FIRST PRESBUTERIAN CHURCH OF ANAHEIM



Anaheim First Presbyterian Church

May 21, 2023 @ 10:30 am

PRELUDE In the Garden

C. Austin Miles, arr. Jan Sanborn

CHORAL INTROIT

Jesus is Worthy!

arr Byron J. Smith

CALL TO WORSHIP

Shout to God with songs of great joy!

Great is the Lord and greatly to be praised!

God has made us whole.

God has called us to a ministry of hope and love.

Come, let us celebrate the love of God!

Let us praise God's name and serve God joyfully!

*HYMN NO 150

Come, Christians, Join to Sing

Madrid

Come, Christians, join to sing Alleluia! Amen! Loud praise to Christ our king; Alleluia! Amen! Let all with heart and voice, before His throne rejoice; praise is His gracious choice;

Alleluia! Amen!

Come, lift your hearts on high; Alleluia! Amen! Loud praise to Christ our King; Alleluia! Amen! He is our guide and friend; to us He'll condescend; His love shall never end. Alleluia! Amen! Praise yet our Christ again; Alleluia! Amen! Life shall not end the strain; Alleluia! Amen! On heaven's blissful shore His goodness we'll adore, singing forevermore, "Alleluia! Amen!"

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

We confess, O God, that too often we have our head in the clouds. We are more comfortable with dreaming of the world as we wish it would be instead of working with you to bring that wish to reality. At times, we find it difficult to claim the power you have given us. Surely you have others more capable to be your witnesses? And so, we continue to gaze heavenwards. Jolt us out of our complacency, O God. Remind us to get a move on. Remind us we have work to do with you. Give us your energy, courage, and vision to be your witnesses to the end of the earth.

ANTHEM

How Can I Keep from Singing?

arr by Gwyneth Walker

PASSING THE PEACE

RESPONSE Halle, Hallelujah

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

SCRIPTURE Acts 1:6-14

SERMON The Great Day of Christian Honesty

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 NO 153

He Is King of Kings

Refrain: He is King of kings, He is Lord of lords. Jesus Christ the first and last. No one works like Him.

He built His throne up in the air, No one works like Him,

And called His saints from everywhere. O [R]

He pitched His tents on Canaan's ground, No one works like Him,

And broke oppressive kingdoms down, No one works like Him, O [R]

I know that my Redeemer lives, No one works like Him,

And by His love sweet blessing gives, No one works like Him, O [R]

BENEDICTION

CHORAL BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE Hallelujah

Cesar Franck

Today's Worship Leaders:

Kim Skilling, Pastor

David Hughes, Director of Music, Carol Hughes, Accompanist

Abbott Hatch & Richard Ramich, Video and Sound



Announcements