

Sunday, February 4, 2024

Order of Worship

Prelude

How Firm a Foundation
Traditional American Melody
Suk Choi, Organist

Welcome

Pastor Jim

Call to Worship

Pastor Jim

Leader: O give thanks to the Lord, for he is good; God's steadfast love endures forever.

People: Let the redeemed of the Lord say so, those he redeemed and gathered.

Leader: Let us give thanks for God's steadfast love, for God's wonderful works to humankind.

People: God satisfies the thirsty and fills the hungry with good things. God turns rivers into a desert, springs of water into thirsty ground.

Leader: God turns a desert into pools of water, a parched land into springs of water.

People: Let us worship God!

Opening Prayer

Pastor Jim

Holy God, as we move away from Christmas and settle back into our everyday routines, we ask you to help us retain that sense of anticipation and awe that comes with Advent and Christmas. May our worship this morning, and our lives, be filled with the eager anticipation of your return, the wonder of your birth, and the Easter joy the promise of the resurrection brings. As we sing your praise this morning, along with the heavenly host, may it be pleasing to you. Amen.

Hymns of Praise
(please stand if able)

Forever
Brian Doerksen
Michael Smith, Worship Leader
Jimmy Perez, Electric Bass & Sho Fujieda, Drums

*Give thanks to the Lord Our God and King
His love endures forever
For He is good He is above all things
His love endures forever
Sing praise sing praise*

*With a mighty hand And an outstretched arm
His love endures forever
For the life that's been reborn
His love endures forever
Sing praise sing praise*

Sing praise sing praise

*Forever God is faithful
Forever God is strong
Forever God is with us
Forever forever*

*From the rising to the setting sun
His love endures forever
And by the grace of God
We will carry on
His love endures forever
Sing praise sing praise*

*Forever God is faithful
Forever God is strong
Forever God is with us
Forever forever*

*Forever You are faithful
Forever You are strong
Forever You are with us
Forever forever forever*

House of the Lord
Jonathan Smith & Phil Wickham

*We worship the God who was
We worship the God who is
We worship the God who evermore will be
He opened the prison doors
He parted the raging sea
My God He holds the victory yeah*

*There's joy in the house of the Lord
There's joy in the house of the Lord today
And we won't be quiet
We shout out Your praise
There's joy in the house of the Lord
Our God is surely in this place
And we won't be quiet
We shout out Your praise*

*We sing to the God who heals
We sing to the God who saves
We sing to the God who always makes a way
'Cause He hung up on that cross
Then He rose up from that grave
My God's still rolling stones away*

*There's joy in the house of the Lord
There's joy in the house of the Lord today
And we won't be quiet
We shout out Your praise
There's joy in the house of the Lord
Our God is surely in this place
And we won't be quiet
We shout out Your praise*

*We were the beggars
Now we're royalty
We were the prisoners
Now we're running free
We are forgiven accepted
Redeemed by His grace
Let the house of the Lord sing praise*

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*There's joy in the house of the Lord
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There's joy in the house of the Lord
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Invitation to the Prayer of Confession

Mark Imfeld

We may work hard to hide our faults and flaws from one another and from ourselves, but with God, we may run, but we cannot hide. The psalmist reminds us that God searches and knows us, and discerns our thoughts even from far away. Let us, in this moment of confession, stop running from God. Let us turn to God in humility and in trust, laying down our burdens of sin and brokenness. Let us pray.

Prayer of Confession

Mark Imfeld

God of grace and mercy, you have called us "beloved," but we have refused to believe it. You have called us to follow, but we have dragged our feet. You give us the promise of your gracious presence, but we forget to look for you until we're backed into a corner. You are all the strength we need, but we exhaust ourselves trying to be in charge. Deliver us from the depths of our despair, O God. Mend our broken hearts and defeated spirits and teach us how to be your faithful disciples. Hear us now, O Lord, as we silently confess our personal expressions of rebelliousness to you now.

Silent Prayer.

Amen.

Declaration of Forgiveness

Mark Imfeld

The psalmist assures us that if we make our home in the place of deepest darkness, God is already there in the midst of that. We are assured of this truth, because Jesus descended into that darkness in his death on the cross. But Jesus emerged resurrected, triumphant over death, and bearing the promise of new life for all who desire it. Let us claim it! Let us live it! Friends, believe the gospel! In Jesus Christ we are forgiven!

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

Carolea Williams

Prayer Song

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

First Lesson

Psalm 147: 1 -11

Grace Hirakawa
Pew Bible p. 582

¹ Praise the Lord!
How good it is to sing praises to our God;
for he is gracious, and a song of praise is fitting.
² The Lord builds up Jerusalem;
he gathers the outcasts of Israel.
³ He heals the brokenhearted,
and binds up their wounds.
⁴ He determines the number of the stars;
he gives to all of them their names.
⁵ Great is our Lord, and abundant in power;
his understanding is beyond measure.
⁶ The Lord lifts up the downtrodden;
he casts the wicked to the ground.
⁷ Sing to the Lord with thanksgiving;
make melody to our God on the lyre.
⁸ He covers the heavens with clouds,
prepares rain for the earth,
makes grass grow on the hills.
⁹ He gives to the animals their food,
and to the young ravens when they cry.
¹⁰ His delight is not in the strength of the horse,
nor his pleasure in the speed of a runner;
¹¹ but the Lord takes pleasure in those who fear him,
in those who hope in his steadfast love.

Hymn of Preparation

(please stand if able)

Now Thank We All Our God
Martin Rinkart, Catherine Winkworth, Translator
LNPC Chancel Choir
#374 (vv. 1, 3)

*Now thank we all our God
With heart and hands and voices,
Who wondrous things hath done,
In whom his world rejoices;
Who, from our mother's arms,
Hath blessed us on our way
With countless gifts of love,
And still is ours today.*

*All praise and thanks to God
The Father now be given,
The Son, and him who reigns
With them in highest heaven,
The one eternal God
Whom heaven and earth adore;
For thus it was, is now,
And shall be evermore.*

Second Lesson

Mark 1: 29 -39

Pastor Jim
Pew Bible p. 35

²⁹ As soon as they left the synagogue, they entered the house of Simon and Andrew, with James and John. ³⁰ Now Simon's mother-in-law was in bed with a fever, and they told him about her at once. ³¹ He came and took her by the hand and lifted her up. Then the fever left her, and she began to serve them. ³² That evening, at sundown, they brought to him all who were sick or possessed with demons. ³³ And the whole city was gathered around the door. ³⁴ And he cured many who were sick with various diseases, and cast out many demons; and he would not permit the demons to speak, because they knew him. ³⁵ In the morning, while it was still very dark, he got up and went out to a deserted place, and there he prayed. ³⁶ And Simon and his companions hunted for him. ³⁷ When they found him, they said to him, "Everyone is searching for you." ³⁸ He answered, "Let us go on to the neighboring towns, so that I may proclaim the message there also; for that is what I came out to do." ³⁹ And he went throughout Galilee, proclaiming the message in their synagogues and casting out demons.

Sermon

Moving On Out

Pastor Jim

Time of Reflection

Offertory

Cantar!
Jay Althouse
LNPC Chancel Choir

Cantar una canción alegre.
Sing alle, alleluia!
Cantar una canción alegre.
Sing alle, alleluia!

Cantar, cantar,
Cantar on una voz.
Cantar, cantar,
Cantar on una voz.

Cantar, cantar,
Cantar on una voz.
Cantar, cantar,
Cantar on una voz.

Canta, o, cantar.
Canta, o, cantar. (Sing alleluia, sing allelu!)

Canta, o, cantar.
Canta, o, cantar. (Sing alleluia, sing allelu!)

Cantar una canción alegre.
Sing alle, alleluia!
Cantar una canción alegre.
Sing alle, alleluia!

Cantar una canción alegre.
Sing alle, alleluia!
Cantar una canción alegre.
Sing alle, alleluia!

Cantar, cantar,
Cantar on una voz.
Cantar, cantar,
Cantar on una voz.

Cantar, cantar,
Cantar on una voz.
Cantar, cantar,
Cantar on una voz.

Sing alleluia, alleluia.
Alle, alle, alleluia!
Sing alleluia, alleluia.
Alle, alle, alleluia!

Sing alleluia, alleluia.
Alle, alle, alleluia!
Sing alleluia, alleluia.
Alle, alle, alleluia!

Cantar una canción alegre.
Sing alle, alleluia!
Cantar una canción alegre.
Sing alle, alleluia!

Sing alleluia, alleluia.
Alle, alle, alleluia!
Sing alleluia, alleluia.
Alle, alle, alleluia!

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)

Your Hands, O Lord, in Days of Old
Edward H. Plumptre
LNPC Chancel Choir
#409 (vv. 1, 2)

*Your hands, O Lord, in days of old
Were strong to heal and save;
They triumphed over pain and death,
O'er darkness and the grave.*

*And then your touch brought life and health,
Gave speech and strength and sight;
And youth renewed, with health restored,
Claimed you, the Lord of light.*

*To you they went, the blind, the mute,
The palsied and the lame,
The leper set apart and shunned,
The sick and those in shame.*

*And so, O Lord, be near to bless,
Almighty now as then,
In every street, in every home,
In every troubled friend.*

Charge and Benediction
(please remain standing if able)

Pastor Jim

Choral Response

Prayer for the Road

*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.*

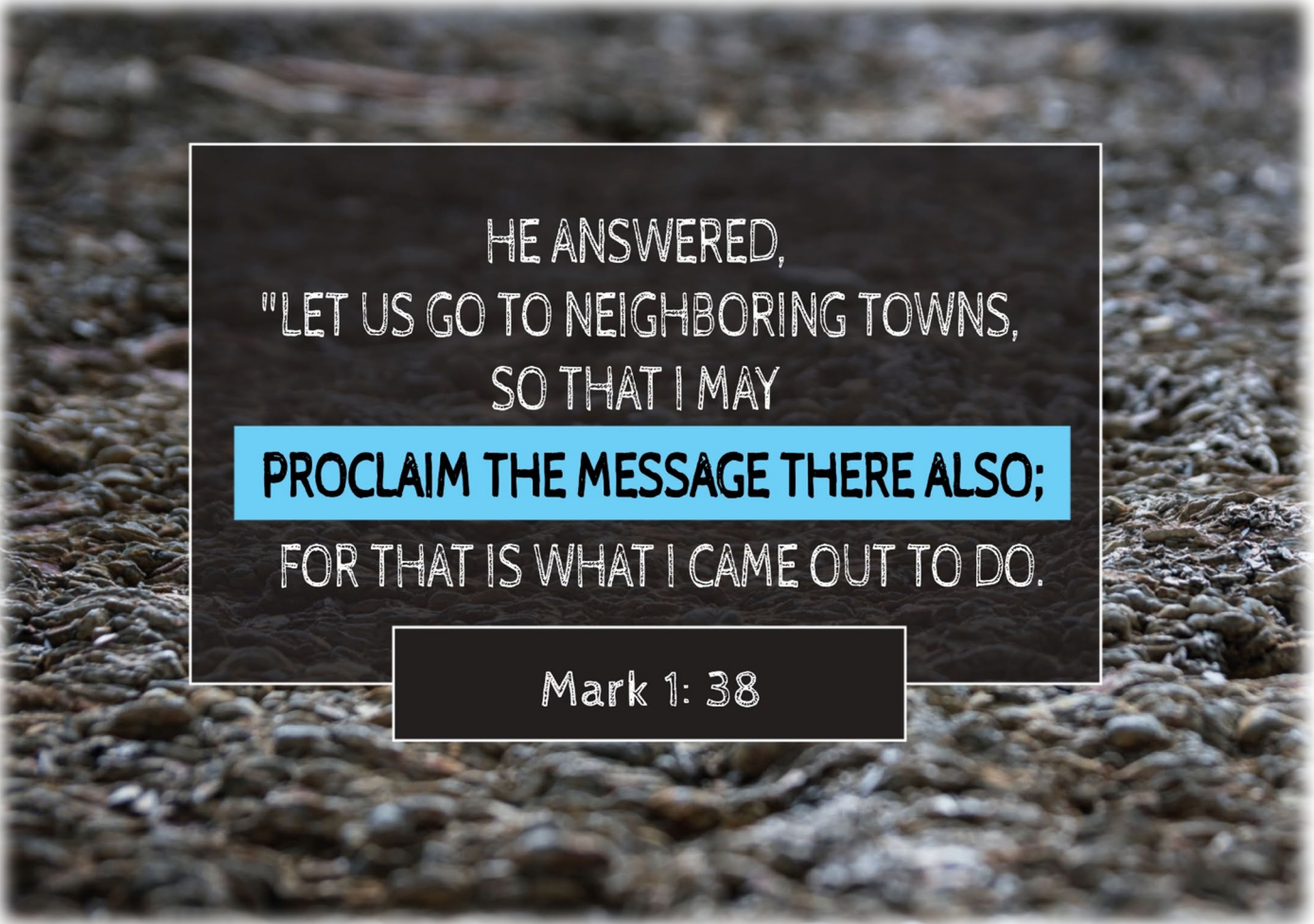
Postlude

Partita on "Blessed Name"
Mary McDonald
Suk Choi, Organist

Today's Chancel flowers are given by Carl and Carolyn Knutson
in celebration of their birthdays this month.

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HE ANSWERED,
"LET US GO TO NEIGHBORING TOWNS,
SO THAT I MAY
PROCLAIM THE MESSAGE THERE ALSO;
FOR THAT IS WHAT I CAME OUT TO DO.

Mark 1: 38

Announcements
Sunday, February 4, 2024

Noteworthy News

◆ **Memorial Services:**

Jim McCurdy - Saturday, February 17, 2024, at 1:00 pm. A reception in Gard Hall immediately follows the service.

Doris Black - Saturday, February 24th, at 11:00 am. A lunch reception in Gard Hall immediately follows the service.

◆ **Pastor's Bible Study:** Resumes this Tuesday, February 6th, at 10:30 am in the Conference Room.

◆ **What and Why Do We Believe?:** Join us as we look at the major convictions in our faith and engage in thoughtful discussions to help equip you to know why you believe what you believe, and to help you feel secure and confident about sharing those beliefs with others. Wednesday nights at 7:00 pm in Gard A.

◆ **Men's Ministry Pizza & Game Night:** Saturday, February 24th, 3:00 pm, at Tony Pepperoni Pizzeria in Aliso Viejo. Registration is open on the lnpc app or at lnpc.org.

THIS WEEK at LNPC

<p>February 4</p> <hr/> <p>10:00 am Sunday Worship</p> <p>11:15 am Men's Ministry</p> <p>11:15 am Missions</p> <p>3:00 pm Music for Maui</p> <p>4:00 pm The Journey</p>	<p>SUNDAY</p> <hr/> <p>Sanctuary & Livestream</p> <p>Conference Room</p> <p>Gard A</p> <p>Soka University</p> <p>Gard A</p>	<p>February 8</p> <hr/> <p>1:00 pm FAM Food Dist.</p> <p>4:00 pm Holy Yoga Chair</p> <p>5:00 pm Holy Yoga</p> <p>5:30 pm Worship & Music</p> <p>6:30 pm Choir Rehearsal</p>	<p>THURSDAY</p> <hr/> <p>LNPC Parking Lot</p> <p>Gard C</p> <p>Gard C</p> <p>Conference Room</p> <p>Sanctuary</p>
<p>February 5</p> <hr/> <p>7:00 am AA Men's</p> <p>10:30 am AA Women's</p> <p>1:00 pm Staff Meeting</p> <p>6:30 pm Deacons Meeting</p> <p>8:00 pm AA Mixed</p>	<p>MONDAY</p> <hr/> <p>Gard B</p> <p>Gard B</p> <p>Conference Room</p> <p>Conference Room</p> <p>Gard B</p>	<p>February 9</p> <hr/> <p>7:00 am AA Men's</p> <p>10:30 am AA Women's</p>	<p>FRIDAY</p> <hr/> <p>Gard B</p> <p>Gard C</p>
<p>February 6</p> <hr/> <p>9:30 am Al-Anon Mixed</p> <p>10:30 pm Pastor's Bible Study</p> <p>5:00 pm Holy Yoga</p>	<p>TUESDAY</p> <hr/> <p>Gard B</p> <p>Conference Room</p> <p>Gard C</p>	<p>February 10</p> <hr/> <p>9:00 am Bag Ladies</p> <p>9:00 am Buildings & Grounds</p> <p>3:00 pm Bowling</p>	<p>SATURDAY</p> <hr/> <p>Kitchen</p> <p>Conference Room</p> <p>Saddleback Lanes</p>
<p>February 7</p> <hr/> <p>6:00 pm AA Mixed</p> <p>7:00 pm Discipleship Class</p>	<p>WEDNESDAY</p> <hr/> <p>Gard B</p> <p>Gard A</p>	<p>February 11</p> <hr/> <p>10:00 am Communion Sunday</p> <p>11:30 am Congregational Life</p> <p>3:00 pm Youth SB Party</p> <p>4:00 pm The Journey</p>	<p>SUNDAY</p> <hr/> <p>Sanctuary & Livestream</p> <p>Conference Room</p> <p>The Garage</p> <p>Gard A</p>

Prayer Concerns

Family & Friends (Church Contact)

Claro Alfonso (Imfeld)

Judy Baker (Baker)

Gary Fong (Ehlers)

Mike & Kathy Gessner
(Galloway)

Sandy Griffon (Stocksdale)

Maria Kocerhova (Troester)

Sherry Kerner (Ehlers)

Amy Lechner Bolls (Lechner)

Rossana Madrid (Ondryas)

Joni McGlynn (Bakers)

Erik McMahon (Rihovsky)

Barry McPeak (Ehlers)

Gary Mills (Ondryas)

Marge Molyneaux (Shelton)

Mike Moore (Flannery)*

Samia Najm (Wakim)

Marie Neis (Borg)

Ann Oliphant (Galloway)

John Osth (Khalfia)

Linda Parker (Troester)

Maryann Pette (Shelton)

Cindy Rhoades (Baker)

George Rihovsky

Megan Shelton (Shelton)

Ken Simonson (Borg)

Amy Sinkeldam (Ehlers)

Kyoko Smith (Wright)

Carolyn Strick (Troester)

Kevin Strick (Troester)

John Stritch (Ehlers)

Michael Summers (Troester)

Lynnette Swickard (Baker)

Jim Wagner (Ehlers)

Dr. Mark Watters Family
(Troester)

Ted Wells (Wells)

Lauren Williams (Shelton)

Wilson Family (Coleman)

Prayer Concerns

LNPC Members

Claire Burrill
Joe and Carolyn Ditto
John Flannery
Steve Foster
Joanne Jannard
Cheryl Kelsey
Nancy LeBlanc
Kathleen Lechner

Richard Odgers
Ron Pearce
Louanne Robeson
Kathleen Roebuck
Linda Schmidt
Jody Schnitzer
Jean Shelton
Bill Stevens
Karen Vassey
John and Lina Wakim

Peace & Comfort

Black Family (Doris)
Borg Family (Sandy's Brother,
Daughter-in-Law's Mother, Erik's
Brother)
Jane Carpenter & Family
(Husband)
Campman Family (Marilyn)
Brian Mangan & Family (Wife)
Sara McCurdy & Family
(Husband)
Cecil Spearman & Family (Wife)
Sandy and Bob Walden
(Sandy's Sister)

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