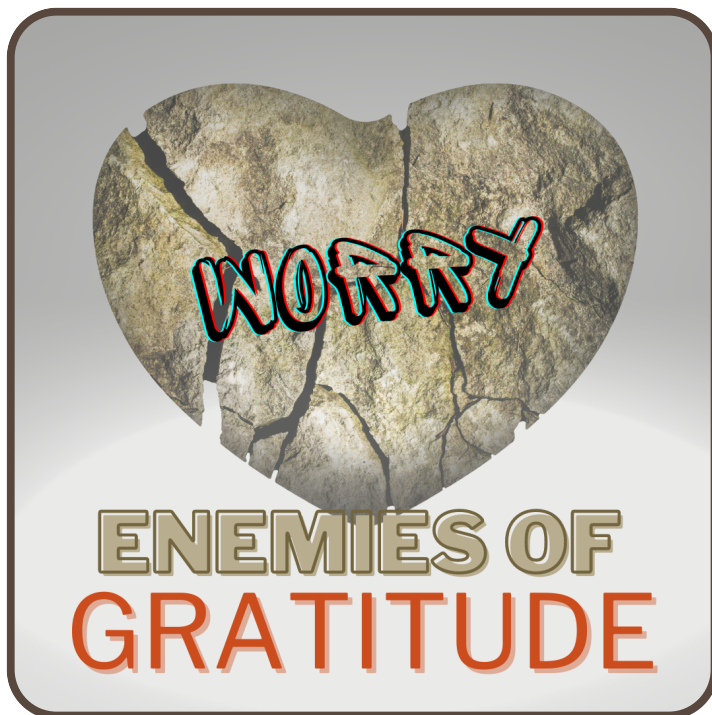




First Presbyterian Church
at the heart of Anaheim

October 15, 2023



ENEMIES OF GRATITUDE

*You are invited to stand as you are able.

PRELUDE *Music for a Festival* Calvin Hampton

CHORAL INTROIT *Alleluia* Everett Titcomb

CALL TO WORSHIP

Joy, wonder, delight –

Doubt, peace, restlessness –

Sorrow, contentedness, anxiety –

Confidence, hope, pardon:

We lay our hearts, full of these things, before our God.

Unburdened and awaiting

Let us worship God.

***HYMN 483** *Sing Praise to God, Who Reigns Above* Mit Freuden Zart

Sing praise to God, who reigns above, the God of all creation, the God of power, the God of love,

The God of our salvation; with healing balm my soul is filled, and every faithless murmur stilled:

Refrain: To God all praise and glory!

What God's almighty power hath made God's gracious mercy keepeth;

By morning glow or evening shade God's watchful eye ne'er sleepeth; Within the kingdom of God's might, Lo! all is just and all is right: [Refrain]

The Lord is never far away, but through all grief distressing,

An ever present help and stay, our peace and joy and blessing;

As with a mother's tender hand, God gently leads the chosen band: [Refrain]

Thus, all my gladsome way along, I sing aloud Thy praises

That all may hear the grateful song my voice unwearied raises.

Be joyful in the Lord, my heart, both soul and body bear your part: [Refrain]

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

O Great Provider, we love to worry. We worry about our looks. We worry about our health. We worry about our jobs. We worry about money. We worry about the future. We worry about worrying too much. We act as if you do not know our needs. We act as if the birds go hungry, and the flowers go unclothed. We act as if you care more for the world around us than you care for us.

Wake us up, O God. Help us see our value in your eyes. Help us feel your care for our every need, through Jesus our Lord. Amen.

ANTHEM

I Lift My Eyes (Ps 121)

Rene Clausen

PASSING THE PEACE

RESPONSE

Halle, Halle, Halleluja!

Halle, Halle, Halleluja! Halle, Halle, Halleluia! Halle, Halle, Halleluia! Halleluia, Halleluia!

TIME FOR CHILDREN

SCRIPTURE

Philippians 4:1-9

SERMON

Don't Worry, Be Thankful

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

Adapted from Affirmation by Sarah Speed

We believe that even in our forgetfulness, God remembers us.

Even in our silence, God loves us. Even in our fear or shame, God chooses us.

Even when we hide, God finds us. Even when we sin, God wraps us in grace.

We believe God meets us wherever we find ourselves and sets us free

to be bold, to be brazen, to be exactly who God calls us to be.

So we strive to live with an open spirit, with grateful hearts, and with room to grow.

May it be so. Amen.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND 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 404** *Precious Lord, Take My Hand*

Precious Lord

Precious Lord, Take My Hand, lead me on, help me stand;
I am tired, I am weak, I am worn;
Through the storm, through the night, lead me on to the light;
Take my hand, precious Lord, lead me home.
When my way grows drear, Precious Lord, linger near;
When my life is almost gone,
Hear my cry, hear my call, Hold my hand lest I fall;
Take my hand, precious Lord, lead me home.

BENEDICTION

CHORAL BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE *Praise to the Lord*

Calvin Hampton

TODAY'S WORSHIP LEADERS

The Rev. Kim Skilling- Pastor
Dr. David Hughes - Music Director
Carol Hughes - Organist/Pianist
Susan Wei, Ministry Intern - Liturgist
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 October 18, 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 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 22, 2023 @1:00pm

Memorial Service for Clif Buchanan

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.

WAYS TO GIVE

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