

# First Presbyterian Church

at the heart of Anaheim

October 1, 2023  
World Communion Sunday





\*You are invited to stand as you are able.

**PRELUDE**

*Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee*

arr. Fred Bock

**INTROIT**

*Let the Hungry Come to Me*

arr. Kirchner

**WELCOME & RESPONSE**

*Come to the Table of Grace (Joy Verse)*

Come to the table of joy. Come to the table of joy.

This is God's table; it's not yours or mine. Come to the table of joy.

**\*CALL TO WORSHIP**

(responsively)

Gathered in this space and from every corner of the globe,

**The Spirit of God is upon us.**

The Spirit makes us one.

**Together we are the body of Christ and individually members of it.**

With joy, let us come together to worship God,

**who binds us together in love and service.**

**\*HYMN NO. 464**

*Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee*

Hymn to Joy

Joyful, joyful, we adore Thee, God of glory, Lord of love;

Hearts unfold like flowers before Thee, opening to the sun above.

Melt the clouds of sin and sadness; Drive the gloom of doubt away;

Giver of immortal gladness, Fill us with the light of day.

All Thy works with joy surround Thee, Earth and heaven reflect Thy rays,

Stars and angels sing around Thee, center of unbroken praise.

Field and forest, vale and mountain, flowery meadow, flashing sea,

Singing bird and flowing fountain, call us to rejoice in Thee.

Mortals, join the happy chorus which the morning stars began;

Love divine is reigning o'er us, joining all in heaven's plan.

Ever singing, march we onward, victors in the midst of strife,

Joyful music leads us sunward in the triumph song of life.

**PRAYER OF CONFESSION (unison)**

[Open both palms upward in the sign language for "give"]

**We thank you, Creator God, that you formed every one of us in your image. Forgive us when we forget that you call us together in all our uniqueness and differences so that together we may reflect the limitless diversity of who you are.**

[Place your hands together in the sign meaning “to be with.”]

**We thank you, Sustainer God, that you are here with us and call us to be with one another across lines that divide us by nation and location, ways of worshiping you, language, and creed. Forgive us for the barriers that we try to erect. Break them down by your grace.**

[Bring your hands close to your face, in the sign for “prayer.” & feel your breath on your hands]

**We thank you, God, for breathing into us the breath of life. Even when we have turned away, you have remained with us, close as breath. We remember and celebrate that this same breath unites us all as your children and as your body in the world.**

**ANTHEM**

*How Lovely Are the Messengers*

Felix Mendelssohn

**PASSING THE PEACE**

**TIME FOR CHILDREN**

**PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION**

**SCRIPTURE**

Philippians 2: 1-13 and Matthew 21: 23-32

(Message Translation)

**SERMON**

*My Big, Fat, Christian Family*

**SACRAMENT OF THE LORD’S SUPPER**

**Invitation**

Come to the Table of Grace

**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.**

**Responses**

*Come to the Table of Love*

*Come to the Table of Joy*

**Breaking of the Bread**

**The Lord’s Prayer**

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**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.**

## **Communion of the People**

*[Please come forward, take a piece of bread, dip it in the cup, and return to your seat.*

*For those who prefer communion may be brought to your pew.*

*Those worshiping remotely are invited to join as they are ready.]*

## **Prayer following Communion**

### **PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND LORD'S PRAYER**

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### **\*HYMN 514**

*Let us Talents and Tongues Employ*

Linstead

Let us talents and tongues employ, reaching out with a shout of joy:

Bread is broken, the wine is poured. Christ is spoken and seen and heard.

Refrain: Jesus lives again, earth can breathe again, pass the Word around, loaves abound

Christ is able to make us one, at the table He sets the tone;

Teaching people to live to bless, Love in word and in deed express. [refrain]

Jesus calls us in sends us out bearing fruit in a world of doubt,

Gives us love to tell, bread to share: God (Immanuel) everywhere! [refrain]

## **BENEDICTION**

### **CHORAL BENEDICTION**

### **POSTLUDE**

*Linstead*

arr. John A. Behnke

## **TODAY'S WORSHIP LEADERS**

The Rev. Kim Skilling - Pastor

Dr. David Hughes - Music Director

Carol Hughes - Organist/Pianist

Susan Wei- Liturgist

Matthew Chamberlain- Soloist

Chris Coleman, Director - Anaheim Readers Theater

Abbott Hatch & Richard Ramich – Sound and Video

# Announcements

## Worship Notes

Hearing assistance devices are available at the tech table (or ask a greeter).

For our Children: Worship activity bags are available from the greeters and we have a "Prayground", located at the front right of the Sanctuary. Nursery care is available for children up to age 6.



## Coffee Fellowship

Every Sunday in the courtyard, following the Worship Service.

## THIS WEEK

### **Zoom Bible Study on September 27, 2023**

Wednesdays at 10am

All are invited to join to join us online: Zoom.us

Meeting ID: 608 966 196 Passcode: 5352176

### **Chancel Choir Practice, Thursdays at 7pm and Sundays at 9:30 am**

Speak with Dr. Hughes for more details.

## Mark your Calendars

### **October 7, 2023 Blessing of the Animals**

In partnership with Citi Paws

122 W Broadway

12:00pm-2:00pm

**October 8, 2023**

**Flu Shot Clinic**

Please note the new time: 11am to 3 pm.

Free vaccinations will be available through Hoag' for anyone age 10 or older.

**October 14, 2023      Visio Divina Prayer Workshop**

10:30am- 11:30am in the Church Library

This class will be led by Christine Lee Smith, a professional photographer and jspiritual director. Donations for the class will be donated to the church for Sanctuary improvements.

**October 17, 2023 Gathering of Spirits**

Join us at 5:45pm at Windsor Browns for a time when our spirits encounter God's Spirit in spirited discussion on wide ranging topics.

**October 29, 2023 Lunch Bunch**

Anyone who wishes is invited to join in going out to lunch following worship. Restaurant to be determined.

## **PRAYER REQUESTS**

Please pray for those in treatment for cancer: John Harb (Kendall Schubert's father), Matthew Williams (Jack and Geri Baird's grandson), Catherine Morris, Bill Anderson (Bruce Anderson's Brother)

Please pray for those on hospice: Patricia Carl

Please continue to pray for the health of: Dave Lopez (Alan Lopez' brother), Harvey Taylor, Dave Lopez, , Mellody Anderson, Norma Leichtweis, Daline Goode & Family (Mellody Anderson's cousin), Esther Fieldhouse, Luca ( son of Christina Cuddy's friend), Carol Talbot, Wanda Reynolds.

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