



Anaheim First Presbyterian Church

June 18, 2023 @ 10:30 am

PRELUDE

Crown Him with Many Crowns

George Elvey

CHORAL INTROIT

If Ye Love Me

Thomas Tallis

CALL TO WORSHIP

(Based on Psalm 100)

Let all creation sing with gladness;

Make a joyful noise to the Creator!

Come and abide with the One who formed us;

Make a joyful noise to the Creator!

Give thanks, and praise, and bless God's name;

Make a joyful noise to God!

***HYMN NO 293**

This Is My Father's World

This is my Father's world, And to my listening ears all nature sings and round me rings
The music of the spheres. This is my Father's world, I rest me in the thought of rocks and trees,
Of skies and seas; His hand the wonders wrought.

This is my Father's world: Oh, let me ne'er forget that though the wrong seems oft so strong,
God is the Ruler yet. This is my Father's world: The battle is not done;
Jesus who dies shall be satisfied, and earth and heaven be one.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Fathering God, we come here as we are, often trying our best, but still falling short of your intentions for us. We ask you to walk with us as we sort through the tangles of life and the problems of living. Give us the strength we need to change destructive habits and negative attitudes. As you have given freely to us, help us to freely give to others. Make us receptive to new inspiration, new influence, and new understanding. In the name of our Lord Jesus Christ we ask it, Amen.

ANTHEM

Lift Up Your Eyes

Ken Medema

PASSING THE PEACE

RESPONSE Halle, Halle, Halleluja!

Halle, Halle, Halleluja! Halle, Halle, Halleluja! Halle, Halle, Halleluja! Halleluja! Halleluia!

SCRIPTURE

Matthew 9:35-10:8

SERMON

Freely Give

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

From the PCUSA A Brief Statement of Faith

We trust in God, whom Jesus called Abba, Father.

In sovereign love God created the world good and makes everyone equally in God's image male and female, of every race and people, to live as one community. But we rebel against God; we hide from our Creator. Ignoring God's commandments, we violate the image of God in others and ourselves, accept lies as truth, exploit neighbor and nature, and threaten death to the planet entrusted to our care. We deserve God's condemnation.

Yet God acts with justice and mercy to redeem creation. In everlasting love, the God of Abraham and Sarah chose a covenant people to bless all families of the earth. Hearing their cry, God delivered the children of Israel from the house of bondage. Loving us still, God makes us heirs with Christ of the covenant. Like a mother who will not forsake her nursing child, like a father who runs to welcome the prodigal home, God is faithful still.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Traditional, Hymnal p. 16

*HYMN NO 563

Lift Every Voice and Sing

Lift every voice and sing till earth and heaven ring, ring with the harmonies of Liberty.
Let our rejoicing rise high as the listening skies; Let it resound loud as the rolling sea.
Sing a song full of the faith that the dark past has taught us; Sing a song full of the hope
That the present has brought us; Facing the rising sun of our new day begun,
Let us march on till victory is won.

Stony the road we trod, bitter the chastening rod, felt in the days when hope unborn had died
Yet with a steady beat have not our weary feet come to the place for which our fathers sighed
We have come over a way that with tears has been watered; we have come,
Treading our path through the blood of the slaughtered, Out of the gloomy past,
Till now we stand at last where the white gleam of our bright star is cast.

God of our weary years, God of our silent tears, Thou who has brought us thus far on the way
Thou who has by Thy might Led us into the light; Keep us forever in the path, we pray.
Lest our feet stray from the places, our God, where we met Thee;
Lest, our hearts drunk with the wine of the world, we forget Thee;
Shadowed beneath Thy hand may we forever stand, true to our God, true to our native land.

BENEDICTION

CHORAL RESPONSE

POSTLUDE

The Lord's Prayer

Albert Malotte

Today's Worship Leaders:

Elizabeth Gibbs Zehnder, Guest Preacher

Rick Conner, Liturgist

Zac Beeker, Guest Director, Tianhui Zhang Grout, Guest Accompanist

Abbott Hatch & Richard Ramich, Video and Sound



ANNOUNCEMENTS