



Anaheim First Presbyterian Church

June 25, 2023 @ 10:30 am

**PRELUDE**

*Come into His presence*

Lynn Baird

**CHORAL INTROIT**

*Mighty is the Lord*

Wihla Hutson

**CALL TO WORSHIP**

Make a joyful noise to the Lord, all the earth.

**Worship the Lord with gladness; come into the Lord's presence with singing.**

Know that the Lord is God.

**It is God that made us, and we are God's; we are God's people,  
and the sheep of God's pasture.**

Enter God's gates with thanksgiving, and God's courts with praise.

**Give thanks to the Lord, bless God's name.**

For the Lord is good;

**God's steadfast love endures forever, and God's faithfulness to all generations.**

**\*HYMN NO 430**

*Come Sing, O Church, in Joy!*

Darwall's 148th

Come sing, O church, in joy! Come join, O church, in song!

For Christ the Lord has led us through the ages long!

**Refrain:** In bold accord, come celebrate the journey now and praise the Lord!

Long years have come and gone, and still God reigns supreme,

Empowering us to catch the vision, dream the dream! **[R]**

Let courage be our friend, let wisdom be our guide, As we in mission magnify the Crucified! **[R]**

Come, sing, O church, in joy! Come join, O church, in song!

For Christ the Lord has triumphed o'er the ages long! **[R]**

**PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

**God of our salvation, we confess that we often prefer to live in darkness, embracing the safety and security of life's shadows; sometimes we even delight in our divisions, believing we are better than others; sometimes the yoke of our calling feels too heavy, and we seek to slip out from under the bar across our shoulders.**

**Forgive our fear. Forgive our aversion to the light. Forgive our unresponsiveness to your call. Forgive our willful blindness and deafness to Your Way. Help us know deep in our souls that you are our light and our salvation, our joy and our wonder, our very life. Amen.**

**ANTHEM**

*Shepard Me, O God*

Marty Haugen

**PASSING THE PEACE**

**RESPONSE**

*Halle, Halle, Halleluja!*

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

**SCRIPTURE**

Matthew 5:13-20

**SERMON***Straining After Images***AFFIRMATION OF FAITH***from A Brief Statement of Faith*

In a broken and fearful world the Spirit gives us courage to pray without ceasing, to witness among all peoples to Christ as Lord and Savior, to unmask idolatries in Church and culture, to hear the voices of peoples long silenced, and to work with others for justice, freedom, and peace.

In gratitude to God, empowered by the Spirit, we strive to serve Christ in our daily tasks and to live holy and joyful lives, even as we watch for God's new heaven and new earth, praying, "Come, Lord Jesus!"

**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 ref no. pg. 478** *Called to Mission* (Lyrics by Steve Wirth, Sung to tune *Lauda Anima*)

Come, O Church, be called to mission, hear the call of Christ today.

Hear anew the Great Commission that inspires us to pray:

Alleluia! Alleluia! Send us out upon our way!

Jesus Christ is our salvation, so we have the Word to share.

We go out to build relations with those given to our care:

Alleluia! Alleluia! Boldly, we, our mission, dare!

Those in need are hurt and hopeless. They are we when seen in love.

Come to us, O Heaven, help us. Be to all a gentle dove:

Alleluia! Alleluia! Give us eyes like Yours above.

Spirit-led, we go in mission; charged to care for every race.

Unified by His compassion, we reflect Christ's holy face.

Alleluia! Alleluia! Praise God for abundant grace.

**BENEDICTION****CHORAL RESPONSE****POSTLUDE***Amazing Grace*

Jenifer Cook

**Today's Worship Leaders:**

Steve Wirth, Guest Preacher

Marcos Torres, Guest Director

Tianhui Zhang Grout, Guest Accompanist

Dale Ramont, Liturgist

Abbott Hatch &amp; Richard Ramich, Video and Sound



Announcements