

FAITH WORKS

THE BOOK OF JAMES

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF ANAHEIM

OCTOBER 24, 2021

PRELUDE

Blessed Assurance

Crosby/Seidel/Bach

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

INTROIT

And Hold You in the Palm of God's Hand

arr. Mark Hayes

CALL TO WORSHIP

The heavens are telling the glory of God and the firmament proclaims His handiwork.

Day to day pours forth speech and night to night declares knowledge.

There is no speech, nor are there words; yet their voice goes out through all the earth and their words to the end of the world.

Let the words of my mouth and the meditations of our hearts be acceptable to You, O God, our Rock and our Redeemer.

HYMN NO 335

Though I May Speak

O Waly, Waly

Though I may speak with bravest fire, and have the gift to all inspire,
And have not love, my words are vain; as sounding brass, and hopeless gain.

Though I may give all I possess, and striving so my love profess,
But not be given by love within, the profit soon turns strangely thin.

Come, Spirit, come, our hearts control, our spirits long to be made whole.
Let inward love guide every deed; by this we worship and are freed.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Holy God, we make so many mistakes. Our tongues engage before our brains do. We want to be a people who are faithful to your word and led by your guidance, but we are so easily distracted by the cacophony of words and sounds around us.

Forgive us when we are quick to speak and slow to understand; when we sow division, break others down and seek to dominate rather than dialogue.

Forgive us, God. Tame our tongues of fire. Guide us in our speech, so our words can bless and build up. Lead us back to the path of wisdom and fullness of life in you.

PASSING OF THE PEACE

ANTHEM

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SCRIPTURE

James 1:19-20 & 3:1-12

SERMON

"Faith Works for With Care"

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH*from A Brief Statement of Faith*

The same Spirit who inspired the prophets and apostles rules our faith and life in Christ through Scripture, engages us through the Word proclaimed, claims us in the waters of baptism, feeds us with the bread of life and the cup of salvation, and calls women and men to all ministries of the Church.

In a broken and fearful world the Spirit gives us courage to pray without ceasing, to witness among all peoples to Christ as Lord and Savior, to unmask idolatries in Church and culture, to hear the voices of peoples long silenced, and to work with others for justice, freedom, and peace.

In gratitude to God, empowered by the Spirit, we strive to serve Christ in our daily tasks and to live holy and joyful lives, even as we watch for God's new heaven and new earth, praying, "Come, Lord Jesus!"

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE**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 426(v. 1, 3, 4, 5)*Lord Speak To Me, That I May Speak*

Canonbury

Lord, speak to me, that I may speak in living echoes of Thy tone;

As Thou hast sought, so let me seek Thine erring children lost and lone.

O teach me, Lord, that I may teach the precious things Thou dost impart;

And wing my words, that they may reach the hidden depths of many a heart.

O fill me with Thy fullness, Lord, until my very heart o'erflow

In kindling thought and glowing word, Thy love to tell, Thy praise to show.

O use me, Lord, use even me, just as Thou wilt, and when, and where;

Until Thy blessed face I see, Thy rest, Thy joy, Thy glory share.

BENEDICTION**CHORAL BENEDICTION****POSTLUDE***To Worship, Work and Witness*

Johann Steuerlein

Today's Worship Leaders:

Kim Skilling, Pastor

David Hughes, Director of Music, Carol Hughes, Accompanist
Abbott Hatch, Rick Connor, & Richard Ramich, Video and Sound