



Service of Thanksgiving

First Presbyterian Church of Anaheim
Sunday, November 21, 2021 10:30 am

PRELUDE

Now Thank We All Our God

J.S.Bach

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

INTROIT

Pilgrim's Hymn

Stephen Paulus

CALL TO WORSHIP

Come, let us praise God who has so richly blessed us!

Let us celebrate the many ways in which God has touched our lives.

God is always with us offering blessing and hope, comfort and peace.

Praise be to the God of harvest and hope, of joy and salvation

for the wonders God has given to us.

HYMN

Let All Things Now Living

Ash Grove

Let all things now living, a song of thanksgiving to God our Creator triumphantly raise;

Who fashioned and made us, protected and stayed us, by guiding us on to the end of our days.

God's banners are o'er us, pure light goes before us, a pillar of fire shining forth in the night.

Till shadows have vanished all fearfulness banished, as forward we travel from light into Light

By law God enforces the stars in their courses, the sun in its orbit obediently shine;

The hills and the mountains, the rivers and fountains, the depths of the ocean proclaim God

divine. We, too, should be voicing our love and rejoicing with glad adoration, a song let us

raise; Till all things now living unite in thanksgiving, to God in the highest, hosanna and praise.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Giving God, you are the source of all blessings, and yet we often neglect to give you thanks.

We are, at times, too jealous to be thankful. We complain, "Why do they get everything?"

and compare ourselves with those who have more. We forget how to say thank you, saying

instead, "I earned this." We are too busy to be thankful; always racing to the next thing

without savoring the moment. We are too tired to be thankful. We sigh, "I just want to get

through this day," and have no energy to open our eyes to the blessings around us.

Awaken us to the blessings we have in you. Swell our hearts with gratitude and love.

Hear us as we offer this simple prayer: For what we have received, Lord, make us truly

thankful.

PASSING OF THE PEACE

ANTHEM

Thanks Be to Thee

George F. Handel

SCRIPTURE

I Corinthians 1:1-9

SERMON

"Because of the Grace of God..."

TIME OF SHARED THANKSGIVING

LITANY OF THANKSGIVING AND HYMN NO. 473 “For the Beauty of the Earth”

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O come, let us sing to the Lord; let us make a joyful noise to the rock of our salvation.

The Lord is good, and greatly to be praised.

Gracious God, you designed the earth in your wisdom, you have adorned it with beauty, you have watered it with your goodness and have caused it to bring forth abundantly. You have surrounded us with your love throughout the length of our days.

**For the beauty of the earth, for the glory of the skies, for the love which from our birth
Over and around us lies.**

Refrain: Lord of all, to Thee we raise this our hymn of grateful praise.

Dear Creator, we thank you for experiences of you in nature, for the variety and beauty of seasons, for days and nights, for periods of work and rest. We thank you for the ebb and flow of life that unites us with the rhythm of the universe.

**For the wonder of each hour of the day and of the night, hill and vale, and tree and flower,
Sun and moon, and stars of light,** [Refrain]

God of all joy, we taste and see that you are good. We thank you for the beauty around us, the touch of love, the grace to hear your word and to live in a world alive with your presence. Awaken us to the signs of your grace that our hearts may sing your praise.

**For the joy of ear and eye, for the heart and mind's delight, for the mystic harmony
Linking sense to sound and sight,** [Refrain]

Loving God, we thank you for our loved ones; our parents, our children, our spouses, our friends. We hold them in your love. Warm their hearts with your joy and make bright their days.

**For the joy of human love, brother, sister, parent, child, friends on earth and friends above,
For all gentle thoughts and mild,** [Refrain]

Lord God Almighty, we thank you for the church; for holy places where your word is spoken and your way is taught. Thank you for our faith which binds us one to another, and for all who have served faithfully, loving others and witnessing to the truth.

**For Thy church that evermore lifteth holy hands above, offering up on every shore
Her pure sacrifice of love,** [Refrain]

Give thanks to the Lord, for God is good.

God's love is from everlasting to everlasting.

BENEDICTION

The Lord Bless You and Keep You

Peter Lutkin

CHORAL BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

Oh, for a Thousand Tongues to Sing

'Azmon', arr. Matthew Weston

Today's Worship Leaders:

Rev. Forrest Claassen, Preacher, Kim Skilling, Pastor
David Hughes, Director of Music, Carol Hughes, Accompanist
Abbott Hatch, Rick Connor, & Richard Ramich, Video and Sound