



FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF ANAHEIM

JUNE 14, 2020

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE

CALL TO WORSHIP

God, you are a God of invitation.

You invited Abraham to follow you.

You invited Peter to walk on water.

You invited the tax collector to dinner.

You invited the Samaritan woman into eternal life.

Just the same, you invite us to live lives of faith.

Give us the strength to say yes.

Let us worship you, good and holy God.

HYMN

Jesus Calls Us O'er the Tumult

*Jesus calls us o'er the tumult of our life's wild, restless sea;
day by day his sweet voice soundeth, saying "Christian, follow me."*

*In our joys and in our sorrows, days of toil and hours of ease,
still he calls, in cares and pleasures, "Christian, love me more than these."*

*Jesus calls us; by thy mercies, Savior, may we hear thy call,
give our hearts to thine obedience, serve and love thee best of all.*

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

God of the wind and the sea, You invite us to be brave, but we are more familiar with fear.

You invite us to trust you, but we'd rather trust wind and gravity.

You invite us to believe in ourselves, but we have never been good at that.

You invite us to move—to change and take a risk—

But we stay planted where we are, afraid of the ways growth might hurt.

Forgive us for our self-doubt and fear. We believe, despite our unbelief.

ANTHEM

Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us

Bradbury/Schwoebel

SERMON

"Unraveled by Uncertainty"

Matthew 12:22-33

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

I believe in God, the Great Weaver— Who stiches us together in community,
collecting our loose ends and turning them into belonging.

I believe in the Holy Spirit— Who hems us in before and behind,
Catching us when we fall and writing us into God's holy narrative.

And I believe in Jesus Christ— Who loved and claimed the people society had thrown out,
refusing to disregard anyone as scrap.

I believe God has woven part of God's self into the fiber of our being,
Making us inherently worthy of love and belonging.

I believe the fabric of my life is weak,

Tthat I am prone to error and need God's handiwork to remind me of love.

I believe in the Church, and that like a quilt of different fabrics,
is designed to be as diverse and beautiful as God's creation.

And I believe that when life unravels, God is there to stitch my wounds together,
To hold me in the palm of God's hand, to tell me of love,

And to invite me into a new journey. Amen.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE & 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

Unraveled by Uncertainty

Stephen M. Fearing

Unraveled by uncertainty, the waters stir our doubts,

Though sea surrounds us on all sides, our faith is in a drought.

When storms arise and weather turns, our balance comes undone.

And right when we think all is lost, God's work is just begun.

When doctors give the painful news, when memory starts to fade,

When bullets fly and children die, and trust has been betrayed,

Come, Jesus, save us from the depths and keep our hands secure,

When certainty seems but a dream, your steadfast love endure.

BENEDICTION

Today's Worship Leaders:

Kim Skilling, Pastor

David Hughes, Hymn Leader

Carol Hughes, Organist/Pianist