

The Verse *After* The Verse

Anaheim First Presbyterian Church

August 20, 2023 @ 10:30 am

PRELUDE

Seek Ye First

Karen Lafferty, arr. Tom Keene

CHORAL INTROIT

Creator of the Stars and Night (hymn #4) Trans. John Mason Neale

WELCOME

CALL TO WORSHIP

God, we've been going in circles all week.

We can't get these worries out of our head.

But you call us to worship now, to refocus on You;

Your love that is never in debt and your grace that knows no limit.

Your mercies are new each morning!

Remind us we start each day with a clean slate.

*HYMN NO 276

Great Is Thy Faithfulness

Faithfulness

Great is Thy faithfulness, O God my Father, there is not shadow of turning with Thee;

Thou changest not, Thy compassions they fail not; as Thou has been Thou forever wilt be.

Refrain:

Great is Thy faithfulness! Great is Thy Faithfulness! Morning by morning new mercies I see; All I have needed Thy hand hath provided; Great is Thy faithfulness, Lord unto me!

Summer and winter and springtime and harvest, sun, moon, and stars in their courses above

Join with all nature in manifold witness to Thy great faithfulness, mercy, and love. **[R]**

Pardon for sin and a peace that endureth, Thine own dear presence to cheer and to guide;

Strength for today and bright hope for tomorrow, blessings all mine, with ten thousand beside! **[R]**

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

O God, we so easily lose our way and to focus on the wrong things. Give us strength and courage to get our priorities straight: help us to seek your kingdom first. Help us to live faithfully and joyfully in the world, and to love you and neighbor. Help us also to remember that our best relationship is the one we have with you, we pray in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord.

SPECIAL MUSIC *How Beautiful Are the Feet of Them from Messiah* George Friedric Handel

PASSING THE PEACE

RESPONSE*Halle, Halle, Halleluja!*

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

SCRIPTURE

Matthew 6:33-34

SERMON*The Non-Prosperity Gospel***AFFIRMATION OF FAITH***Serenity Prayer**by S Reinhold Niebuhr*

**God, give us grace to accept with serenity the things that cannot be changed,
courage to change the things which should be changed,
and the wisdom to distinguish the one from the other.**

**Living one day at a time, enjoying one moment at a time,
accepting hardship as a pathway to peace, taking, as Jesus did, this sinful world as it is,
not as I would have it,
trusting that You will make all things right, if I surrender to Your will,
so that I may be reasonably happy in this life,
and supremely happy with You forever in the next. Amen.**

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 333Seek Ye First*

Lafferty

Seek ye first the kingdom of God and His righteousness,
And all these things shall be added unto you. Allelu, alleluia!

Ask and it shall be given unto you, seek and ye shall find,
Knock and the door shall be opened up to you, Allelu, alleluia!

BENEDICTION**POSTLUDE***March*

Frank L. Moir

Today's Worship Leaders:

Kim Skilling, Pastor

David Hughes, Director of Music, Carol Hughes, Accompanist

Nya Nulty, Soloist

Abbott Hatch & Richard Ramich, Video and Sound



Announcements