

Sunday, September 24, 2023
Order of Worship

Prelude

Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow
Arr. by K. Varner and M. McDonald
Suk Choi, Organist

Welcome

Pastor Jim

Call to Worship

Pastor Jim

Leader: Great Healer and Savior, send your power upon this church.

People: Touch our brokenness and lift us out of our routines.

Leader: Walk with us on the paths of fear, so that we might know faith and courage.

People: Wipe from us tears of sorrow and show us the joy of new opportunities.

All: Now together let us sing and give thanks and be filled with the wondrous Spirit of God.

Opening Prayer

Pastor Jim

Holy Shepherd, we gather to worship you as grateful members of your flock. We are secure in the knowledge that each one of us is precious in your sight; trusting in the understanding that you will never stop searching for any who are lost. We praise you with unbounding joy, knowing there is truly no God but you. Amen.

Hymns of Praise

(please stand if able)

Praise Him Forever

**Chris Tomlin, Jonathan Smith, & Phil Wickham
Lee Lee Truong-Sawicki, Worship Leader
Jack Clucas, Drums**

***Praise Him, you stars above,
Galaxies all in motion.***

***Praise Him, you thunderclouds,
Ringing throughout the heavens.***

***From ev'ry mountaintop to ev'ry wild ocean,
Oh, hear all the universe sing praise.***

Oh, sing praise,

***Let ev'rything that breathes,
Let all the earth proclaim,
Great is the Lord our God.***

Praise Him forever!

Let all that is within me magnify His name.

Great is the Lord our God.

Praise Him forever!

***Praise Him, you beating hearts,
Sing for the life He's given.***

***Praise Him, you rescued ones,
Join in the sound of heaven.***

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The Stand
Joel Houston

*So I'll stand,
With arms high and heart abandoned,
In awe of the One who gave it all.*

*I'll stand,
My soul, Lord, to You surrendered.
All I am is Yours.*

*You stood before creation,
Eternity in Your hand.
You spoke the earth into motion,
My soul now to stand.*

*You stood before my failure,
And carried the cross for my shame.
My sin weighed upon Your shoulders,
My soul now to stand.*

*So what can I say?
And what can I do,
But offer this heart, O God,
Completely to You?*

*So I'll stand,
With arms high and heart abandoned,
In awe of the One who gave it all.*

*I'll stand,
My soul, Lord, to You surrendered.
All I am is Yours.*

*So I'll walk upon salvation,
Your Spirit alive in me.
My life to declare Your promise,
My soul now to stand.*

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Invitation to the Prayer of Confession

Nancy LeBlanc

We cannot earn God's grace or favor. It comes to us, not as something owed, but as a gift freely given. Confident of God's love for us, let us confess our sins before God and one another using our prayer of confession as printed in our order of worship. Let us pray.

Prayer of Confession

Nancy LeBlanc

Merciful Savior, we are short-sighted and forgetful, and we are sorry. With a word you created all that is, and your word still has power to deliver us from storms of doubt and fear. But, we fail to call on you. We rely on our own resources rather than trust yours. We muddle along in weakness, forgetting how readily available to us is your strength. Deliver us, gracious God. Calm the storm within us by being our peace and renew us in love and trust. Forgive us and set us right once again as we confess our brokenness before you now in the silence of our hearts.

Silent Prayer.

Amen.

Declaration of Forgiveness

Nancy LeBlanc

The power that stilled the sea is the same power that defeated sin and death through the life, death and resurrection of our Lord, Jesus Christ. Receive what he freely offers: forgiveness and new life. In Jesus Christ we are forgiven. Hallelujah! Amen.

Response of Thanksgiving

(please stand if able)

Gloria Patri

LNPC Chancel Choir

*Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost;
As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be, world without end.
Amen. Amen.*

Passing of the Joy & Peace of Christ

Pastor Sara

Time For Young Disciples

Jaime & Lani Colley

Prayer Song

*God is always near me,
God will always hear me,
When I pray.*

Ordination & Installation of Officers

Pastor Jim & Pastor Sara

Deacons: Pat Nunnikhoven
Ted Rose

Elders: Fred Ehlers
Debbie Heath
Steve Moorehead

First Lesson

Psalm 94: 16 - 23

Grady Jenkins
Pew Bible p. 550

- ¹⁶ Who rises up for me against the wicked?
Who stands up for me against evildoers?
¹⁷ If the Lord had not been my help,
my soul would soon have lived in the land of silence.
¹⁸ When I thought, "My foot is slipping,"
your steadfast love, O Lord, held me up.
¹⁹ When the cares of my heart are many,
your consolations cheer my soul.
²⁰ Can wicked rulers be allied with you,
those who contrive mischief by statute?
²¹ They band together against the life of the righteous
and condemn the innocent to death.
²² But the Lord has become my stronghold
and my God the rock of my refuge.
²³ He will repay them for their iniquity
and wipe them out for their wickedness;
the Lord our God will wipe them out.

Hymn of Preparation (please stand if able)

The Solid Rock
Edward Mote
LNPC Chancel Choir
#517 (vv. 1, 3)

*My hope is built on nothing less
Than Jesus' blood and righteousness:
I dare not trust the sweetest frame,
But wholly lean on Jesus' name.*

*On Christ the solid Rock I stand;
All other ground is sinking sand;
All other ground is sinking sand.*

*His oath, his covenant, his blood
Support me in the whelming flood;
When all around my soul gives way
He then is all my hope and stay.*

*On Christ the solid Rock I stand;
All other ground is sinking sand;
All other ground is sinking sand.*

¹Therefore, since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us also lay aside every weight and the sin that clings so closely, and let us run with perseverance the race that is set before us, ² looking to Jesus, the pioneer and perfecter of faith, who for the sake of the joy that was set before him endured the cross, disregarding its shame, and has taken his seat at the right hand of the throne of God. ³ Consider him who endured such hostility against himself from sinners, so that you may not grow weary or lose heart.

Sermon

Stepping Up, Stepping Out

Pastor Jim

Time of Reflection

Blessing of Tithes and Offerings

Pastor Sara

Offertory

Standing on the Promises

Arr. By Mark Hayes

LNPC Chancel Choir

Standing on the promises of Christ my King,
Thro' eternal ages let His praises ring;
Glory in the highest, I will shout and sing
'Cause I'm standing on the promises of God.

Standing, standing,
Standing on the promises of God my Savior;
Standing, standing,
I'm standing on the promises of God.

Standing on the promises that cannot fail,
When the howling storms of doubt and fear assail,
By the living Word of God I shall prevail,
Standing on the promises of God.

Standing, standing,
Standing on the promises of God my Savior;
Standing, standing,
I'm standing on the promises of God.
Oh, yes, I'm standing on the promises.
I'm standing on the promises.

Standing on the promises of Christ the Lord,
Bound to Him eternally by love's strong cord,
Overcoming daily with the Spirit's sword,
Standing on the promises of God.

Standing, standing,
Yes, I'm standing on the promises of God my Savior;
Standing, standing,
I'm standing on the promises of God.

Standing on the promises. Promises of God.
Standing on the promises I cannot fall,
Listening every moment to the Spirit's call,
Resting in my Savior as my all in all,
Standing on the promises of God.

Standing, standing
I'm standing on the promises of God my Savior;
Standing, standing,
I'm standing on the promises of God.

Standing, standing,
Standing on the promises of God my Savior;
Standing, standing,
I'm standing on the promises of God.

Standing on the promises of God.
I'm standing on the promises of God.
Standing on the promises of God.
I'm standing on the Solid Rock,
Standing on the promises of God
And when the storms of doubt assail,
Standing on the promises of God.
God's promises shall prevail!

Standing on the promises of God!
Standing on the promises of God!

Pastoral Prayer and The Lord's Prayer

Pastor Sara

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 of Response
(please stand if able)

I Have Decided to Follow Jesus
Simon K. Marak
LNPC Chancel Choir
#576 (vv. 1, 3, 2)

***I have decided to follow Jesus,
I have decided to follow Jesus,
I have decided to follow Jesus—
No turning back, no turning back.***

***Though none go with me, I still will follow,
Though none go with me, I still will follow,
Though none go with me, I still will follow—
No turning back, no turning back.***

***The world behind me, the cross before me,
The world behind me, the cross before me,
The world behind me, the cross before me—
No turning back, no turning back.***

Charge and Benediction
(please remain standing if able)

Pastor Jim

Choral Response

Prayer for the Road
LNPC Chancel Choir

***May we be blessed as we go on our way.
May we be kept in safety and love.
May grace and compassion find their way to every soul,
May this be our blessing, Amen.
Amen, Amen.
May this be our blessing, Amen
Amen, Amen.
May this be our blessing, Amen.***

(In consideration of our live stream, please be seated until after the Postlude is over before exiting the Sanctuary. Thank you.)

Postlude

Recessional in C
Douglas E. Wagner
Suk Choi, Organist

Today's Chancel flowers are given by Tom Dunn
in loving memory of Arlene R. Dunn.

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