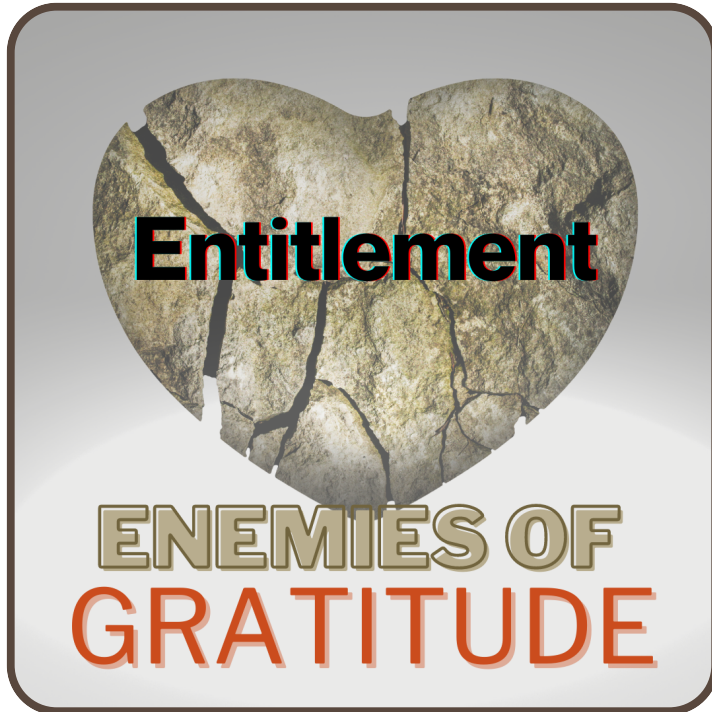




First Presbyterian Church
at the heart of Anaheim

October 22, 2023



ENEMIES OF GRATITUDE

*You are invited to stand as you are able.

PRELUDE *Children of the Heavenly Father* arr. Jan Sanborn

CHORAL INTROIT *O Sing Unto the Lord (Ps. 96:1-3)* Hans Leo Hassler

CALL TO WORSHIP

When the Lord calls us to the banquet, we get puffed up with importance.

Humility needs to be our attitude; humility and gratitude.

Help us, O Lord, be grateful for the many ways in which you love us.

Help us return that love by the way in which we care for others.

Be with us, O Lord, this day.

Open our hearts to hear your words of hope and encouragement.

***HYMN 392** *Take Thou Our Minds, Dear Lord* Hall

Take Thou our minds, dear Lord, we humbly pray:

Give us the mind of Christ each passing day;

Teach us to know the truth that sets us free;

Grant us in all our thoughts to honor Thee.

Take Thou our hearts, O Christ, they are Thine own;

Come Thou within our souls and claim Thy throne;

Help us to shed abroad Thy deathless love;

Use us to make the earth like heaven above.

Take Thou our wills, Most High! Hold Thou full sway;

Have in our inmost souls Thy perfect way;

Guard Thou each sacred hour from selfish ease;

Guide Thou our ordered lives as Thou dost please.

Take Thou ourselves, O Lord, heart, mind, and will;

Through our surrendered souls Thy plans fulfill.

We yield ourselves to Thee—time, talents, all;

We hear, and henceforth heed, Thy sovereign call.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Merciful God, Your patience is more than we deserve, for our priorities are so often confused.

You invite us to your table of life and love, and rather than running full tilt, we hesitate.

We consult our calendars and weigh our options. We consider who else might be in attendance,

or we question whether we really belong.

Forgive us, God, for not always knowing what is best for us, and forgive us when we know, but still choose otherwise. Show us once again what faithful humility looks like. (Silent prayer)

ANTHEM

Sign Me Up

Brandon Boyd

PASSING THE PEACE

RESPONSE

Halle, Halle, Halleluja!

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

TIME FOR CHILDREN

SCRIPTURE

Luke 14:1-24

SERMON

Passing on Grace

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.

HYMNAs We Gather At Your Table*

In Babilone

As we gather at your Table, as we listen to your Word,
Help us know, O God, your presence; let our hearts and minds be stirred.
Nourish us with sacred story till we claim it as our own;
Teach us through this holy banquet how to make Love's victory known.
Turn our worship into witness in the sacrament of life;
Send us forth to love and serve you, bringing peace where there is strife.
Give us, Christ, your great compassion to forgive as you forgave;
May we still behold your image in the world you died to save.
Gracious Spirit, help us summon other guests to share that feast
Where triumphant Love will welcome those who had been last and least.
There no more will envy blind us nor will pride our peace destroy,
As we join with saints and angels to repeat the sounding joy.

BENEDICTION**CHORAL BENEDICTION****POSTLUDE***Praise to the Lord*

arr. Gordon Young

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



A Memorial Service to Celebrate the Life of **Clif Buchanan** and commend him to God's care will be held on **Sunday, October 22 1:00 pm** in the Sanctuary

The family will provide sandwiches for church members so that we may remain after worship for the service.

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

Anaheim Halloween Parade October 28, 2023

Meet us in the Parking Lot at 5:30pm, and we will walk together to the parade route where we will hand out popcorn with an invitation to "Pop in and see us sometime." The parade starts at 7:00pm.

October 29, 2023

Lunch Bunch

Anyone who wishes is invited to join in going out to lunch following worship.
Restaurant will be Ruby's Diner

November 28, 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.

PRAYER REQUESTS

Please pray for Norma Leichtweis who is home after a brief hospitalization for heart problems.

Please pray for those in treatment for cancer: Judy Jordan, 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: Cathy (Kendall Harb Schubert's grandmother), Dave Lopez (Alan Lopez' brother), Harvey Taylor, Dave Lopez, Mellody Anderson, Norma Leichtweis, Esther Fieldhouse, Luca (son of Christina Cuddy's friend), Carol Talbot, Wanda Reynolds.

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