



FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF ANAHEIM

JULY 19, 2020

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE

How Great Thou Art

are. Lloyd Larson

CALL TO WORSHIP

Sometimes life takes us where we don't expect.

Sometimes, God takes us where we don't expect.

In worship, we are invited into the larger story of God.

In worship, God meets us to enlarge our hearts and expand our vision.

So let us worship the God of unending surprises.

Let us worship the God of hope and love.

HYMN

Praise, My Soul, The King of Heaven

Praise, my soul, the King of heaven, To his feet thy tribute bring;

Ransomed, healed, restored, forgiven, Evermore His praises sing:

Alleluia! Alleluia! Praise the everlasting King.

Angels, teach us adore Him: Ye behold him face to face;

Sun and moon bow down before Him,

Dwellers all in time and space.

Alleluia! Alleluia! Praise with us the God of grace!

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Creator God, Being faithful has never been easy. You asked Noah to build a ship.

You asked the Israelites to plant gardens and build homes while in exile.

You asked the prophets to speak challenging truths.

You asked the disciples to drop their nets and follow you.

And you ask us to love bigger than society wants to.

Being faithful has never been easy, and as a result, we often miss the mark.

Forgive us for holding tightly to human-made plans.

Forgive us for the times we say no to you so that we can say yes to ourselves.

Unravel the grip we have on our agenda so that we can make room for you.

(Time of Personal Prayer and Reflection)

SOLO

Ave Maria

Schubert

SCRIPTURE

Jeremiah 29:1-7

SERMON

"Unraveled Exile"

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

Jeremiah Sent A Letter

Jeremiah sent a letter to the folks in Babylon.

Long had they been stuck in darkness, waiting for to greet the dawn.

They had suffered much in exile, toiling hard in angst and fear.

Young and old were forced to labor, kept in place by sword and spear.

Sometimes, Lord, we find ourselves in places we don't want to be.

Places full of pain and anguish, places craving jubilee.

May we in the times of exile serve our God courageously,

In the moments of our trial, may we love all faithfully.

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

Hyfrydol

arr. Mark Kellner

Today's Worship Leaders:

Kim Skilling, Pastor David Hughes, Hymn Leader

Carol Hughes, Pianist Kendall Harb, Soloist Abbott Hatch, Sound and Video

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