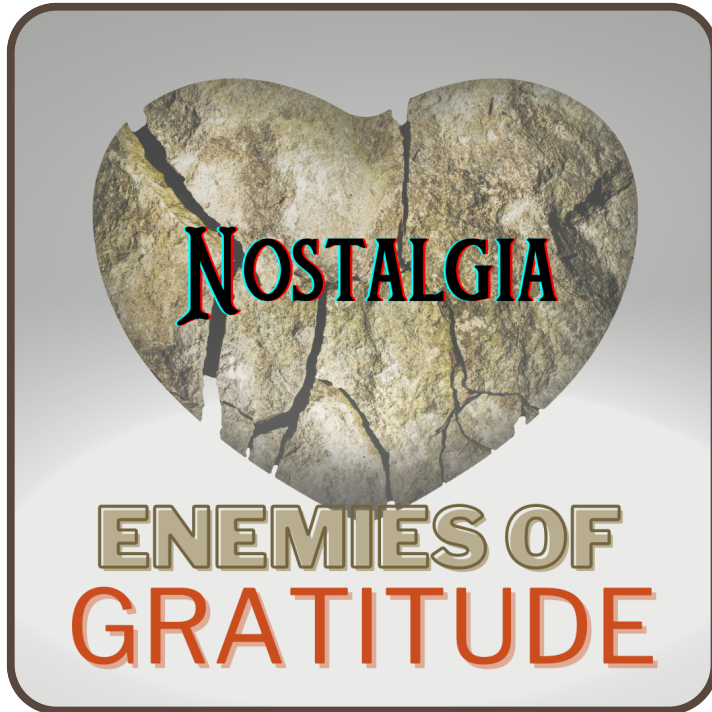




First Presbyterian Church
at the heart of Anaheim

October 8, 2023



ENEMIES OF GRATITUDE

*You are invited to stand as you are able.

PRELUDE *Blessed Assurance* Phoebe Knapp, arr. Jan Sanborn

CHORAL INTROIT *Declare His Glory in Every Nation* Hans Leo Hassler

CALL TO WORSHIP

Come, let us worship God who provides for us.

Even though we whine and complain, God hears our cries.

Come, celebrate God's steadfast love.

Open our hearts, O Lord, and let us truly listen to your words.

***HYMN 281** *Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah*

Guide me, O Thou great Jehovah, pilgrim through this barren land;

I am weak, but Thou art mighty; hold me with Thy powerful hand;

Bread of heaven, bread of heaven, Feed me till I want no more, Feed me till I
want no more.

Open now the crystal fountain, whence the healing stream doth flow;

Let the fire and cloudy pillar lead me all my journey through; Strong deliverer,
strong deliverer,

Be Thou still my strength and shield, be Thou still my strength and shield.

When I tread the verge of Jordan, bid my anxious fears subside; Death of death,
and hell's destruction, land me safe on Canaan's side;

Songs of praises, songs of praises, I will ever give to Thee, I will ever give to Thee.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Patient and ever-faithful God, we come to you this morning confessing that we can be a grumpy and unsatisfied people. When things are not perfect in our eyes, we grumble and complain and look at the past through rose-colored glasses. Forgive our doubts and complaining. Forgive our loss of hope. Let your healing, life-giving waters pour over us. Restore our souls. Amen.

SPECIAL MUSIC

The Call

Craig Courtney

PASSING THE PEACE

RESPONSE Halle, Halle, Halleluja!

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

TIME FOR CHILDREN

SCRIPTURE Exodus 17:1-7

SERMON *Numbed to the Now*

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 275** *God of our Life*

God of our life, through all the circling years, we trust in Thee,
In all the past, through all our hopes and fears, Thy hand we see.
With each new day, when morning lifts the veil.
We own Thy mercies, Lord, which never fail.

God of the past, our times are in Thy hand; with us abide.
Lead us by faith to hope's true promised land, be Thou our guide.
With Thee to bless, the darkness shines as light,
And faith's fair vision changes into sight.

God of the coming years, through paths unknown we follow Thee;
When we are strong, Lord, leave us not alone; our refuge be.
Be Thou for us in life our daily bread,
Our heart's true home when all our years have sped.

BENEDICTION

CHORAL BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE *Postlude*

Vaclav Nelhybel

TODAY'S WORSHIP LEADERS

The Rev. Kim Skilling- Pastor

Dr. David Hughes - Music Director

Carol Hughes - Organist/Pianist

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 October 11, 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 jspirital 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 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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