

ANAHEIM FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

December 27, 2020

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

INTROIT

King of Kings and Lord of Lords, Hallelujah

G.F. Handel

CALL TO WORSHIP Based on Psalm 126 Here on the heels of Christmas, We speak of love. We speak of joy. We speak of candle light and fireside. We speak of dreams being fulfilled. We speak of "glorias" and angel choruses. We speak the words, "Do not be afraid." Here on the heels of Christmas, We are called to speak, for the world needs a light. Let us now light a candle to remember that the light of Christ shines in the darkness, and the darkness cannot overcome it. Let us worship and listen. Then, let us speak. Amen.

HYMN NO.22 (v. 1, 4) Angels, from the Realms of Glory

Angels, from the realms of glory, wing your flight o'er all the earth; Ye, who sang creation's story now proclaim Messiah's birth: Refrain: Come and worship, come and worship, worship Christ the newborn King!

All creation, join in praising God the Father, Spirit, Son, Evermore your voices raising to the eternal Three in One: [Refrain]

OPENING PRAYER

God of today and tomorrow, we know that your fingerprints are all over this world. And we know that those who dream cannot keep silent. So today we pray, give us eyes to see you. Give us courage to trust you. And give us lips to speak of you in our midst. Gratefully we pray, Amen. POEM

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POEM

First Coming Medley of Carols Amazing Peace: A Christmas Poem

Hark! The Herald Angels Sing

HYMN NO.31 (v1&3)

Hark! The herald angels sing, "Glory to the newborn King, Peace on earth, and mercy mild, God and sinners reconciled." Joyful, all ye nations rise, join the triumph of the skies; with the angelic host proclaim,"Christ is born in Bethlehem!" Hark! The herald angels sing, "Glory to the newborn king."

Hail the heaven-born Prince of Peace! Hail the sun of righteousness! Light and life to all He brings, risen with healing in His wings. Mild He lays His glory by, Born that we no more may die, Born to raise us from the earth, Born to give us second birth. Hark! The herald angels sing, "Glory to the newborn king."

SCRIPTURE

Luke 2:22-40

POEM

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QUESTIONS FOR REFLECTION

HYMN NO.29 (v1&3) Go Tell It On the Mountain Refrain: Go, tell it on the mountain over the hills and everywhere; Go, tell it on the mountain, that Jesus Christ is born.

While shepherds kept their watching o'er silent flocks by night, Behold throughout the heavens there shone a holy light. [Refrain]

Down in a lowly manger the humble Christ was born, And God sent us salvation that blessed Christmas morn. [Refrain]

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

HYMN NO.49 (v. 1, 2, 4) Once in David's Royal City

Once in David's Royal city stood a lowly cattle shed, Where a mother laid her baby in a manger for His bead. Mary was that mother mild, Jesus Christ her little child.

He came down to earth from heaven who is God and Lord of all, And His shelter was a stable and his cradle was a stall. With the poor, oppressed, and lowly lived on earth our Savior holy.

And our eyes at last shall see Him, Through His own redeeming love, For that Child so dear and gentle is our Lord in heaven above; And he leads his children on to the place where he is gone.

BENEDICTION

The Work of Christmas

CHORAL BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

Go Tell it On the Mountain

Charles Lindberg

Howard Thurman

Madeline L'Engle arr. Ringwald - Shaw Dr. Maya Angelou