



FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF ANAHEIM

JUNE 28, 2020

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

ANTHEM

All Things Bright And Beautiful

Rutter

CALL TO WORSHIP

All things bright and beautiful,
God created for our enjoyment.

All things wrenching and hard,
God holds with tender care.

All things unjust and oppressive,
God dismantles and redeems.

You and I, neighbors and strangers, friends and enemies,
God loves without condition.

So let us draw near to God, confess our sin, and clear the way to receive God's love.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

God of all things, much of life is bright and beautiful and much breaks our hearts.

Humanity is capable of such evil. Stories in scripture alongside stories on the news remind us of that truth all the time. For the moments when we choose ugliness over beauty, violence over peace, exclusion over inclusion, and fear over hope—forgive us.

When we choose pride over what is right, and comfort over justice— Show us mercy.

And when we numb our pain instead of leaning into empathy—

Unravel us, for we long to be changed. Gratefully we pray, Amen.

(Time of Personal Prayer and Reflection)

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

RESPONSE

This Little Light of Mine

150th Anniversary Version

This little light of mine, I'm gonna let it shine (repeat twice)

Let it shine, let it shine, let it shine.

From the heart of Anaheim, I'm gonna let it shine (repeat twice)

Let it shine, let it shine, let it shine.

This little light of mine, I'm gonna let it shine (repeat twice)

Let it shine, let it shine, let it shine.

SCRIPTURE

2 Samuel 3:7; 21:1-14

SERMON

"Unraveled by Grief and Injustice"

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 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, 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

Canto de Esperanza/Song of Hope

(Sing 3 times: first in English, second in Spanish, last time in English or Spanish)

May the God of hope go with us every day, filling all our lives with love and joy and peace.

May the God of justice speed us on our way, bringing light and hope to every land and race.

Praying, let us work for peace, singing, share our joy with all.

Working for a world that's new, faithful when we hear Christ's call.

Dios de la esperanza, danos gozo y paz. Al mundo en crisis, habla tu verdad.

Dios de la justicia, mandanos tu luz, luz y esperanza en la oscuridad.

Oremos por la paz, cantemos de tu amor.

Luchemos por la paz, fieles a ti, Señor.

CHORAL BENEDICTION

Today's Worship Leaders:

Kim Skilling, Pastor

David Hughes, Liturgist and Director of Music

Carol Hughes, Organist/Pianist