, when we are wounded, you nurse us, when**

**we grieve, you weep with us.**

**But, we have failed to love as you do,**

**As a mother corrects her children, we ask you to correct us; as a mother forgives the sons and**

**daughters who hurt her, we ask you to forgive us; as a mother calls her children to be**

**reconciled with their siblings, we ask you to lead us to reconciliation with one another.**

**In Christ's Name we pray.**

**ANTHEM** *Joshua fit the Battle* Howard Helvey

## PASSING THE PEACE

**RESPONSE** *Halle, Halle, Hallelujah*

Halle halle hallelujah. Halle halle hallelujah. Halle halle hallelujah. Hallelujah.Hallelujah.

**SCRIPTURE** Acts 17:22-31

**SERMON** *The Art of Unlearning*

**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**

## OFFERING MOMENT

### PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE 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** *God of the Women (sung to the tune of "Be Thou My Vision")*

God of the women who answered your call, Trusting your promises, giving their all,  
Women like Sarah and Hannah and Ruth—Give us their courage to live in your truth.

God of the women who walked Jesus' Way, Giving their resources, learning to pray,  
Mary, Joanna, Susanna, and more —May we give freely as they did before.

God of the women who ran from the tomb, Prayed with the others in that upper room,  
Then felt your Spirit on Pentecost Day—May we so gladly proclaim you today.

## BENEDICTION

### CHORAL BENEDICTION

**POSTLUDE** *March Romaine*

Charles Gounod

### Today's Worship Leaders:

Kim Skilling, Pastor

David Hughes, Director of Music, Carol Hughes, Accompanist

Abbott Hatch & Richard Ramich, Video and Sound



Announcements