

The Verse *After* The Verse

Anaheim First Presbyterian Church

July 16, 2023 @ 10:30 am

PRELUDE *Let All Things Now Living* arr. Jan Sanborn

WELCOME

CHORAL INTROIT *Voice of Peace* Anthony Bernarducci

CALL TO WORSHIP

For the beauty of the summer day,
And the comfort of friends nearby;
For the invitation to love and be loved,
For our God who extends that call;
For time set apart to nourish the soul,
For time to go out into the world armed with love:
For all these things we give thanks. Let us worship God.

***HYMN NO 554** *Let All Things Now Living* Ash Grove

Let all things now living a song of thanksgiving to God our Creator triumphantly raise.
Who fashioned and made us, protected and stayed us, by guiding us on to the end of our days.
God's banners are o'er us, pure light goes before us, a pillar of fire shining forth in the night.
Till shadows have vanished, all fearfulness banished, as forward we travel from light into Light.
By law God enforces the stars in their courses, the sun in its orbit obediently shine.
The hills and the mountains, the rivers and fountains, the depths of the ocean proclaim God divine
We, too, should be voicing our love and rejoicing with glad adoration, a song let us raise.
Till all things now living unite in thanksgiving, to God in the highest, hosanna and praise.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Loving and gracious God, you are so patient with us. We run away, and you seek us. We make foolish choices, and you teach us the better way. We hurt you and others, and instead of hurting us back, you forgive us. Help us, we pray; help us reveal your glory and goodness in our living, that we will bear the imprint of Christ and shine his light into your world.

SPECIAL MUSIC *I Will* Hilary Week

PASSING THE PEACE

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

SCRIPTURE Romans 3:23-24

SERMON *Bad News, Good News, Grace News*

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

(from 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.

OFFERING MOMENT

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND 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 383

My Faith Looks Up to Thee

My faith looks up to Thee, Thou Lamb of Calvary, Savior divine!

Now hear me while I pray, take all my guilt away; O let me from this day be wholly Thine.

May Thy rich grace impart strength to my fainting heart, my zeal inspire; As Thou hast died for me, O may my love to Thee pure, warm, and changeless be, a living fire.

While life's dark maze I tread, and griefs around me spread, be Thou my guide;

Bid darkness turn to day, wipe sorrow's tears away, nor let me ever stray from Thee aside.

When ends life's transient dream, when death's cold, sullen stream shall o'er me roll,

Blest Savior, then, in love, fear and distrust remove; O bear me safe above, a ransomed soul.

BENEDICTION

CHORAL RESPONSE

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POSTLUDE

To Worship, Work, and Witness

Johann Steuerlein

Today's Worship Leaders:

Kim Skilling, Pastor

David Hughes, Director of Music

Carol Hughes, Accompanist

Maren Hamilton & Harmony Nichols, Soloists

Abbott Hatch & Richard Ramich, Video and Sound

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