



FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF ANAHEIM

JULY 12, 2020

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE

Amazing Grace

Eugenie Rocherolle

CALL TO WORSHIP

(Based on an ancient Celtic Prayer)

We gather in the presence of the Son of God to ask God to perform a miracle for us:

Change our heart, O God.

God's creation is a million wondrous miracles, beautiful to behold.

This day we ask of God just one more miracle: beautify our soul.

HYMN

Great God, Your Love Has Called Us Here Tune: St. Catherine

Great God, your love has called us here, as we, by love for love were made.

Your living likeness still we bear, though marred, dishonored, disobeyed.

We come, with all our heart and mind your call to hear, your love to find.

Great God, in Christ you set us free your life to live, your joy to share.

Give us your Spirit's liberty to turn from guilt and dull despair

and offer all that faith can do while love is making all things new.

SOLO

Now Robed in Cooling Spring, from The Creation

F.J. Haydn

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Holy God, we open our hearts to you this day, and offer the truth of our lives:

The fear that stifles us, the prejudice that blinds us,

the ignorance that hobbles us, and the certainty that closes us off to possibilities.

We pray for the courage to admit our fault,

the strength to amend our actions,

and the hope of your grace and mercy.

(Time of Personal Prayer and Reflection)

SCRIPTURE

Acts 9:1-20

SERMON

"Unraveled Certainties"

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

Amazing Grace

Amazing grace! how sweet the sound, That saved a wretch; like me!
I once was lost, but now am found, Was blind, but now I see.

’Twas grace that taught my heart to fear, And grace my fears relieved;
How precious did that grace appear The hour I first believed!

When we’ve been there ten thousand years, Bright shining as the sun,
We’ve no less days to sing God’s praise Than when we first begun.

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

Today's Worship Leaders:

Kim Skilling, Pastor

David Hughes, Liturgist and Director of Music

Carol Hughes, Organist/Pianist

Olivia Kellett, Soloist