

FAITH WORKS

THE BOOK OF JAMES

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF ANAHEIM

OCTOBER 17, 2021

PRELUDE

For the Beauty of the Earth

arr. Tom Howard

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

INTROIT

Praise With Us the God of Grace!

Gordon Young

CALL TO WORSHIP

From the ends of the earth we are gathered together;

The poor, and the rich, the joyful, the sorrowful, the honored, and the despised—

All are gathered in one community, reflecting the love and life of God.

We have come from many worlds. Let us worship God as one!

HYMN NO 343 (v. 1-3)

Called As Patners In Christ's Service

Beecher

Called as partners in Christ's service, called to ministries of grace,

We respond with deep commitment fresh new lines of faith to trace.

May we learn the art of sharing, side by side and friend with friend,

Equal partners in our caring to fulfill God's chosen end.

Christ's example, Christ's inspiring, Christ's clear call to work and worth,

Let us follow, never faltering, reconciling folk on earth.

Men and women, richer, poorer, all god's people, young and old,

Blending human skills together gracious gifts from God unfold.

Thus new patterns for Christ's mission, in a small of global sense,

Help us bear each other's burdens, breaking down each wall or fence.

Words of comfort, words of vision, words of challenge, said with care,

Bring new power and strength for action, make us colleagues, free and fair.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Holy God, although we honor you with our words and worship, our hearts are often far from you. We are quick to judge, quick to exclude, quick to put others down instead of building them up.

Forgive us, God. Help us amend our ways. Help us embrace the inclusive love you graciously offer us and expect us to offer others.

PASSING OF THE PEACE

ANTHEM

Sing to the Lord a New Song

Lloyd Larson

SCRIPTURE

Mark 7:24-37 & James 2:1-9

SERMON

"Faith Works for All

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

Iona Community Worship Book

We believe that God hopes and works for a world where all shall be included in the feast of life, and that in Christ we see how costly it is to bring that world about. We believe that rich and poor alike can be generous, wise and creative because all are made in God's image, and that we are made poorer when they are left out. We believe that loving our neighbors means working for justice, so that all have a say in what happens to them.

We long for the time when the meek shall inherit the earth and all who hunger and thirst after justice shall be satisfied, and we believe that, despite the persistence of evil, now is always the time when more good can be done and we can make a difference.

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 358 (v. 1, 2, & 4)*Help Us Accept Each Other*

Baronita

*Help us accept each other as Christ accepted us, teach us as sister, brother,
Each person to embrace. Be present, Lord, among us, and bring us to believe
We are ourselves accepted and meant to love and live.*

*Teach us, O Lord, Your lessons, as in our daily life we struggle to be human
And search for hope and faith. Teach us to care for people, for all, not just for some,
To love them as we find them or as they may become.*

*Lord, for today's encounters with all who are in need, who hunger for acceptance,
For righteousness and bread, we need new eyes for seeing, new hands for holding on:
Renew us with Your Spirit; Lord, free us, make us one!*

BENEDICTION**CHORAL BENEDICTION****POSTLUDE***The Harvest*

Tom Howard

Today's Worship Leaders:

Kim Skilling, Pastor

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