

Sunday, January 7, 2024
Order of Worship

Prelude

All Glory, Laud and Honor
Melchior Teschner
Suk Choi, Organist

Welcome

Pastor Jim

Call to Worship

Pastor Jim

Leader: The Lord is our light and our salvation; whom shall we fear?

People: The Lord is the stronghold of our lives; of whom shall we be afraid?

Leader: The Lord will protect us and guide us.

People: Let us gladly offer ourselves before our God with shouts of joy; let us sing praises to the Lord, our God.

Opening Prayer

Pastor Jim

O God, we come before you as a people gathered to behold the Christ, a light dawned that cannot be extinguished. In this new year, we offer special thanks for this community of faith and your faithful presence. Help us to see more clearly your glorious light, that we will open our hearts to your reign on earth and dedicate our lives to your service.

Hymns of Praise
(please stand if able)

This is Amazing Grace
Jeremy Riddle, Josh Farro, Phil Wickham
Michael Smith, Worship Leader
Sho Fujieda, Drums

*Who breaks the power of sin and darkness,
Whose love is mighty and so much stronger?
The King of Glory the King above all kings.*

*Who shakes the whole earth with holy thunder
Who leaves us breathless in awe and wonder?
The King of Glory, the King above all kings.*

*This is amazing grace,
This is unfailing love,
That You would take my place,
That You would bear my cross.*

*You laid down Your life
That I would be set free.
Oh, Jesus, I sing for
All that You've done for me.*

*Who brings our chaos back into order,
Who makes the orphan a son and daughter?
The King of Glory, the King of Glory.*

*Who rules the nations with truth and justice,
Shines like the sun in all of its brilliance?
The King of Glory, the King above all kings.*

*This is amazing grace,
This is unfailing love,
That You would take my place,
That You would bear my cross.*

*You laid down Your life
That I would be set free.
Oh, Jesus, I sing for
All that You've done for me.*

*Worthy is the Lamb who was slain,
Worthy is the King who conquered the grave.
Worthy is the Lamb who was slain,
Worthy is the King who conquered the grave.
Worthy is the Lamb who was slain,
Worthy is the King who conquered the grave.
Worthy is the Lamb who was slain,
Worthy, worthy, worthy,*

*This is amazing grace,
This is unfailing love,
That You would take my place,
That You would bear my cross.*

*You laid down Your life
That I would be set free.
Oh, Jesus, I sing for
All that You've done for me.*

Unstoppable God
Chris Brown, Steven Furtick, Wade Joye

***Heaven thundered
And the world was born.
Life begins and ends
In the dust You formed.***

***Faith commanded
And the mountains moved.
Fear is losing ground
To our hope in You.***

***Unstoppable God.
Let Your glory go on and on.
Impossible things
In Your name, they shall be done.***

***Unstoppable God.
Let Your glory go on and on.
Impossible things
In Your name, they shall be done.***

***Freedom conquered
All our chains undone
Sin defeated Jesus has overcome.***

***Mercy triumphed
When the third day dawned
Darkness was denied
When the stone was gone***

***Unstoppable God.
Let Your glory go on and on.
Impossible things
In Your name, they shall be done.***

***Unstoppable God.
Let Your glory go on and on.
Impossible things
In Your name, they shall be done.***

***Nothing shall be impossible.
Your kingdom reigns unstoppable.
We'll shout Your praise forevermore.
Jesus, our God unstoppable.***

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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. 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. Loosen our grip on "the way it's always been" and prepare us for the joy of "the way it still can be." Set us on new paths of study, discipleship, and service as we confess those things that have limited our devotion to you. Oh Lord, hear our silent prayers of confession now.

Silent Prayer.

Amen.

Declaration of Forgiveness

Susie Hess

Friends, hear this good news. Jesus Christ is our ark! His power is unequalled, his grace is unrestrained, his strength is steadfast, and his embrace is sufficient to carry all that we are and hope to be. Friends, believe the good news! 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

Susie Hess

Prayer Song

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

- ¹ Ascribe to the Lord, O heavenly beings,
ascribe to the Lord glory and strength.
- ² Ascribe to the Lord the glory of his name;
worship the Lord in holy splendor.
- ³ The voice of the Lord is over the waters;
the God of glory thunders,
the Lord, over mighty waters.
- ⁴ The voice of the Lord is powerful;
the voice of the Lord is full of majesty.
- ⁵ The voice of the Lord breaks the cedars;
the Lord breaks the cedars of Lebanon.
- ⁶ He makes Lebanon skip like a calf,
and Sirion like a young wild ox.
- ⁷ The voice of the Lord flashes forth flames of fire.
- ⁸ The voice of the Lord shakes the wilderness;
the Lord shakes the wilderness of Kadesh.
- ⁹ The voice of the Lord causes the oaks to whirl,
and strips the forest bare;
and in his temple all say, "Glory!"
- ¹⁰ The Lord sits enthroned over the flood;
the Lord sits enthroned as king forever.
- ¹¹ May the Lord give strength to his people!
May the Lord bless his people with peace!

Hymn of Preparation
(please stand if able)

All Glory, Laud and Honor
Theodulph of Orleans, John M. Neale, Translator
LNPC Chancel Choir
#204 (vv. 2, 3)

*All glory, laud and honor
To thee, Redeemer, King,
To whom the lips of children
Made sweet hosannas ring.*

*The company of angels
Are praising thee on high,
And we with all creation
In chorus make reply:*

*All glory, laud and honor
To thee, Redeemer, King,
To whom the lips of children
Made sweet hosannas ring.*

*All glory, laud and honor
To thee, Redeemer, King,
To whom the lips of children
Made sweet hosannas ring.*

*The people of the Hebrews
With palms before thee went;
Our praise and prayer and anthems
Before thee we present:*

⁴ John the baptizer appeared in the wilderness, proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins. ⁵ And people from the whole Judean countryside and all the people of Jerusalem were going out to him, and were baptized by him in the river Jordan, confessing their sins. ⁶ Now John was clothed with camel's hair, with a leather belt around his waist, and he ate locusts and wild honey. ⁷ He proclaimed, "The one who is more powerful than I is coming after me; I am not worthy to stoop down and untie the thong of his sandals. ⁸ I have baptized you with water; but he will baptize you with the Holy Spirit." ⁹ In those days Jesus came from Nazareth of Galilee and was baptized by John in the Jordan. ¹⁰ And just as he was coming up out of the water, he saw the heavens torn apart and the Spirit descending like a dove on him. ¹¹ And a voice came from heaven, "You are my Son, the Beloved; with you I am well pleased."

Sermon

Getting Started

Pastor Jim

Time of Reflection

Blessing of Tithes and Offerings

Pastor Sara

Offertory

We Three Kings
Arr. by Ed Kee
LNPC Chancel Choir

We three kings of orient are,
 Bearing gifts we traverse afar
 Field and fountain, moor and mountain,
 Following yonder star.

Oh, star of wonder, star of night,
 Star with royal beauty bright;
 Westward leading, still proceeding,
 Guide to thy perfect light.

Oh, star of wonder, star of night,
 Star with royal beauty bright;
 Westward leading, still proceeding,
 Guide to thy perfect light.

Radiant star, your heavenly call
 Proclaims the greatest wonder of all.
 Heaven's treasure none can measure,
 Yet born as a babe so small.

Glorious light announces his birth,
 Hope this light illumines the earth.
 By its glowing we are knowing
 This king is of matchless worth.

Glorious now behold him arise,
 King and God and sacrifice;
 Alleluia, alleluia!
 Heaven to earth replies.

Oh, star of wonder, star of night,
 Star with royal beauty bright;
 Westward leading, still proceeding,
 Guide to thy perfect light.
 Guide us to thy perfect light.

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)

As With Gladness Men of Old
William C. Dix
LNPC Chancel Choir
#181 (vv. 1, 2)

*As with gladness men of old
Did the guiding star behold;
As with joy they hailed its light,
Leading onward, beaming bright,
So, most gracious Lord, may we
Evermore be led to thee.*

*As with joyful steps they sped
To that lowly manger bed,
There to bend the knee before
Him whom heaven and earth adore,
So, may we with willing feet
Ever seek the mercy seat.*

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

Come, Thou Almighty King
Felice de Giardini
Suk Choi, Organist

Today's Chancel flowers are given by Jim and Becky Szeyller
with appreciation for the staff at LNPC.

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And a voice came from heaven,
"You are my Son, the Beloved;
with you I am well pleased."

MARK 1: 11

Announcements
Sunday, January 7, 2024

Noteworthy News

◆ **Returning This Week!:**

- ~ LNPC Youth - Tonight, Sunday, January 7th, 6:00 pm, the Garage
- ~ Pastor's Bible Study - Tuesday, January 9th, 10:30 am, Conference Room
- ~ Holy Yoga - Thursday, January 11th, 4:00 pm (Chair), 5:00 pm, Gard C

◆ **Dedicate Chancel Flowers:** The 2024 Chancel Flower Sign-Up Chart is located in the Narthex. Put your name down on the chart. Then, complete the outside of a flower donation envelope with dedication information, include your donation inside the envelope, and drop it in one of the baskets in the Narthex. Suggested donation is \$85.00.

◆ **Save the Dates:**

- ~ LNPC Bowling Adventure, Saturday, February 10th, at 3:00 pm, at Saddleback Lanes
- ~ Men's Ministry Pizza and Game Night, Saturday, February 24th, at 3:00 pm, at Tony Pepperoni's.

◆ **Reminder - Church Office Closed:** The office will be closed Monday, January 15th, in observance of Martin Luther King Jr. Day. Regular office hours will resume Tuesday, January 16th.

◆ **Request for Docketed Time:** Please contact Pastor Jim if you would like to present something to Session on Monday, January 22nd, at 6:00 pm.

THIS WEEK at LNPC

January 7	SUNDAY	January 11	THURSDAY
10:00 am	Sunday Worship Sanctuary & Livestreamed	1:00 pm	FAM Food Dist. LNPC Parking Lot
11:15 am	Unhanging of the Greens Sanctuary / Gard	4:00 pm	Holy Yoga Chair Gard C
11:15 am	Men's Ministry Conference Room	5:00 pm	Holy Yoga Gard C
11:15 am	Missions Gard A	5:30 pm	Worship & Music Conference Room
4:00 pm	The Journey Gard A	6:30 pm	Choir Rehearsal Sanctuary
6:00 pm	LNPC Youth the Garage	7:00 pm	Youth Bible Study Off site
January 8	MONDAY	January 12	FRIDAY
7:00 am	AA Men's Gard B	7:00 am	AA Men's Gard B
10:30 am	AA Women's Gard B	10:30 am	AA Women's Gard B
6:30 pm	Deacons Meeting Work Room	January 13	SATURDAY
7:00 pm	Personnel Conference Room	9:00 am	Buildings & Grounds Conference Room
8:00 pm	AA Mixed Gard B	9:00 am	Bag Ladies Kitchen
January 9	TUESDAY	January 14	SUNDAY
9:30 am	Al-Anon Mixed Gard B	10:00 am	Communion Sunday Sanctuary & Livestreamed
10:30 pm	Pastor's Bible Study Conference Room	11:30 am	Congregational Life Conference Room
1:00 pm	Staff Meeting Conference Room	4:00 pm	The Journey Gard A
January 10	WEDNESDAY	6:00 pm	LNPC Youth The Garage
6:00 pm	AA Mixed Gard B		

Prayer Concerns

Family & Friends (Church Contact)

Claro Alfonso (Imfeld)
Gary Fong (Ehlers)
Mike & Kathy Gessner
(Galloway)
Sandy Griffon (Stocksdale)
Randy Hairston (Hampsten)
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)

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

Doris Black
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

Doris Black & Family (Husband)
Borg Family (Sandy's Brother,
Daughter-in-Law's Mother, Erik's
Brother)
Jane Carpenter & Family
(Husband)
Campman Family (Marilyn)
Brian Mangan & Family (Wife)
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