



Communion Sunday September 13, 2026

Please silence your cell phone

Prelude

Aria
Craig Phillips
Dr. Hye Kyung Lee, Organist

*We sing to the God who heals.
We sing to the God who saves.
We sing to the God who always makes a way.
'Cause He hung up on that cross.
Then He rose up from that grave.
My God's still rolling stones away.*

Welcome

Pastor Ray Medina

Call to Worship

Leader: O Lord, Our God, how majestic is your name in all the earth.

People: *You have set your glory above the heavens. From the lips of children
and infants you have ordained praise.*

Leader: O Lord, our Lord...

All: *How majestic is your name in all the earth.*

*There's joy in the house of the Lord.
There's joy in the house of the Lord today.
And we won't be quiet.
We shout out Your praise.
There's joy in the house of the Lord.
Our God is surely in this place.
And we won't be quiet.
We shout out Your praise.*

Opening Prayer

Hymns of Praise
(please stand if able)

House of The Lord
Jonathan Smith and Phil Wickham
Michael Smith, Worship Leader
Sho Fujieda, Drums & Madison Spach, Guitar

*We worship the God who was.
We worship the God who is.
We worship the God who evermore will be.
He opened the prison doors.
He parted the raging sea.
My God He holds the victory, yeah.*

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We shout out Your praise.
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*We were the beggars.
Now we're royalty.
We were the prisoners.
Now we're running free.
We are forgiven, accepted,
Redeemed by His grace.
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Praise

Brandon Lake, Chandler Moore, Chris Brown,
Cody Carnes, Pat Barrett, & Steven Furtick

*Praise the Lord oh my soul
Praise the Lord oh my soul*

*I won't be quiet My God is alive
How could I keep it inside
Praise the Lord oh my soul*

*I'll praise in the valley
Praise on the mountain
I'll praise when I'm sure
Praise when I'm doubting
I'll praise when outnumbered
Praise when surrounded
'Cause praise is the water
My enemies drown in*

*I'll praise 'cause You're sovereign
Praise 'cause You reign
Praise 'cause You rose and defeated the grave
I'll praise 'cause You're faithful
Praise 'cause You're true
Praise 'cause there's nobody greater than You*

*As long as I'm breathing
I've got a reason to
Praise the Lord oh my soul
Praise the Lord oh my soul*

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Praise 'cause You reign
Praise 'cause You rose and defeated the grave
I'll praise 'cause You're faithful
Praise 'cause You're true
Praise 'cause there's nobody greater than You*

*I'll praise when I feel it
And I'll praise when I don't
I'll praise 'cause I know
You're still in control
'Cause my praise is a weapon
It's more than a sound
My praise is the shout
That brings Jericho down*

*Praise the Lord oh my soul
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Praise the Lord oh my soul*

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Praise the Lord oh my soul*

Prayer of Confession

Lani Colley

Declaration of Forgiveness

Response of Thanksgiving

(please stand if able)

Gloria Patri

*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

Come, Share the Lord

Arr. by Lloyd Larson
LNPC Chancel Choir

We gather hear in Jesus' name,
His love is burning in our hearts like living flame;
For through his loving Son the Father makes us one;
Come, take the bread, come, drink the wine,
Come, share the Lord.

No one is a stranger here,
Everyone belongs;
Finding our forgiveness here,
We in turn forgive all wrongs.

He joins us here, he breaks the bread,
The Lord who pours the cup is risen from the dead;
The one we love the most is now our gracious host;
Come, take the bread come, drink the wine,
Come, share the Lord.

We are now a family of which the Lord is head;
Though unseen he meets us here
In the breaking of the bread.

We'll gather soon where Angels sing;
We'll see the glory of our Lord and risen King;
Now we anticipate the feast for which we wait
Come, take the bread, come, drink the wine,
Come, share the Lord.

Come, take the bread,
Come, drink the wine,
Come, share the Lord,
Come, share the Lord.

Recognition of Children

First Scripture Reading

Romans 14: 1 - 12
Pew Bible p. 163

¹ Welcome those who are weak in faith, but not for the purpose of quarreling over opinions. ² Some believe in eating anything, while the weak eat only vegetables. ³ Those who eat must not despise those who abstain, and those who abstain must not pass judgment on those who eat; for God has welcomed them. ⁴ Who are you to pass judgment on servants of another? It is before their own lord that they stand or fall. And they will be upheld, for the Lord is able to make them stand.
⁵ Some judge one day to be better than another, while others judge all days to be alike. Let all be fully convinced in their own minds. ⁶ Those who observe the day, observe it in honor of the Lord. Also those who eat, eat in honor of the Lord, since they give thanks to God; while those who abstain, abstain in honor of the Lord and give thanks to God.
⁷ We do not live to ourselves, and we do not die to ourselves. ⁸ If we live, we live to the Lord, and if we die, we die to the Lord; so then, whether we live or whether we die, we are the Lord's. ⁹ For to this end Christ died and lived again, so that he might be Lord of both the dead and the living.
¹⁰ Why do you pass judgment on your brother or sister? Or you, why do you despise your brother or sister? For we will all stand before the judgment seat of God. ¹¹ For it is written, "As I live, says the Lord, every knee shall bow to me, and every tongue shall give praise to God."
¹² So then, each of us will be accountable to God.

Hymn of Preparation
(please stand if able)

Lord of All Hopefulness
Jan Struther
#369 (vv. 1, 3)

Lord of all hopefulness, Lord of all joy,
Whose trust, ever child-like, no cares can destroy,
Be there at our waking, and give us, we pray,
Your bliss in our hearts, Lord, at the break of the day.

Lord of all kindness, Lord of all grace,
Your hands swift to welcome, your arms to embrace,
Be there at our homing, and give us, we pray,
Your love in our hearts, Lord, at the eve of the day.

Sermon

Real Forgiveness

Second Scripture Readings
Matthew 18: 21 - 35
Pew Bible p. 20

²¹ Then Peter came and said to him, "Lord, if another member of the church sins against me, how often should I forgive? As many as seven times?" ²² Jesus said to him, "Not seven times, but, I tell you, seventy-seven times.
²³ "For this reason the kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who wished to settle accounts with his slaves. ²⁴ When he began the reckoning, one who owed him ten thousand talents was brought to him; ²⁵ and, as he could not pay, his lord ordered him to be sold, together with his wife and children and all his possessions, and payment to be made. ²⁶ So the slave fell on his knees before him, saying, "Have patience with me, and I will pay you everything." ²⁷ And out of pity for him, the lord of that slave released him and forgave him the debt. ²⁸ But that same slave, as he went out, came upon one of his fellow slaves who owed him a hundred denarii; and seizing him by the throat, he said, "Pay what you owe." ²⁹ Then his fellow slave fell down and pleaded with him, "Have patience with me, and I will pay you." ³⁰ But he refused; then he went and threw him into prison until he would pay the debt.
³¹ When his fellow slaves saw what had happened, they were greatly distressed, and they went and reported to their lord all that had taken place. ³² Then his lord summoned him and said to him, "You wicked slave! I forgave you all that debt because you pleaded with me. ³³ Should you not have had mercy on your fellow slave, as I had mercy on you?" ³⁴ And in anger his lord handed him over to be tortured until he would pay his entire debt. ³⁵ So my heavenly Father will also do to every one of you, if you do not forgive your brother or sister from your heart."

Time of Reflection

Blessing of Our Tithes & Offerings

Offertory

O Come To The Altar
Chris Brown, Mack Brock, Steven Furtick, & Wade Joye

Are you hurting and broken within
Overwhelmed by the weight of your sin
Jesus is calling
Have you come to the end of yourself
Do you thirst for a drink from the well
Jesus is calling

O come to the altar
The Father's arms are open wide
Forgiveness was bought with
The precious blood of Jesus Christ

Leave behind your regrets and mistakes
Come today there's no reason to wait
Jesus is calling
Bring your sorrows and trade them for joy
From the ashes a new life is born
Jesus is calling

O come to the altar
The Father's arms are open wide
Forgiveness was bought with
The precious blood of Jesus Christ

Oh what a Savior
Isn't he wonderful
Sing alleluia Christ is risen
Bow down before him
For he is Lord of all
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The Sacrament of Holy Communion

The Invitation (Bread is gluten-free.)

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)

Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee
Henry Van Dyke
#20 (vv. 1, 3)

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

*Joyful, joyful, we adore thee,
God of glory, Lord of love;
Hearts unfold like flowers before thee,
Opening to the sun above.*

*Melt the clouds of sin and sadness,
Drive the dark of doubt away;
Giver of immortal gladness,
Fill us with the light of day!*

*Thou art giving and forgiving,
Ever blessing, ever blest,
Well-spring of the joy of living,
Ocean depth of happy rest!*

*Thou our Father, Christ our Brother
All who live in love are thine;
Teach us how to love each other,
Lift us to the joy divine.*

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.*

Postlude

Toccata Festiva
Franklin Ritter

*Today's Chancel flowers are given by Judy Ruddiman
in memory of bill on the occasion of their wedding anniversary.*

Worship Production Leaders

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

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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
Allen Renning
Dave Ross
Tasha Schwarz
Gary Wright

Peace & Comfort

Fitzpatrick Family (Jill's Father)
Eileen Green (Brother)
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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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.*

Noteworthy News

- ♦ **Christmas Worship Festival Instrument Sponsorship!:** Help bring the beautiful sounds of Christmas to LNPC. Support the CWF by sponsoring an instrument, with a suggested donation of \$100 per instrument. Look for the CWF table on the patio or donate online.
- ♦ **Choir Retreat:** Anyone who enjoys singing is encouraged to join us on Saturday, September 19th, 8:30 am- 1:30 pm, at LNPC to meet the choir, experience the joy of making music together, and learn more about being part of LNPC’s music ministry. Binh Vu is our guest speaker.
- ♦ **Men’s Ministry Mini Golf:** The guys are heading to Boomers on Saturday, September 26th, for some friendly mini golf competition. Meet at LNPC at 2pm to carpool to Irvine. Register on the patio or online.
- ♦ **Middle School YTH:** We’re kicking off the new program year with games, food, friends, and fun at Dave & Buster’s! Bring a friend and join us for our first event of the year. Sunday, September 27th, 3-5pm. Carpool available at 2:30 pm from LNPC. Register online.
- ♦ **High School YTH:** Save the Dates and Register online:
 - ~Dinners for Difference, September 27th, 11:30 am, LNPC Kitchen
 - ~Knott’s Scary Farm, Saturday, October 3rd, 2:30 pm to 1:00 am
- ♦ **Request for Docketed Time:** Please contact Pastor Ray if you would like to present something at the next Session meeting on Monday, September 28th, at 6:00 pm.

THIS WEEK at LNPC

Sept.	13	SUNDAY	Sept.	16	WEDNESDAY
10:00 am	Communion Sunday	Sanctuary / Livestream	6:00 pm	AA Mixed	Gard B
11:00 am	Ministry Fair	Gard A			
11:30 am	Congregational Life	Conference Room	Sept.	17	THURSDAY
4:00 pm	The Journey	Patio/Gard A	1:00 pm	FAM Food Dist.	LNPC Parking Lot
			7:00 pm	Men’s AA	Gard C
Sept.	14	MONDAY	Sept.	18	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 C
11:00 am	Staff Meeting	Conference Room	1:00 pm	Canasta	Gard A
6:00 pm	Men’s AA	Gard A			
6:00 pm	Personnel	Conference Room	Sept.	19	SATURDAY
8:00 pm	AA Mixed	Gard B	8:30 am	Choir Retreat	Gard A/Sanctuary
Sept.	15	TUESDAY	Sept.	20	SUNDAY
9:30 am	Al-Anon Mixed	Gard B	10:00 am	Sunday Worship	Sanctuary / Livestream
			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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