

The Verse After The Verse

Anaheim First Presbyterian Church

July 30, 2023 @ 10:30 am

PRELUDE

I Love You, Lord

Laurie Klein, arr. Fred Bock

WELCOME

CHORAL INTROIT

Bright Morning Star

arranged by Fred Squatrito

CALL TO WORSHIP

We are called here this morning to learn of Christ's healing love.

Help us, O Lord, to learn your lessons of compassion.

Every day there are many ways in which we can offer help to others.

Help us, O Lord, to be ready to reach out to all in need.

Come, let us worship the One who prepares us for service.

Let us sing our songs of praise to the One who intervenes for us in love.

*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

God, you see us; you have compassion; and you care for your greatest creation – people. You have also called us to notice, to listen, and to love others. Yet in our selfishness, we have ignored those before us and we have rushed past those who have needed us. Gracious God, meet us and heal us that we might be the light of love you are calling us to be.

SPECIAL MUSIC

My Heavenly Father Loves Me/I Feel My Saviors Love

by Clara W. McMaster and K Newell Dayley

PASSING THE PEACE

RESPONSE *Halle, Halle, Halleluja!*

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

SCRIPTURE John 3:16-17

SERMON *Care as Action, Action as Care*

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

based on Colossians 3.10-16

We affirm our faith in a compassionate God, and clothe ourselves according to the image of God our creator. We clothe ourselves without distinction of race, creed or color for Christ is all and in all!

We clothe ourselves with compassion, kindness, humility, meekness, and patience. We clothe ourselves with forgiveness; just as the Lord has forgiven us, so we also will forgive. We clothe ourselves with love, which binds everything together in perfect harmony. We clothe ourselves with the peace of Christ in our hearts. We clothe ourselves with gratitude for all wisdom and praise. Amen.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND LORD'S PRAYER

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***HYMN**

The Summons

Will you come and follow me if I but call your name? Will you go where you don't know and never be the same? Will you let my love be shown? Will you let my name be known, will you let my life be grown in you and you in me?

Will you leave yourself behind if I but call your name? Will you care for cruel and kind and never be the same? Will you risk the hostile stare should your life attract or scare? Will you let me answer prayer in you and you in me?

Will you let the blinded see if I but call your name? Will you set the prisoners free and never be the same? Will you kiss the leper clean and do such as this unseen, and admit to what I mean in you and you in me?

Will you love the "you" you hide if I but call your name? Will you quell the fear inside and never be the same? Will you use the faith you've found to reshape the world around, through my sight and touch and sound in you and you in me?

Lord your summons echoes true when you but call my name. Let me turn and follow you and never be the same. In Your company I'll go where Your love and footsteps show. Thus I'll move and live and grow in you and you in me.

BENEDICTION *Bright Morning Star*

arranged by Fred Squatrito (the last phrase)

POSTLUDE

Te Deum

Marc-Antoine Charpentier

Today's Worship Leaders:

Dave Dorman, Guest Preacher

David Hughes, Director of Music

Carol Hughes, Accompanist

Harmony Nichols & Maren Hamilton, Soloists

Abbott Hatch & Richard Ramich, Video and Sound



Announcements