

CLOSE to HOME

Anaheim First Presbyterian Church

December 5, 2021 @ 10:30 am

PRELUDE

Celtic Cradle Song

arr. David Huntsinger

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

INTROIT

Break Forth O Beauteous Heavenly Light

J.S. Bach

CALL TO WORSHIP

If life was a home, then we would pray,

May God be the cornerstone. May the Spirit be the windows that usher light in.

And may hope be the walls that hold us together.

In this hour of worship, let us work toward building that home together.

We may not know the path ahead, but God is here, even now.

Let us give thanks for a foundation of love.

Let us worship Holy God.

HYMN NO 8

Lift Up Your Heads, Ye Mighty Gates

Besancon

Lift up your heads, ye mighty gates, behold, the King of glory waits;

The King of kings is drawing near; the Savior of the world is here!

Fling wide the portals of your heart; make it a temple, set apart

From earthly use for heaven's employ, adorned with prayer and love and joy.

Redeemer, come! I open wide my heart to Thee: here, Lord, abide.

Let me Thy inner presence feel; Thy grace and love in me reveal.

Lighting of the Advent Wreath: The Candle of Peace

The Ramich Family

Last week we remembered that in Christ, God draws near to us in our homesickness granting us the gift of hope.

Relighting of the Candle of Hope

Today we reflect on the foundation of our faith as we gather together around the candle of peace.

The home we long for is a home that knows peace –

Peace that rests between us and our grief, peace around our anxiety,

Peace between us and our self-criticism, peace amidst our relationships,

Peace at the core of our being, peace hovering through and in our world.

The home we long for is a home that knows peace.

So today we light the candle of peace – as a reminder and as a prayer.

Let it be so. Amen.

Lighting of the Candle of Peace

ANTHEM

Star of Advent

Pepper Choplin

PASSING OF THE PEACE

SCRIPTURE READING

Luke 1:57-80

SERMON

"The Foundation of Our Story"

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

Please come forward to pick up an individual serving of communion.

When all are served Pastor Kim will invite those in the sanctuary and those at home to join in partaking of the sacrament together.

Prayer following Communion

HYMN *Zechariah's Lullaby (Sung to Cradle Song)* text: Anna Strickland

When old Zechariah held his baby son, he blessed him and dreamed of what he would become. As baby John rocked in the temple that morn, this song Zechariah sang for his newborn.

"And you child will be called a prophet of Christ, to bring home to hearts and to shadows the light. For God has sent visions of what you will do, a dream to proclaim and a world to renew."

We lay a foundation for what is to be, not knowing yet praying for what we can't see. We trust in God's imagination to build, from blueprints and hope for a dream yet fulfilled.

BENEDICTION

CHORAL RESPONSE

POSTLUDE

Deck the Halls

arr. Chip Davis

Today's Worship Leaders:

Kim Skilling, Pastor

David Hughes, Director of Music, Carol Hughes, Accompanist

Abbott Hatch & Richard Ramich, Video and Sound

Liturgy by Sarah (Are) Speed, A Sanctified Art