

Sunday, October 1, 2023
Order of Worship

Prelude

Let Us Break Bread Together
Traditional Spiritual
Suk Choi, Organist

Welcome

Pastor Jim

Call to Worship

Pastor Jim

Leader: In Jesus Christ, a light of hope shines brightly in all the world.

People: May the light of Jesus Christ shine brightly upon us.

Leader: May this light nourish and guide us.

People: May Christ's light show us our pathway to new life.

All: Let us now worship in the joy of Christ's light shining brightly for us.

Opening Prayer

Pastor Jim

You have brought us, O God, to another Lord's Day, when we are privileged to worship you with our brothers and sisters in Christ, both here and across the globe. May we have unity of mind and heart as we open ourselves to the movement of your Holy Spirit. As your love grows within us, may we have rich fellowship with you and with one another. In Christ's name. Amen.

Hymns of Praise
(please stand if able)

The Lion and the Lamb
Brenton Brown, Brian Johnson & Leeland Mooring
Lee Lee Truong-Sawicki, Worship Leader
Sho Fujieda, Drums

*He's coming on the clouds,
Kings and kingdoms will bow down.
And every chain will break
As broken hearts declare His praise.
For who can stop the Lord Almighty?*

*Our God is the Lion,
The Lion of Judah.
He's roaring with power,
And fighting our battles.
And every knee will bow before Him.*

*Our God is the Lamb,
The Lamb that was slain.
For the sins of the world,
His blood breaks the chains.
And every knee will bow
Before the Lion and the Lamb.
Every knee will bow before Him.*

*So open up the gates,
Make way before the King of kings.
The God who comes to save
Is here to set the captives free.
For who can stop the Lord Almighty?*

*Our God is the Lion,
The Lion of Judah.
He's roaring with power,
And fighting our battles.
And every knee will bow before Him.*

*Our God is the Lamb,
The Lamb that was slain.
For the sins of the world,
His blood breaks the chains.
And every knee will bow
Before the Lion and the Lamb.
Every knee will bow before Him.*

*Who can stop the Lord Almighty?
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*Who can stop the Lord Almighty?
Who can stop the Lord?*

*Our God is the Lion,
The Lion of Judah.
He's roaring with power,
And fighting our battles.
And every knee will bow before Him.*

*Our God is the Lamb,
The Lamb that was slain.
For the sins of the world,
His blood breaks the chains.
And every knee will bow
Before the Lion and the Lamb.
Every knee will bow before Him.*

At the Cross (Love Ran Red)
Tomlin, Cash, Armstrong, Myrin, & Redman

***There's a place where mercy reigns and never dies,
There's a place where streams of grace flow deep and wide;
Where all the love I've ever found
Comes like a flood, comes flowing down.***

***At the cross, at the cross, I surrender my life.
I'm in awe of You, I'm in awe of You.
Where Your love ran red, and my sin washed white.
I owe all to You, I owe all to You.***

***There's a place where sin and shame are powerless,
Where my heart has peace with God and forgiveness;
Where all the love I've ever found
Comes like a flood, comes flowing down.***

***At the cross, at the cross, I surrender my life.
I'm in awe of You, I'm in awe of You.
Where Your love ran red, and my sin washed white.
I owe all to You, I owe all to You.***

***Here my hope is found, here on holy ground;
Here I bow down, here I bow down.
Here, arms open wide, here You saved my life;
Here I bow down, here I bow.***

***At the cross, at the cross, I surrender my life.
I'm in awe of You, I'm in awe of You.
Where Your love ran red, and my sin washed white.
I owe all to You, I owe all to You, Jesus.***

Invitation to the Prayer of Confession

Susie Hess

We know that we have not lived according to God's desires for us. The brokenness in the world, and the sin and despair in our hearts, threaten to consume us as a mighty flood. Yet God is our hope and our firm foundation. Let us confess our sin before our gracious God using our Prayer of Confession as printed in the Order of worship. Let us pray.

Prayer of Confession

Susie Hess

Creating God, in love you moved over the waters of chaos and separated sea from dry land. And yet, we cling tightly to rigid boundaries of our own making. You claim us in the waters of baptism and declare us dead to sin and alive in Christ. But too often we deny that call, conforming ourselves to the whims of culture. At Pentecost, you released your wild and transforming spirit to flow through church and world. But we want to tame that wildness, channeling your spirit through banks of ordered safety. Transform us, we pray. Soften the unyielding edges of our hearts. Free us from the need to always be right. Forgive our self-centeredness and move us to a Christ-centeredness. We ask that you would free us from the sin that entangles us moves us from hope to despair. It is in the name of Jesus that we pray.

Silent Prayer.

Amen.

Declaration of Forgiveness

Susie Hess

God hears our cry and sends the Spirit to change us and empower our lives in the world. Our sins are forgiven, God's love is unconditional, and we are raised up as God's people, who will always be made new in the name of Jesus Christ.

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

Celebration of Baptism

[Please stand if able.]

The Apostles' Creed

Ethan August Funsten

Brad & Lauren Funsten, Parents

Caitrin & Michal Olszewski, Sponsors

Nancy LeBlanc, Clerk of Session

I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, and in Jesus Christ his only Son, our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; he descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Ghost, the holy catholic Church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.

Prayer Song

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

First Lesson

1 Corinthians 1: 4 - 8

**Jessica Jenkins
Pew Bible p. 166**

⁴ I give thanks to my God always for you because of the grace of God that has been given you in Christ Jesus, ⁵ for in every way you have been enriched in him, in speech and knowledge of every kind— ⁶ just as the testimony of Christ has been strengthened among you— ⁷ so that you are not lacking in any spiritual gift as you wait for the revealing of our Lord Jesus Christ. ⁸ He will also strengthen you to the end, so that you may be blameless on the day of our Lord Jesus Christ.

Hymn of Preparation
(please stand if able)

O Jesus, I Have Promised
**John E. Bode
LNPC Chancel Choir
#648 (vv. 1, 3)**

*O Jesus, I have promised
To serve thee to the end;
Be thou forever near me,
My Master and my Friend:*

*I shall not fear the battle
If thou art by my side,
Nor wander from the pathway
If thou wilt be my guide.*

*O let me hear thee speaking
In accents clear and still,
Above the storms of passion,
The murmurs of self-will.*

*O speak to reassure me,
To hasten or control;
O speak, and make me listen,
Thou guardian of my soul.*

Second Lesson

Romans 12: 4 - 8

**Pastor Jim
Pew Bible p. 162**

⁴ For as in one body we have many members and not all the members have the same function, ⁵ so we, who are many, are one body in Christ, and individually we are members one of another. ⁶ We have gifts that differ according to the grace given to us: prophecy, in proportion to faith; ⁷ ministry, in ministering; the teacher, in teaching; ⁸ the exhorter, in exhortation; the giver, in generosity; the leader, in diligence; the compassionate, in cheerfulness.

Sermon

What's In the Toolbox?

Pastor Jim

Time of Reflection

Blessing of Tithes and Offerings

Pastor Sara

Offertory

Think of Me and Remember

Joel Raney

LNPC Chancel Choir

Take this wine I pour, take this bread I break.
Search your heart and remember the sacrifice I make.
Come and follow me. I will hold you forever.
My life I give so you may live.
Think of me and remember.

When your feet grow tired, and your flesh is weak,
Think of me and remember I am the rest you seek.
Come and follow me, I will hold you forever.
My life I give, so you may live.
Think of me and remember.

Remember how I prayed at Gethsemane,
"Father let this cup please pass from me."
Remember how the soldiers captured me,
Then led the Son of Man to Calvary.

As you close the day, as you sing and pray,
Search your heart and remember the debt I came to pay.
Come follow me, I will hold you forever.
My life I give, so you may live.
Think of me and remember.
Think of me and remember.

Sacrament of Holy Communion

Pastor Jim & 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)

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,
Serving you by loving all.*

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

Hornpipe
G. F. Handel
Suk Choi, Organist

**Today's Chancel flowers are given by Jim and Becky Szeyller
in celebration of their wedding anniversary.**

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