

ANAHEIM FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

January 24, 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

Jesus, Lover of My Soul

Wesley/Parry

CALL TO WORSHIP

Our souls wait in silence;

our hope rests in God

our rock, our salvation, our refuge.

We will not be shaken.

In this time of worship, we pour out our hearts

because we trust in God's steadfast love.

HYMN NO. 379 (vs. 1 & 3) My Hope is Built on Nothing Less

My hope is built on nothing less than Jesus' blood and righteousness; I dare not trust the sweetest frame, but wholly lean on Jesus' name.

Refrain:

On Christ, the solid Rock, I stand;

All other ground is sinking sand.

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His oath, His covenant, His blood support me in the whelming flood; When all around my soul gives way, He then is all my hope and stay. [Refrain]

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

God of Salvation, we seek refuge in all the wrong places.

We place our confidence in taking things from others,

instead of delighting in with what we receive from you.

We set our hopes on fame and security,

instead of relying on your grace and steadfast love.

Almighty Deliverer, rescue us from our delusions.

Save us from our foolish choices, and guide us in the better way.

arr. Walter Ehret

SERMON "God Alone"

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

from the Iona Community

We believe in God whose love is the source of all life and the desire of our lives, whose love was given a human face in Jesus of Nazareth, whose love was crucified by the evil that awaits to enslave us all and whose love, defeating death, holds a promise of freedom. Therefore, though we are sometimes fearful and full of doubt, in God we trust; and in the name of Jesus Christ, we commit ourselves, in the service of others, to seek justice and to live in peace, to care for the Earth and to share the commonwealth of God's goodness, to live in the freedom of forgiveness and the power of the spirit of love, and in the company of the faithful, wherever found. 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.197 (v. 1 & 5) My Soul in Silence Waits for God Tune: Amazing Grace My soul in silence waits for God, who my own hope has proved.

A rock and stronghold is my God, I never shall be moved.

For truly God has spoken once, and twice to me made known: That strength and power belong to God, and unto God alone.

BENEDICTION

CHORAL RESPONSE Amen Peter Lutkin

POSTLUDE Solid Rock arr. Matthew Weston

Today's Worship Leaders

Kim Skilling, Pastor
David Hughes, Director of Music
Carol Hughes, Accompanist
AFPC Intern Choir
Abbott Hatch and Rick Connor, Video and Sound