

**Sunday, September 10, 2023**  
**Order of Worship**

**Prelude**

***Leaning on the Everlasting Arms***  
**Anthony Showalter**  
**Suk Choi, Organist**

**Welcome**

**Pastor Jim**

**Call to Worship**

**Pastor Jim**

Leader: We gather this morning as the people of God.

***People: We gather together with praise and thanksgiving.***

Leader: As God breathed life into creation,

***People: Let the Holy Spirit breathe new life into us.***

Leader: Open our ears to hear your Word;

***People: Open our hearts that we would be shaped by your Word.***

***All: Let us worship the Lord our God!***

**Opening Prayer**

**Pastor Jim**

We praise you, extraordinary God, for the holiness of ordinary things — a gathering of fellow believers, a song of praise, a prayer of thanksgiving, a word, a loaf of bread, a cup, a fountain of water. Send your Spirit to rush, cool and clear, through our dry and brittle places. May the Spirit seep into the cracks and crevices of our hearts, that we might know you more fully, and worship you more deeply. Amen.

**Hymns of Praise**  
(please stand if able)

***This is Amazing Grace***  
**Riddle, Farro, & Wickham**  
**Logan Altman, Worship Leader**  
**Christian Jacobson, 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***  
***And 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***  
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***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***

**Your Grace is Enough  
Maher**

**Great is Your faithfulness O God  
You wrestle with the sinner's restless heart  
You lead us by still waters into mercy  
And nothing can keep us apart**

**(So) remember Your people  
Remember Your children  
Remember Your promise O God**

**Your grace is enough  
Your grace is enough  
Your grace is enough for me**

**Great is Your love and justice God of Jacob  
You use the weak to lead the strong  
You lead us in the song of Your salvation  
And all Your people sing along**

**(So) remember Your people  
Remember Your children  
Remember Your promise O God**

**Your grace is enough  
Your grace is enough  
Your grace is enough for me**

**(So) remember Your people  
Remember Your children  
Remember Your promise O God**

**Yeah Your grace is enough  
Heaven reaches out to us  
Your grace is enough for me  
God I sing Your grace is enough  
I'm covered in Your love  
Your grace is enough for me for me**

**Invitation to the Prayer of Confession**

**Lani Colley**

It is in our confession where we realize our desire for God and our hope for God's mercy. It is in admitting the truth of our lives that we take the first step toward wholeness and healing. So let us make our confession, using our prayer of confession as printed in our order of worship. Let us pray.

**Prayer of Confession**

**Lani Colley**

**Far too often, O God, we desire to look wise in the eyes of the world. We have not spoken truth with our hearts. We have not loved as you love. We have said and done hurtful things to our friends. We have forgotten our true identity, wandering into ways that are not yours. We have lost the path of true worship, focusing on form and words rather than deeds. We have forgotten what true discipleship is and because of this, we have lost our way. Forgive us and help us live into becoming the people you have created and called us to be. Forgive us Lord, as we confess those times and places where we have disappointed you and ourselves from the silence of our hearts.**

**Silent Prayer.**

**Amen.**

## Declaration of Forgiveness

Lani Colley

God has called us and blesses us when we live in God's ways and not the ways of the world. God's love embraces us even when we fall short of what God desires for our lives and actions. Know that the God of blessing loves and forgives us with a fierce tenderness. And in so knowing, may our lives and souls be transformed. Amen.

## 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 Jim

## Time For Young Disciples

Becky Szeyller

## Prayer Song

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

## First Lesson

**1 Kings 19: 1 - 8**

Pastor Jim

Pew Bible p. 326

<sup>1</sup> Ahab told Jezebel all that Elijah had done and how he had killed all the prophets with the sword. <sup>2</sup> Then Jezebel sent a messenger to Elijah, saying, "So may the gods do to me and more also, if I do not make your life like the life of one of them by this time tomorrow." <sup>3</sup> Then he was afraid; he got up and fled for his life and came to Beer-sheba, which belongs to Judah; he left his servant there. <sup>4</sup> But he himself went a day's journey into the wilderness and came and sat down under a solitary broom tree. He asked that he might die, "It is enough; now, O Lord, take away my life, for I am no better than my ancestors." <sup>5</sup> Then he lay down under the broom tree and fell asleep. Suddenly an angel touched him and said to him, "Get up and eat." <sup>6</sup> He looked, and there at his head was a cake baked on hot stones and a jar of water. He ate and drank and lay down again. <sup>7</sup> The angel of the Lord came a second time, touched him, and said, "Get up and eat, or the journey will be too much for you." <sup>8</sup> He got up and ate and drank; then he went in the strength of that food forty days and forty nights to Horeb the mount of God.

**Hymn of Preparation**  
(please stand if able)

**Near to the Heart of God**  
**Cleland B. McAfee**  
**LNPC Chancel Choir**  
**#542 (vv. 2, 3)**

*There is a place of comfort sweet  
Near to the heart of God,  
A place where we our Savior meet,  
Near to the heart of God.*

*O Jesus, blest Redeemer,  
Sent from the heart of God,  
Hold us, who wait before thee  
Near to the heart of God.*

*There is a place of full release  
Near to the heart of God,  
A place where all is joy and peace,  
Near to the heart of God.*

*O Jesus, blest Redeemer,  
Sent from the heart of God,  
Hold us, who wait before thee  
Near to the heart of God.*

**Second Lesson**

**1 Kings 19: 9 – 18**

**Pastor Jim**  
**Pew Bible p. 326**

<sup>9</sup> At that place he came to a cave and spent the night there. Then the word of the Lord came to him, saying, "What are you doing here, Elijah?" <sup>10</sup> He answered, "I have been very zealous for the Lord, the God of hosts, for the Israelites have forsaken your covenant, thrown down your altars, and killed your prophets with the sword. I alone am left, and they are seeking my life, to take it away." <sup>11</sup> He said, "Go out and stand on the mountain before the Lord, for the Lord is about to pass by." Now there was a great wind, so strong that it was splitting mountains and breaking rocks in pieces before the Lord, but the Lord was not in the wind, and after the wind an earthquake, but the Lord was not in the earthquake, <sup>12</sup> and after the earthquake a fire, but the Lord was not in the fire, and after the fire a sound of sheer silence. <sup>13</sup> When Elijah heard it, he wrapped his face in his mantle and went out and stood at the entrance of the cave. Then there came a voice to him that said, "What are you doing here, Elijah?" <sup>14</sup> He answered, "I have been very zealous for the Lord, the God of hosts, for the Israelites have forsaken your covenant, thrown down your altars, and killed your prophets with the sword. I alone am left, and they are seeking my life, to take it away." <sup>15</sup> Then the Lord said to him, "Go, return on your way to the wilderness of Damascus; when you arrive, you shall anoint Hazael as king over Aram. <sup>16</sup> Also you shall anoint Jehu son of Nimshi as king over Israel, and you shall anoint Elisha son of Shaphat of Abel-meholah as prophet in your place. <sup>17</sup> Whoever escapes from the sword of Hazael, Jehu shall kill, and whoever escapes from the sword of Jehu, Elisha shall kill. <sup>18</sup> Yet I will leave seven thousand in Israel, all the knees that have not bowed to Baal, and every mouth that has not kissed him."

**Sermon**

**What Are We Doing Here?**

**Pastor Jim**

## Time of Reflection

### Blessing of Tithes and Offerings

Pastor Jim

### Offertory

*On Eagle's Wings*  
Arr. By Douglas E. Wagner  
LNPC Chancel Choir

And He will raise you up on eagle's wings,  
Bear you on the breath of dawn,  
Make you shine like the sun,  
And hold you in the palm of His hand.

And He will raise you up on eagle's wings,  
Bear you on the breath of dawn,  
Make you shine like the sun,  
And hold you in the palm of His hand.

You who dwell in the shelter of the Lord,  
Who abide in His shadow for life,  
Say to the Lord:  
"My refuge, my Rock in whom I trust!"

You need not fear the terror of the night,  
Nor the arrow that flies by day;  
Though thousands fall about you,  
Near you it shall not come.

And He will raise you up on eagle's wings,  
Bear you on the breath of dawn,  
Make you shine like the sun,  
And hold you in the palm of His hand.

And He will raise you up on eagle's wings,  
Bear you on the breath of dawn,  
Make you shine like the sun,  
And hold you in the palm of His hand.

The snare of the fowler  
Will never capture you,  
And famine will bring no fear:  
Under His wings your refuge,  
His faithfulness your shield.

For to His angels He's given a command  
to guard you in all of your ways;  
Upon their hands they will bear you up  
lest you dash your foot against a stone.

And He will raise you up on eagle's wings,  
Bear you on the breath of dawn,  
Make you shine like the sun,  
And hold you in the palm of His hand,  
In the palm of his hand.

**Sacrament of Holy Communion**

**Pastor Jim**

**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 Jesus, I Have Promised*

**John E. Bode**

**LNPC Chancel Choir**

**#648 (vv. 1, 4)**

*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 Jesus, thou hast promised  
To all who follow thee,  
That where thou art in glory,  
There shall thy servant be;*

*And, Jesus, I have promised  
To serve thee to the end;  
O give me grace to follow,  
My Master and my Friend.*

**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**

***Sing a New Song  
Mary McDonald  
Suk Choi, Organist***

Today's Chancel flowers are given by Judy Ruddiman  
in celebration of our anniversary.

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