



Sunday, September 27, 2026

Please silence your cell phone

Prelude

O Worship the King
Don Hustad
Dr. Hye Kyung Lee, Organist

Welcome

Pastor Ray Medina

Call to Worship

Leader: Give me a pure heart - that I may see You

People: *A humble heart - that I may hear You*

Leader: A heart of love - that I may serve You

People: *A heart of faith - that I may abide in You*

Opening Prayer

Hymns of Praise
(please stand if able)

Build Your Kingdom
Gareth Gilkeson, Chris Llewellyn & William Herron
Abigail Kaesekamp, Worship Singer
Sho Fujieda, Drums & Madison Spach, Guitar

*Come set Your rule, and reign
In our hearts again.
Increase in us, we pray.
Unveil why we're made.*

*Come set our hearts ablaze with hope,
Like wildfire in our very souls;
Holy Spirit, come, revive us now.
We are Your church;
We need Your pow'r in us.*

*We seek Your kingdom first.
We hunger and we thirst;
Refuse to waste our lives,
For You're our joy and prize.*

*To see the captives' hearts released;
The hurt, the sick, the poor at peace.
We lay down our lives for heaven's cause.
We are Your church;
We pray revive this earth.*

*Build Your kingdom here.
Let the darkness fear.
Show Your mighty hand.
Heal our streets and land.*

*Set Your church on fire.
Bring our hearts back.
Change the atmosphere.
Build Your kingdom here, we pray!*

*Unleash Your kingdom's pow'r,
Reaching the near and far.
No force of hell can stop
Your beauty changing hearts.*

*You made us for much more than this;
Awake the kingdom seed in us.
Fill us with the strength and love of Christ.
We are Your church,
We are the hope on earth.*

*Build Your kingdom here.
Let the darkness fear.
Show Your mighty hand.
Heal our streets and land.*

*Set Your church on fire.
Bring our hearts back.
Change the atmosphere.
Build Your kingdom here, we pray!*

Chris Tomlin, Jason Ingram, & Reuben Morgan

Oh, oh, oh.

*Higher than my sight,
High above my life;
I will trust in You alone.*

*Whom You love, I'll love;
How You serve, I'll serve;
If this life I lose,
I will follow You,*

*Light into the world,
Light into my life
I will live for You alone.*

*Where You go, I'll go;
Where You stay, I'll stay;*

*Whom You love, I'll love;
How You serve, I'll serve;
If this life I lose,
I will follow You,*

*In You, there's life everlasting.
In You, there's freedom for my soul.
In You, there's joy, unending joy;
And I will follow.*

*Whom You love, I'll love;
How You serve, I'll serve;
If this life I lose,
I will follow You,*

*Where You go, I'll go;
Where You stay, I'll stay;
When You move, I'll move.
I will follow You.*

*Whom You love, I'll love;
How You serve, I'll serve;
If this life I lose,
I will follow You,*

*Yeah. I will follow You, yeah.
I will follow You, yeah.
I will follow You, yeah.*

Declaration of Forgiveness

*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

Anthem

At the name of Jesus
Ev'ry knee shall bow,
Ev'ry tongue confess him
King of glory now.

‘Tis the Father’s pleasure
We should call him Lord,
Who from the beginning
Was the mighty Word.

At the name of Jesus Christ
Triumphantly we bow.
Let us declare that he is Lord
And the King of glory now.

Glory and honor,
Blessing and thanks
We offer in accord.

Wisdom and riches,
Power and strength
He'll receive forevermore.

Susie Hess

Gloria Patri

King of Glory

Arr. by Tom Fettke
LNPC Chancel Choir

In your hearts enthrone him;
There let him subdue
All that is not holy,
All that is not true.

Crown him as your Master
In temptation's hour;
Let his will enfold you
In its light and pow'r!

At the name of Jesus Christ
Triumphantly we bow.
Let us declare that he is Lord
And the King of glory now.

Glory and honor,
Blessing and thanks
We offer in accord.

Wisdom and riches,
Power and strength
He'll receive forevermore,
Forevermore, forevermore,
Forevermore, forevermore!

Recognition of Children

First Scripture Reading
Philippians 2: 1 - 13
Pew Bible pp. 196 - 197

¹ If then there is any encouragement in Christ, any consolation from love, any sharing in the Spirit, any compassion and sympathy, ² make my joy complete: be of the same mind, having the same love, being in full accord and of one mind. ³ Do nothing from selfish ambition or conceit, but in humility regard others as better than yourselves. ⁴ Let each of you look not to your own interests, but to the interests of others. ⁵ Let the same mind be in you that was in Christ Jesus,
⁶ who, though he was in the form of God, did not regard equality with God as something to be exploited,
⁷ but emptied himself, taking the form of a slave, being born in human likeness. And being found in human form,
⁸ he humbled himself and became obedient to the point of death— even death on a cross.
⁹ Therefore God also highly exalted him and gave him the name that is above every name,
¹⁰ so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bend, in heaven and on earth and under the earth,
¹¹ and every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.
¹² Therefore, my beloved, just as you have always obeyed me, not only in my presence, but much more now in my absence, work out your own salvation with fear and trembling;
¹³ for it is God who is at work in you, enabling you both to will and to work for his good pleasure.

Hymn of Preparation
(please stand if able)

Lord, Whose Love in Humble Service
Albert F. Bayly
#426 (vv. 1, 4)

Lord, who’s love in humble service
Bore the weight of human need,
Who upon the cross, forsaken,
Worked your mercy’s perfect deed:

We, your servants, bring the worship
Not of voice alone, but heart,
Consecrating to your purpose
Every gift which you impart.

Called by worship to your service,
Forth in your dear name we go,
To the child, the youth, the aged,
Love in living deeds to show;

Hope and health, good will and comfort,
Counsel, aid and peace we give,
That your servants, Lord, in freedom
May your mercy know and live.

Sermon
Real Influence

Second Scripture Reading
Matthew 21: 23 - 32
Pew Bible pp. 23 - 24

²³ When he entered the temple, the chief priests and the elders of the people came to him as he was teaching, and said, "By what authority are you doing these things, and who gave you this authority?" ²⁴ Jesus said to them, "I will also ask you one question; if you tell me the answer, then I will also tell you by what authority I do these things. ²⁵ Did the baptism of John come from heaven, or was it of human origin?" And they argued with one another, "If we say, 'From heaven,' he will say to us, 'Why then did you not believe him?'" ²⁶ But if we say, 'Of human origin,' we are afraid of the crowd; for all regard John as a prophet." ²⁷ So they answered Jesus, "We do not know." And he said to them, "Neither will I tell you by what authority I am doing these things.
²⁸ "What do you think? A man had two sons; he went to the first and said, 'Son, go and work in the vineyard today.' ²⁹ He answered, 'I will not'; but later he changed his mind and went. ³⁰ The father went to the second and said the same; and he answered, 'I go, sir'; but he did not go. ³¹ Which of the two did the will of his father?" They said, "The first." Jesus said to them, "Truly I tell you, the tax collectors and the prostitutes are going into the kingdom of God ahead of you. ³² For John came to you in the way of righteousness and you did not believe him, but the tax collectors and the prostitutes believed him; and even after you saw it, you did not change your minds and believe him.

Time of Reflection

Blessing of Our Tithes & Offerings

Offertory

You Raise Me Up
Brendan Graham and Rolf Lovland

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)

We Are Called to Be God’s People
Thomas A. Jackson
#710 (vv. 1, 2)

*We are called to be God’s people,
Showing by our lives his grace,
One in heart and one in spirit,
Sign of hope for all the race.*

*Let us show how he has changed us,
And remade us as his own,
Let us share our life together
As we shall around his throne.*

*We are called to be God’s servants,
Working in his world today;
Taking his own task upon us,
All his sacred words obey.*

*Let us rise, then to his summons,
Dedicate to him our all.
That we may be faithful servants,
Quick to answer now his call.*

Charge and Benediction
(please remain standing)

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.*

(In consideration of our livestream please remain seated until the Postlude is over before exiting the sanctuary. Thank you.)

Postlude

Postlude in Bb
Wilhelm Volckmar

*Today’s Chancel flowers are given by Tom Dunn
in loving memory of Arlene on her birthday, and in celebration of Brian’s birthday.*

Worship Production Leaders

<u>Audio</u>	<u>Video</u>
Carlos Morales	Ben Roebuck
Fabian Alfaro	Bill Adams
	Ellarie Malone

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SERMON NOTES

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Prayer Concerns

LNPC Members

Terry Argast
Steve Foster
Jody Fristoe-Schnitzer
Claire Hirakawa
C.M. Hourigan
Linda Klein
Nancy LeBlanc
Kathleen Lechner
Margaret Lee
Pat Nunnikhoven
Dave Ross
Tasha Schwarz
Gary Wright

Peace & Comfort

Fitzpatrick Family (Jill's Father)
Nora and Mark Imfeld & Family
(Nora's Father)
Kathleen Lechner (Daughter)
Debbie Perkins (Husband, Jim)
Ben and Jennifer Roebuck
(Kathleen)
Dave Ross (Son)
Tasha Schwarz & Family
(Husband)
Wanling Cau & Family and Lee

Lee Truong-Sawicki (Lee Lee's
Uncle Chi)
Lina & Jean Wakim (Lina's
Mother)

Service: Military & Mission
Joseph Yanez (Nunnikhoven)

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**Sunday, September 27, 2026
Announcements**



Children bathroom independent through 5th Grade*

Worship is attended as a family until the Recognition of Children, when our young children are excused to go with their teachers to the Sunday School classroom located in the hallway off the Narthex.

**If you are in need of nursery space during the service, you are invited to use the Quiet Room, equipped with livestream, located across from the Sunday School Room.*

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Noteworthy News

- ♦ **Coffee, Conversation & the Bible:** Join Pastor Ray for coffee, fellowship, a brief devotional, and friendly conversation about faith, Scripture, and life in the church. Tuesday mornings at 10 am in the Conference Room, starting Tuesday, October 6th. 4 to 6 weeks. Refreshments provided.
- ♦ **LNPC YTH Home Group:** The youth (middle school through high school) are hanging at the Malone’s house on Monday nights from 5-6:30 pm, starting this Monday, September 28th! We’ll do dinner, games, a devotional, and talk about life and faith with people who are in it with you. Bring a friend and be a part of the crew—we’ll see you there!
- ♦ **High School YTH:** We’re headed to Knott’s Scary Farm, Saturday, October 3rd. Meet at the church at 2:30 pm. From there we’ll carpool to the park for a night of thrills, scares, and rides! We’ll return around 1 am. Register online.
- ♦ **Holy Yoga & A Harp:** All are welcome to gather on the lawn for a soothing outdoor Holy Yoga experience. Susie Hess will lead the group in peaceful reflection as Roxanne Ford (Eileen Green’s sister) fills the morning air with the graceful sounds of her harp. Friday mornings from 9:30 am –10:15 am, October 2, 16, 23, & 30. Bring your mat or a towel. Suggested donation of \$5 goes to LNPC Missions.

THIS WEEK at LNPC

Sept.	27	SUNDAY
10:00 am	Sunday Worship	Sanctuary / Livestream
11:30 am	YTH Dinners for a Diff.	Kitchen
3:00 pm	Middle School YTH	Irvine
	Dave & Busters	
4:00 pm	The Journey	Patio/Gard A

Sept.	28	MONDAY
7:00 am	AA Men’s	Gard B
10:30 am	AA Women’s	Gard B
11:00 am	Staff Meeting	Conference Room
5:30 pm	Colinas de Cap. HOA	Conference Room
6:00 pm	Men’s AA	Gard A
6:00 pm	Session	Work Room
8:00 pm	AA Mixed	Gard B

Sept.	29	TUESDAY
9:30 am	Al-Anon Mixed	Gard B

Sept.	30	WEDNESDAY
6:00 pm	AA Mixed	Gard B
October	1	THURSDAY
1:00 pm	FAM Food Dist.	LNPC Parking Lot
6:30 pm	AA District 12	Gard A

October	2	FRIDAY
7:00 am	AA Men’s	Gard B
10:30 am	AA Women’s	Gard C

October	3	SATURDAY
2:30 pm	HS YTH Knott’s Scary Farm	LNPC Carpool

October	4	SUNDAY
10:00 am	Sunday Worship	Sanctuary / Livestream
11:15 am	Men’s Ministry	Christian Ed. Room
11:15 am	Missions	Gard A
4:00 pm	The Journey	Patio/Gard A

Prayer Concerns

Family & Friends (Church Contact)

The Bennetts (Cox)	Theresa Mays (Nunnikhoven)
Marcy Bisson (Jenkins)	Brigitte Mir (Hampsten)
Shelby Borg (Borg)	Dave Moore (Borg)
John Bouffard (Troester)	Sophia Truong and Elaine
Ginny Bowman (Heath)	Phan & Family (Lee Lee)
John Carruth (Ehlers)	Bobby Pilkerton (LeBlanc)
Annie Coleman (Coleman)	Rene (Woody)
Beckah & Gabe (Ehlers)	George Rihovsky
Mike & Kyle Eales (Galloway)	Robert Ruiz, Jr. (Pasco)
Dr. Harvey Fair (Fair)	Bob Strickler (Ditto)
Robyn Fong (Ehlers)	Herbert Togashi (Malone)
Jon Galloway (Galloway)	Dave Tuma (Troester)
Lyle & Janet Hamilton (Troester)	Lindsey Yanez (Nunnikhoven)
Phil Hermsmeyer (Muck)	Joseph Yang
Darlene Hester (Mays)	
Blake Hourigan (Hourigan)	
Rex Mays (Nunnikhoven)	

(*New addition - Names will appear for 3 months unless otherwise specified by those who submit the prayer request.)

To submit a prayer request or notify us that one can be removed:
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