



ANAHEIM FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

April 25, 2021

## WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

### LIGHTING OF THE CHRIST CANDLE

You are encouraged to join us in lighting a candle in your home as the service begins.

### CHORAL INTROIT

Credo

Schubert

### CALL TO WORSHIP

Lost...

**wandering without purpose, meaning, value, acceptance, or place.**

That is the rut where we often find ourselves. We wander lost.

**But we are never truly lost to God.**

In our lostness we are found by God who names us and claims us and brings us home.

**Cleansed, refreshed, and made new by God's grace.**

### HYMN NO.108 (v. 1, 3, & 4)

#### ***Christ is Alive!***

*Christ is alive! Let Christians sing. The cross stands empty to the sky.*

*Let streets and homes with praises ring. Love, drowned in death, shall never die.*

*Not throned afar, remotely high. Untouched, unmoved by human pains,*

*But daily, in the midst of life, our Savior in the Godhead reigns.*

*In every insult, rift, and war, where color scorn, or wealth divide,*

*Christ suffers still, yet loves the more, and lives, where even hope has died.*

### PRAYER OF CONFESSION

God of our hearts, we come to you admitting the ways we have lost our way.

In the chaos of our lives, we have lost our peace.

In our selfishness, we have lost our ability to care for others.

In our self-reliance, we have lost our total dependence on you.

**We ask for your forgiveness and mercy for our wandering hearts. Break us out of our habits of sin and remind us that it is by your grace we are found. In the name of Jesus we pray, Amen.**

**ANTHEM**

*Magdalena*

Johannes Brahms

**SCRIPTURE**

Luke 15:11-32

**SERMON**

“Only the Lost Can Be Found”

**AFFIRMATION OF FAITH**

"An Easter Affirmation"

Kennon Callahan

**We believe that...**

**Hope is stronger than memory. Salvation is stronger than sin.**

**Forgiveness is stronger than bitterness. Reconciliation is stronger than hatred.**

**Resurrection is stronger than crucifixion. Light is stronger than darkness.**

**The empty tomb is stronger than the bloodied cross.**

**The risen Lord is stronger than the dead Jesus. Easter is stronger than Good Friday.**

**We are the Easter people. We are the people of hope.**

**We are the people of the empty tomb, the risen Lord, the new life in Christ. Amen.**

**PRAYER & 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 NO.280** (v. 1, 3, & 4)

*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.*

*Through many dangers, toils, and snares, I have already come;*

*‘Tis grace has brought me safe thus far, and grace will lead me home.*

*The Lord has promised good to me, His word my hope secures;*

*He will my shield and portion be as long as life endures.*

**BENEDICTION**

**CHORAL RESPONSE**

**POSTLUDE**

*Amazing Grace*

arr. Kevin Norris

**Today's Worship Leaders**

Kim Skilling, Pastor

David Hughes, Director of Music

Carol Hughes, Accompanist

AFPC Intern Choir

Abbott Hatch & Rick Connor, Video and Sound