

Sunday, November 12, 2023

Order of Worship

Prelude

Sing Praise to God Who Reigns Above
Arr. by Steve Martin
Suk Choi, Organist

Welcome

Pastor Jim

Call to Worship

Pastor Jim

Leader: Welcome, friends, to this holy day.

People: *We come to offer thanks; we come to sing and pray.*

Leader: Welcome, friends, to this time set apart,

People: *A time to remember those we love, and time to remember the holy promises of God.*

Leader: Welcome, friends, to this table of remembrance and joy,

People: *The table where we are fed, the feast we share with many.*

Leader: Welcome, friends, and let us worship God.

Opening Prayer

Pastor Jim

O God, our resurrection and life, the promise of your new life in Christ is like a breath of fresh air in a dry and thirsty land. We have gathered as believers, and as those who are honestly seeking the truth. Guide our worship this hour. O God who makes all things new, speak to us as whole people today. May your truth touch not just our intellects, but also our deeper yearnings of heart and soul. We bring with us our daily concerns, as well as our more eternal questions. May your new creation in us shed light upon our everyday walk. O God who fed the multitudes with but a few loaves and some fish, feed us now with the abundance of what you freely offer, that we might overflow with your goodness right where we live. All this we pray in the name of, and because of, Jesus our Christ. Amen.

Hymns of Praise
(please stand if able)

How Great Is Our God
Chris Tomlin, Ed Cash, & Jesse Reeves
Lee Lee Truong-Sawicki, Worship Leader
Jack Clucas, Drums

***The splendor of the King,
Clothed in majesty;
Let all the earth rejoice,
All the earth rejoice.***

***He wraps Himself in light,
And darkness tries to hide;
And trembles at His voice,
And trembles at His voice.***

***How great, is our God.
Sing with me,
How great is our God.
And all will see how great,
How great is our God.***

***And age to age He stands,
And time is in His hands;
Beginning and the End,
Beginning and the End.***

***The Godhead, three in one;
Father, Spirit, Son;
The Lion and the Lamb,
The Lion and the Lamb,***

***How great, is our God.
Sing with me,
How great is our God.
And all will see how great,
How great is our God.***

***Name above all names,
Worthy of all praise,
My heart will sing,
How great is our God.***

***How great, is our God.
Sing with me,
How great is our God.
And all will see how great,
How great is our God.***

Made to Worship
Chris Tomlin, Stephan Sharp, & Ed Cash

*Before the day, before the light,
Before the world revolved around the sun.
God on high stepped down into time,
And wrote the story of His love for everyone.*

*He has filled our hearts with wonder,
So that we always remember:*

*You and I are made to worship,
You and I are called to love,
You and I are forgiven and free.*

*When You and I embrace surrender,
When you and I choose to believe,
Then You and I will see who we were meant to be.*

*All we are and all we have,
Is all a gift from God that we receive.
Brought to life we open up our eyes,
To see the majesty and glory of the King.*

*He has filled our hearts with wonder,
So that we always remember:*

*You and I are made to worship,
You and I are called to love,
You and I are forgiven and free.*

*When You and I embrace surrender,
When you and I choose to believe,
Then You and I will see who we were meant to be.*

*Even the rocks cry out, even the heavens shout,
At the sound of His Holy name.
So let every voice sing out let every knee bow
down,
He's worthy of all our praise.*

*You and I are made to worship,
You and I are called to love,
You and I are forgiven and free.*

*When You and I embrace surrender,
When you and I choose to believe,
Then You and I will see who we were meant to be.
You and I will see who we were meant to be.*

Invitation to the Prayer of Confession

Nancy LeBlanc

We come to the table of our Lord recognizing our need for divine grace. In humility, 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

Gracious God, we've gathered this morning seeking forgiveness for the sins we've committed in our lives and to hear Your words of pardon and grace. We've fallen short of Your expectations for us. We have insisted on doing things our way instead of trusting You and following where You would lead us. Like the criminal on the cross, help us to recognize that even though we deserve to pay for our sins, it's because of the sacrifice of Your Son that forgiveness can be ours. In humility, trusting in your mercy, we confess our personal sinfulness that made the cross necessary.

Silent Prayer.

Amen.

Declaration of Forgiveness

Nancy LeBlanc

Who is in a position to condemn, to blame? Only Christ, And Christ died for us, Christ rose for us, Christ advocates for us, and Christ prays for us. Anyone who is in Christ is a new creation. The old life is gone, a new life has begun, here and now, know you are 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

Time For Young Disciples

Carolea Williams

Prayer Song

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

First Lesson

2 Timothy 2: 15

Sydney Malone
Pew Bible p. 212

¹⁵ Do your best to present yourself to God as one approved by him, a worker who has no need to be ashamed, rightly explaining the word of truth.

Hymn of Preparation

(please stand if able)

God, Whose Giving Knows No Ending

Robert L. Edwards
LNPC Chancel Choir
#644 (vv. 2, 3)

*Skills and time are ours for pressing
Toward the goals of Christ, your Son:
All at peace in health and freedom,
Races joined, the Church made one,*

*Now direct our daily labor,
Lest we strive for self alone:
Born with talents, make us servants
Fit to answer at your throne.*

*Treasure, too, you have entrusted,
Gain through powers your grace conferred;
Ours to use for home and kindred,
And to spread the Gospel Word.*

*Open wide our hands in sharing,
As we heed Christ's ageless call,
Healing, teaching, and reclaiming,
Searching you by loving all.*

¹⁰ Now you have observed my teaching, my conduct, my aim in life, my faith, my patience, my love, my steadfastness, ¹¹ my persecutions and suffering the things that happened to me in Antioch, Iconium, and Lystra. What persecutions I endured! Yet the Lord rescued me from all of them. ¹² Indeed, all who want to live a godly life in Christ Jesus will be persecuted. ¹³ But wicked people and impostors will go from bad to worse, deceiving others and being deceived. ¹⁴ But as for you, continue in what you have learned and firmly believed, knowing from whom you learned it, ¹⁵ and how from childhood you have known the sacred writings that are able to instruct you for salvation through faith in Christ Jesus. ¹⁶ All scripture is inspired by God and is useful for teaching, for reproof, for correction, and for training in righteousness, ¹⁷ so that everyone who belongs to God may be proficient, equipped for every good work.

Sermon

Fully Equipped - Study

Pastor Jim

Time of Reflection

Blessing of Tithes and Offerings

Pastor Sara

Offertory

Precious Lord, Take My Hand
By Thomas A. Dorsey, Arr. By Douglas E. Wagner
LNPC Chancel Choir

Precious Lord, take my hand,
Lead me on, let me stand,
I am tired, I am weak, I am worn;
Through the storm, through the night,
Lead me on to the light.
Take my hand, precious Lord, lead me home.

When my way grows drear,
Precious Lord, linger near,
When my life is almost gone,
Hear my cry, hear my call,
Hold my hand lest I fall:
Take my hand, precious Lord, lead me home.

Precious Lord, take my hand,
Lead me on, let me stand,
I am tired, I am weak, I am worn;
Through the storm, through the night,
Lead me on to the light.
Take my hand, precious Lord, lead me home.

Precious Lord, take my hand,
Lead me on, let me stand,
I am tired, I am weak, I am worn;
Through the storm, through the night,
Lead me on to the light.
Take my hand, precious Lord, lead me home.

Take my hand, precious Lord, lead me home;
Home.

Sacrament of Holy Communion

Pastor Jim and Pastor Sara

The Invitation

The Prayer of Consecration

The Celebration of Communion

Prayer of Thanksgiving and The 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 of Response

(please stand if able)

O Word of God Incarnate

William W. How

LNPC Chancel Choir

#310 (vv. 1, 2)

*O Word of God incarnate,
O Wisdom from on high,
O Truth unchanged, unchanging,
O Light of our dark sky:*

*We praise you for the radiance
That from the hallowed page,
A lantern to our footsteps,
Shines on from age to age.*

*The Church from you, dear Master,
Received this gift divine,
And still that light is lifted
O'er all the earth to shine.*

*It is the chart and compass
That, all life's voyage through,
Mid mists and rocks and quicksands,
Still guides, O Christ, to you.*

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

Trompette di Marcate
Arcangelo Corelli
Suk Choi, Organist

Today's Chancel flowers are given by Jim and Becky Szeyller
in honor of their daughter Ashley's birthday.

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