

Sunday, November 26, 2023
Order of Worship

Prelude

Rejoice, The Lord Is King
John Darwall
Suk Choi, Organist

Welcome

Pastor Jim

Call to Worship

Pastor Jim

Leader: Loving Christ, you are our gentle Shepherd.

People: We are your people; we long to know your will and to live in your way.

Leader: Keep us safe and secure in your compassionate hands.

People: Lead us, gentle Shepherd, lead us into new paths of love and service.

Leader: As you lead and guide us, touch our hearts and minds in this worship time,

People: So that our spirits may be refreshed and our lives filled with joy and praise.

Opening Prayer

Pastor Jim

God, we trust in Your power, even as it is often found in weakness; in Your wisdom, even as it is expressed in seeming foolishness; in Your wholeness, even as it comes to us amid brokenness. We do not ask this day for dazzling displays of strength, electric exercises of intellectual prowess, or marvelous manifestations of miracles. We come simply to worship You. Touch us this day, O Lord, sinners that we are, that we might become Your saints, Your body, Your children, Your church. For this Temple of Your Spirit is built not upon our own abilities, knowledge, or restorative skill, but upon You, in Jesus Christ. Amen.

Hymns of Praise
(please stand if able)

I See the Lord
Smith, Sooter, Maher, and Hoagland
Lee Lee Truong-Sawicki, Worship Leader
Chris Rivera, Electric Bass & Sho Fujieda, Drums

*This is where worship starts,
Here in the temple of my heart,
Remembering who You are
And all You've done.*

*This is eternity,
Deep calling deep inside of me.
I'm right where I'm meant to be,
Here with You.*

*This is Your majesty,
All I have tasted and I've seen,
Remembering who You are.
And once again:*

*This is Your family,
Stretching as far as I can see.
I'm right where I'm meant to be,
Once again.*

*I see the Lord, forever glorified,
Exalted and lifted high.
And all of the kingdom, it cries,
You are, You are the Lord.*

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Exalted and lifted high.
And all of the kingdom, it cries,
You are, You are the Lord.*

*Seated upon the throne,
The God who is three in one,
The Father, the Spirit, the Son.
You are, You are the Lord.*

*Seated upon the throne,
The God who is three in one,
The Father, the Spirit, the Son.
You are, You are the Lord.*

His Mercy is More
Matt Papa and Matt Boswell

***Praise the Lord, His mercy is more.
Stronger than darkness,
New every morn.
Our sins, they are many;
His mercy is more.***

***What love could remember
No wrongs we have done?
Omniscient, all knowing,
He counts not their sum.***

***Thrown into a sea
Without bottom or shore,
Our sins, they are many;
His mercy is more.***

***What patience would wait
As we constantly roam?
What Father, so tender,
Is calling us home?***

***He welcomes the weakest,
The vilest, the poor.
Our sins, they are many;
His mercy is more.***

***Praise the Lord, His mercy is more.
Stronger than darkness,
New every morn.
Our sins, they are many;
His mercy is more.***

***Praise the Lord, His mercy is more.
Stronger than darkness,
New every morn.
Our sins, they are many;
His mercy is more.***

***What riches of kindness
He lavished on us.
His blood was the payment;
His life was the cost.***

***We stood 'neath a debt
We could never afford.
Our sins, they are many;
His mercy is more.***

***Praise the Lord, His mercy is more.
Stronger than darkness,
New every morn.
Our sins, they are many;
His mercy is more.***

***Our sins, they are many;
His mercy is more.***

Invitation to the Prayer of Confession

Lani Colley

We come to worship to praise God, but also we remember our own faults and problems. Let us now turn to God in confession together by offering our Prayer of Confession as printed in our Order of Worship.

Prayer of Confession

Lani Colley

O Lord, you declare that the forgiven person is blessed, that the person who has no deceit is blessed. We confess that we have had deceitful hearts, deceitful tongues, deceitful thoughts, and deceitful actions. It feels like our hearts and our bodies waste away when we try to hide our sins from You. You see them all! Forgive our iniquity, and heal our broken hearts. Be a hiding place for us. Calm our troubled hearts, and surround us with your blessed presence because you have forgiven all our sins. Trusting in your mercy, we confess our personal brokenness before you now in the silence of our hearts.

Silent Prayer.

Amen.

Declaration of Forgiveness

Lani Colley

Friends, hear the good news: Life is good; the past is over and gone; the future is open. In Jesus Christ, we are free to live in love, in forgiveness, and in the newness of life. We have been forgiven. Thanks be to God!

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

Musical Anthem

In the Beginning
Joshua Spacht
LNPC Chancel Choir

In the beginning was the Word
And the Word was with God,
The Word was God.

In the beginning was the Word
And the Word was with God,
The Word was God
And the Word was with God.
He was in the beginning with God.

All things were made through Him,
And without Him was not anything
Made that was made, that was made.
All things were made by Him.

In the beginning was the Word
And the Word was with God,
The Word was God.

In the beginning was the Word
And the Word was with God,
The Word was God
And the Word was with God.
He was in the beginning with God.

The light shines in the darkness
And darkness has not overcome
The Light of men, the Light of men,
The light of men, of men.

In Him was life. In Him was life.
In Him was life. In Him was life.
In Him was life; the life was Light,
The Light of men!

In the beginning was the Word
And the Word was with God,
The Word was God.

In the beginning was the Word
And the Word was with God,
The Word was God
And the Word was with God.
He was in the beginning with God.

In the beginning was the Word
And the Word was with God,
The Word was God.

In the beginning was the Word
And the Word was with God,
The Word was God
And the Word was with God.
He was in the beginning with God.

Time For Young Disciples

Jaime and Lani Colley

Prayer Song

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

¹⁹ So then you are no longer strangers and aliens, but you are citizens with the saints and also members of the household of God, ²⁰ built upon the foundation of the apostles and prophets, with Christ Jesus himself as the cornerstone. ²¹ In him the whole structure is joined together and grows into a holy temple in the Lord; ²² in whom you also are built together spiritually into a dwelling place for God.

Hymn of Preparation

(please stand if able)

O Christ the Great Foundation**Timothy Fang Lew****LNPC Chancel Choir****#709 (v. 1)**

***O Christ the great foundation
On which your people stand
To preach your true salvation
In every age and land:***

***Pour out your Holy Spirit
To make us strong and pure,
To keep the faith unbroken
As long as worlds endure.***

***Baptized in one confession,
One church in all the earth,
We bear our Lord's impression,
The sign of second birth:***

***One fellowship united
In love beyond our own--
By grace we were invited,
By grace we make you known.***

Second Lesson**1 John 1: 1 - 10****Pastor Jim**

¹ We declare to you what was from the beginning, what we have heard, what we have seen with our eyes, what we have looked at and touched with our hands, concerning the word of life— ² this life was revealed, and we have seen it and testify to it, and declare to you the eternal life that was with the Father and was revealed to us— ³ we declare to you what we have seen and heard so that you also may have fellowship with us; and truly our fellowship is with the Father and with his Son Jesus Christ. ⁴ We are writing these things so that our joy may be complete. ⁵ This is the message we have heard from him and proclaim to you, that God is light and in him there is no darkness at all. ⁶ If we say that we have fellowship with him while we are walking in darkness, we lie and do not do what is true; ⁷ but if we walk in the light as he himself is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus his Son cleanses us from all sin. ⁸ If we say that we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. ⁹ If we confess our sins, he who is faithful and just will forgive us our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness. ¹⁰ If we say that we have not sinned, we make him a liar, and his word is not in us.

Sermon

Fully Equipped – Fellowship

Pastor Jim

Time of Reflection

Blessing of Tithes and Offerings

Pastor Sara

Offertory

If With All Your Hearts from Elijah
Felix Mendelssohn
Judy Ruddiman, Solo

If with all your hearts ye truly seek me,
Ye shall ever surely find me.
Thus saith our God,

If with all your hearts ye truly seek me,
Ye shall ever surely find me.
Thus saith our God, thus saith our God.

Oh! that I knew where I might find Him,
That I might even come before His presence!
Oh! that I knew where I might find Him,
That I might even come before His presence!
Come before His presence!
Oh! that I knew where I might find Him.

If with all your hearts ye truly seek me,
Ye shall ever surely find me.
Thus saith our God,
Ye shall ever surely find me.
Thus saith our 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)

Leaning on the Everlasting Arms
Elisha A. Hoffman
LNPC Chancel Choir
#609 (vv. 1, 2)

***What a fellowship, what a joy divine,
Leaning on the everlasting arms;
What a blessedness, what a peace is mine,
Leaning on the everlasting arms.***

***O how sweet to walk in this pilgrim way,
Leaning on the everlasting arms;
O how bright the path grows from day to day,
Leaning on the everlasting arms.***

***Leaning, leaning,
Safe and secure from all alarms;
Leaning, leaning,
Leaning on the everlasting arms.***

***Leaning, leaning,
Safe and secure from all alarms;
Leaning, leaning,
Leaning on the everlasting arms.***

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.***

Postlude

Fanfares on "A Mighty Fortress Is Our God"
Martin Luther
Suk Choi, Organist

Today's Chancel flowers are given by Kathy and Amin Khalifa
in celebration of our 46th wedding anniversary,
with thanks to God for all our blessings.

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