

The Verse After The Verse

Anaheim First Presbyterian Church

August 13, 2023 @ 10:30 am

PRELUDE *Musette and Bourree* Delalande/Telemann

CHORAL INTROIT *Deep River* arr. H.T. Burleigh

WELCOME

CALL TO WORSHIP

Jesus says, "Come unto me and rest."

We say, "Let me do the dishes first. Let me pay the bills first. Let me make this call first."

God says, "Be still before the Lord and wait patiently for him."

We say, "I don't know how to slow down. Leaving things unfinished is difficult for me."

God says, "Be still and know that I am God."

We say, "We will try and we will begin as we worship God together."

***HYMN NO 376** *Love Divine, All Loves Excelling* Hyfrydol

Love divine, all loves excelling, joy of heaven to earth come down,
fix in us Thy humble dwelling,
All Thy faithful mercies crown! Jesus, Thou art all compassion,
pure, unbounded love Thou art;
Visit us with Thy salvation, enter every trembling heart.

Breathe, O breathe, Thy loving Spirit into every troubled breast!
Let us all in Thee inherit,
Let us find the promised rest; take away the love of sinning;
Alpha and Omega be;
End of faith, as its beginning, set our hearts at liberty.

Come, Almighty to deliver, let us all Thy life receive;
suddenly return, and never,
Nevermore Thy temples leave. Thee we would be always blessing,
serve Thee as Thy hosts above;
Pray and praise Thee without ceasing, glory in Thy perfect love.

Finish, then, Thy new creation; pure and spotless let us be;
Let us see Thy great salvation
Perfectly restored in Thee; changed from glory into glory,
till in heaven we take our place,
Till we cast our crowns before Thee, lost in wonder, love, and praise.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

O God, forgive us. We try and save the world by ourselves, ending up only tired and frustrated. We try and do everything, even that which You have not called us to do. Busy and fatigued and impatient, we are unable to respond when You do call us to action, for our schedules have become our excuses. Yet our pride keeps us from Your rest and refreshment and guidance.

Forgive us, O Lord, and help us to see the good we should do, the time we should rest, and the way that we should trust. Grant to us endurance, patience, and wisdom.

SPECIAL MUSIC *My Heart Ever Faithful* J.S. Bach

PASSING THE PEACE

RESPONSE *Halle, Halle, Halleluja!*

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

SCRIPTURE Matthew 11:28-29

SERMON *The Yoke's On You!*

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

from the United Methodist Church

I believe in God, who places joy in our souls, dancing in our toes and songs in our hearts. I believe God wanted gladness to flow like a river and so created a bountiful earth with plenty for all to share.

I believe in Jesus, who turned water into wine, partied with outcasts and sinners, and touched the broken so they could leap and dance. I believe Jesus opened the doors and set an extra place so we could feast.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, who prompts us to smile, who sends us invitations to come and dine, who nudges us to openness and tenderness. I believe the Spirit is present every time we gather to break bread and is always urging us to live joyfully and walk hopefully.

Forever, I will rest in the embrace of God and be a witness to resurrection joy.

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 419** (v. 1, 2, & 4)

How Clear Is Our Vocation, Lord

Repton

How clear is our vocation, Lord, when once we heed your call:

To live according to Your word, and daily learn, refreshed, restored,

That you are Lord of all and will not let us fall.

But if forgetful, we should find Your yoke is hard to bear,

If worldly pressures fray the mind and love itself cannot unwind

Its tangled skein of care: our inward life repair.

In what you give us, Lord, to do, Together or alone,

In old routines or ventures new, may we not cease to look to You—

The cross You hung upon—all You endeavored done.

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

Marche Royale

J.B. Lully

Today's Worship Leaders:

Kim Skilling, Pastor

David Hughes, Director of Music, Carol Hughes, Accompanist

Sophia Khurana, Soloist

Abbott Hatch & Richard Ramich, Video and Sound



Announcements