

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF ANAHEIM

JUNE 21, 2020

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE

A Mighty Fortress Is Our God

CALL TO WORSHIP

God comes to our house this day,

Longing to be in relationship with us.

God comes to our house this day,

Loving us who are both sinners and saints.

God comes to our house this day,

Seeing us all, claiming us all, and loving us all.

God comes to our house this day,

Let us worship Holy God.

HYMN

God of Our Fathers, Whose Almighty Hand

God of our fathers, whose almighty hand leads forth in beauty all the starry band Or shining worlds in splendor through the skies, our grateful songs before Thy throne arise.

Refresh Thy people on their toilsome way, lead us from night in never ending day; Fill all our lives with love and grace divine, And glory, laud, and praise be ever Thine.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Gracious God, Zacchaeus was a sinner, but so are we.

Like Zacchaeus, we are quick to prioritize the wrong things—valuing our to-do lists over family time, our own success over a relationship with you, and wealth over generosity. We lose sight of what really matters. We lose sight of love.

Forgive us for our ignorance and impatience. Call us back to the life you long for us to lead. With humility and gratitude we pray, Amen.

ANTHEM Thy Perfect Love Rutter

SERMON "Unraveled from Wee to We" Luke 19:1-10

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, that I am prone to error and need God's handiwork to remind me of love. I believe in the Church, and that like a guilt 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

We Make Such Careful Plans, O Lord Stephen M. Fearing We make such careful plans, O Lord; we think we know your mind.

We do all things on our accord and seek to find our own reward. Despite all we've designed, sometimes we're misaligned.

Zacchaeus thought he knew it all, he thought he knew his place. He climbed a tree for he was small then Jesus came to change his call And met him face to face to help him grow in grace.

A radical unraveling will sometimes come our way, When God unveils a newer thing along the road we're traveling So help us, God, we pray thy holy will obey.

CHORAL BENEDICTION

Today's Worship Leaders:

Kim Skilling, Pastor David Hughes, Hymn Leader Carol Hughes, Organist/Pianist

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