



FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF ANAHEIM

SEPTEMBER 6, 2020

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE

Andante

Robert Schumann

CALL TO WORSHIP

In worship

May we be as welcoming as Sarah and Abraham, who were quick to serve the stranger.

In faith,

May we proclaim that nothing is too big for God.

In moments of holy surprise,

May we laugh with deep abiding joy.

For God is in the holy surprise.

God is in the winding path.

And God is in our presence today.

Let us worship our Holy God.

HYMN

I Come With Joy

I come with joy to meet my Lord, forgiven, loved, and free;

in awe and wonder to recall his life laid down for me. His life laid down for me.

I come with Christians far and near to find, as all are fed,

the new community of love in Christ's communion bread. In Christ's communion bread.

And thus with joy we meet our Lord; his presence, always near,

is in such friendship better known: we see and praise him here. We see and praise him here.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

God of unexpected joy and answered prayers,

we confess that sometimes things feel too good to be true,

While at other times we wonder if you hear us at all.

When life unravels for the worst—we blame you.

But when life unravels for the best, filling our days with holy surprise—

we tend to praise ourselves, thinking we've earned this unexpected joy.

Forgive us. Help us to see you in our midst.

And with every breath that turns into a laugh, draw us closer to you. Amen.

SCRIPTURE READING

Genesis 18:1-15; 21:1-7

SERMON

"Unraveled by God's Laughable Grace"

ANTHEM

Grace

arr. Mark Hayes

THE SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

Invitation

Great Thanksgiving

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts. **We lift them up to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give God thanks and praise.

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.

Breaking of the Bread

Communion of the People

(Pastor Kim will invite you to eat whatever bread and juice/wine you have prepared)

HYMN

Give Us Laughter Unexpected lyrics by Steven M. Fearing

Give us laughter unexpected, mirth that mothers us to health;

Bubbling up from deep within us, endless source of wondrous wealth.

May our tears flow o'er our cheekbones, not of sorrow but of mirth;

Freely flowing silly giggles, ones that mend this broken earth.

Blessed are you who weep with sorrow; soon the laughter comes to save.

God our joyful source of mercy, raises you up from the grave.

Never cease to loose your chuckles, laugh out loud and let it fly!

Hold yourself in holy humor, share God's joy in strong supply!

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee

Beethoven, arr. F. Bock

Today's Worship Leaders

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