



ANAHEIM FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

March 21, 2021

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## 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

*Praise the Lord in Holy Songs of Joy!*

Bethoven

### CALL TO WORSHIP

Every week is a new week, another chance to say,

**“Here I am. Use me.”**

Every day is a new day, another chance to say,

**“Thank you for yesterday. Thank you for tomorrow.”**

Every hour is a new hour, another chance to say,

**“Again and again, make me new.”**

We do not come to this place to stay the same.

**We come to this place to be changed.**

So let us worship the holy God, who created yesterday, will create tomorrow,  
and even now is creating something new.

**Thanks be to God. Amen.**

### **HYMN NO.487 (vs. 1 & 3)**      *When Morning Gilds the Skies*

*When morning gilds the skies, my heart awaking cries: May Jesus Christ be praised!*

*Alike at work and prayer to Jesus I repair: May Jesus Christ be praised!*

*Let earth’s wide circle round in joyful notes resound: May Jesus Christ be praised!*

*Let air and sea and sky from depth to height reply: May Jesus Christ be praised!*

### PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**Gracious God, We want to see you. We want to be known as the people who looked for Jesus; but not only that, we want to be people who have your covenant written on our hearts.**

**Why do we feel so far away from that at times? What went wrong? Where did we lose our way?**

**Could you, would you, once again, write on our fragile hearts? We would be so grateful. Amen.**

**ANTHEM***Surely He was the Son of God*

Craig Courtney

**SCRIPTURE**

Jeremiah 31:31-34

**SERMON**

"Again &amp; Again, We Are Reformed"

**AFFIRMATION OF FAITH**

**We believe that flowers need the rain. We believe that humans need community.**

**We believe that bodies need rest. We believe that hearts need connection.**

**We believe that mornings need sunrise. We believe that seasons need change.**

**We believe that grief needs space. We believe that change needs time.**

**We believe that love needs security. We believe that pain needs art.**

**We believe that joy needs company. We believe that our spirits need God.**

**Again and again, our spirits need God.**

**Fortunately for us, we trust that God is here. God is at work in our lives.**

**God is a lighthouse keeper that never gives up. Thanks be to God. 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***Change My Heart, O God*

*Change my heart, O God. Make it ever true. Change my heart oh God. May I be like you.*

*You are the potter, I am the clay. Mold me and make me, this is what I pray.*

*Change my heart, O God. Make it ever true. Change my heart, O God. May I be like you.*

**BENEDICTION****CHORAL RESPONSE****POSTLUDE**

Hallelujah, What a Savior!

Philip Bliss, arr. Norman Johnson

**Today's Worship Leaders**

Kim Skilling, Pastor

David Hughes, Director of Music

Carol Hughes, Accompanist

AFPC Intern Choir

Abbott Hatch &amp; Rick Connor, Video and Sound

Today's prayers are by Sarah Are of Sanctified Art.