



Communion Sunday
March 8, 2026

Please silence your cell phone

Prelude

A Meditation on 'REDHEAD' (Rock of Ages)
Paul Taylor
Yoojung Chung Ji, Organist

Hymns of Praise
(please stand if able)

I Thank God
Aaron Moses, Chuck Butler, Dante Bowe,
Enrique Holmes, Jesse Cline, Maryanne J. George
Lee Lee Truong-Sawicki, Worship Leader
Sho Fujieda, Drums & Madison Spach, Guitar

Welcome

Pastor Jim Szeyller

*Wandering into the night,
Wanting a place to hide
This weary soul,
This bag of bones*

*From now till I walk streets of gold,
I'll sing of how You saved my soul.
This wayward son has found his way back home.*

Call to Worship

Leader: Come to the water, all you who thirst.

People: *We come to drink deeply from the river of life.*

Leader: Come to the water, all you who are weary.

People: *We come to rest in the quiet pools of God's love.*

Leader: Come to the water, all you who long for a justice.

People: *We come to be renewed in God's ever-flowing stream.*

All: *For God is here among us, washing away the dust and grime of our lives, and pouring out the Spirit on all who thirst. Let us worship God together.*

*I try with all of my might,
But I just can't win the fight.
I'm slowly drifting, a vagabond.*

*You picked me up,
You turned me around
And placed my feet on solid ground.*

*And just when I ran out of road,
I met a man I didn't know.
And He told me that I was not alone.*

*I thank the Master, I thank the Savior,
Because You healed my heart,
You changed my name.
Forever free, I'm not the same.
I thank the Master, I thank the Savior,
I thank God.*

*You picked me up,
You turned me around
And placed my feet on solid ground.*

*Hell lost another one.
I am free, I am free, I am free.
Hell lost another one.
I am free, I am free.*

*I thank the Master, I thank the Savior,
Because You healed my heart,
You changed my name.
Forever free, I'm not the same.
I thank the Master, I thank the Savior,
I thank God.*

*You picked me up,
You turned me around
And placed my feet on solid ground.*

*I cannot deny what I've seen;
Got no choice but to believe.
My doubts are burnin'
Like ashes in the wind.*

*I thank the Master, I thank the Savior,
Because You healed my heart,
You changed my name.
Forever free, I'm not the same.
I thank the Master, I thank the Savior,
I thank God.*

*So, so long to my old friends:
Burden and bitterness.
You can just keep them moving,
Nah you ain't welcome here.*

Opening Prayer

Battle Belongs

Phil Wickham and Brian Johnson

*When all I see is the battle,
You see my victory.
When all I see is a mountain,
You see a mountain moved.*

*And as I walk through the shadow,
Your love surrounds me.
There's nothing to fear now
For I am safe with You.*

*So when I fight, I'll fight on my knees
With my hands lifted high,
O God, the battle belongs to You.*

*And every fear I lay at Your feet,
I'll sing through the night,
O God, the battle belongs to You.*

*And if You are for me
Who can be against me?
For, Jesus, there's nothing.
Impossible for You.*

*When all I see are the ashes,
You see the beauty.
When all I see is a cross,
God, You see the empty tomb.*

*So when I fight, I'll fight on my knees
With my hands lifted high,
O God, the battle belongs to You.*

*And every fear I lay at Your feet,
I'll sing through the night,
O God, the battle belongs to You.*

*Almighty Fortress,
You go before us.
Nothing can stand against
The power of our God.*

*You shine in the shadows
You win every battle
Nothing can stand against
The power of our God.*

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Prayer of Confession

Chris Green

Declaration of Forgiveness

Response of Thanksgiving

(please stand if able)

*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

He broke the bread for us.
His body bled for us.
These words He said for us:
"Remember Me."

His cup was filled for us,
His blood was spilled for us.
He shared His will for us:
"Remember Me."

"Remember Me. Remember Me.
Each word that you say,
Each prayer that you pray,
Each moment this day,
Remember Me."

Recognition of Children

Gloria Patri

Remember Me

Arr. by Russell Mauldin & Robert Sterling
LNPC Chancel Choir

His meal He shares for us,
His cross He bears for us;
His tender prayer for us:
"Remember Me."

He kneels to cry for us,
He goes to die for us;
With this reply for us:
"Remember Me."

"Remember Me. Remember Me.
Each word that you say,
Each prayer that you pray,
Each moment this day,

Remember Me. Remember Me.
Each word that you say,
Each prayer that you pray,
Each moment this day,
Remember Me, remember Me,
Remember Me, Remember Me."

First Scripture Reading

Luke 21: 29 - 33
Claire Hirakawa
Pew Bible p. 86

²⁹ Then he told them a parable: "Look at the fig tree and all the trees; ³⁰ as soon as they sprout leaves you can see for yourselves and know that summer is already near. ³¹ So also, when you see these things taking place, you know that the kingdom of God is near.

³² Truly I tell you, this generation will not pass away until all things have taken place. ³³ Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will not pass away.

Hymn of Preparation

(please stand if able)

Seek Ye First the Kingdom of God

Karen Lafferty
#477 (vv. 1, 2)

*Seek ye first the kingdom of God,
And its righteousness,
And all these things shall be added unto you;
Allelu, alleluia!*

*Ask, and it shall be given unto you,
Seek, and ye shall find,
Knock, and the door shall be opened unto you;
Allelu, alleluia!*

Second Scripture Reading

Matthew 21: 18, 19
Pew Bible p. 23

¹⁸ In the morning, when he returned to the city, he was hungry. ¹⁹ And seeing a fig tree by the side of the road, he went to it and found nothing at all on it but leaves. Then he said to it, "May no fruit ever come from you again!" And the fig tree withered at once.

Sermon

So What Do We Make of This?

Time of Reflection

Blessing of Our Tithes & Offerings

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Offertory

Same God
Brandon Lake, Chris Brown, Pat Barrett, & Steven Furtick
Sydney Malone, Solo

I'm calling on the God of Jacob
Whose love endures through generations.
I know that You will keep Your covenant.
I'm calling on the God of Moses,
The one who opened up the ocean.
I need you now to do the same thing for me.

Oh God, my God, I need You,
Oh God, my God, I need You now,
How I need You now.
Oh Rock, oh Rock of ages,
I'm standing on Your faithfulness,

I'm calling on the God of Mary
Whose favor rests upon the lowly.
I know with You all things are possible.
I'm calling on the God of David
Who made a shepherd boy courageous.
I may not face Goliath,
But I've got my own giants.

Oh God, my God, I need You,
Oh God, my God, I need You now,
How I need You now.
Oh Rock, oh Rock of ages,
I'm standing on Your faithfulness.

The Sacrament of Holy Communion

The Invitation (Bread is gluten-free.)

The Prayer of Consecration

The Celebration of Communion

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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)

*I come with joy to meet my Lord,
Forgiven, loved and free,
In awe and wonder to recall,
His life laid down for me,
His life laid down for me.*

*And thus with joy we meet our Lord.
His presence, always near,
Is in such friendship better known;
We see and praise him here,
We see and praise him here.*

Charge and Benediction

(please remain standing)

Chorale 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 be seated until after the Postlude is over before exiting the sanctuary. Thank you.)

Postlude

Ebenezer (Through the Night of Doubt and Sorrow)

Robert J. Powell

*Today's Chancel flowers are given by Bill Futa
in loving memory of Sumi's birthday.*

Worship Production Leaders

Sound

Carlos Morales
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Ben Roebuck
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Prayer Concerns

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Ellen Hampsten
Claire Hirakawa
C.M. Hourigan
Linda Klein
Nancy LeBlanc
Kathleen Lechner
Allen Renning
Dave Ross
Tasha Schwarz
Gary Wright

Peace & Comfort

Family of Marvel Anderson
Family of Suzanne Chapman
Jaime & Lani Colley and Family
(Jaime's Father)
Fred and Janice Ehlers &
Family (Fred's Mother & Friend)
Fitzpatrick Family (Jill's Father)
Eileen Green (Brother)
Nora and Mark Imfeld & Family
(Nora's Father)
Sharon and Greg Johnson &
Family (Sharon's Brother, Bob)

Lange Family (Mindy)
Kathleen Lechner (Daughter)
Moore Family & John Flannery
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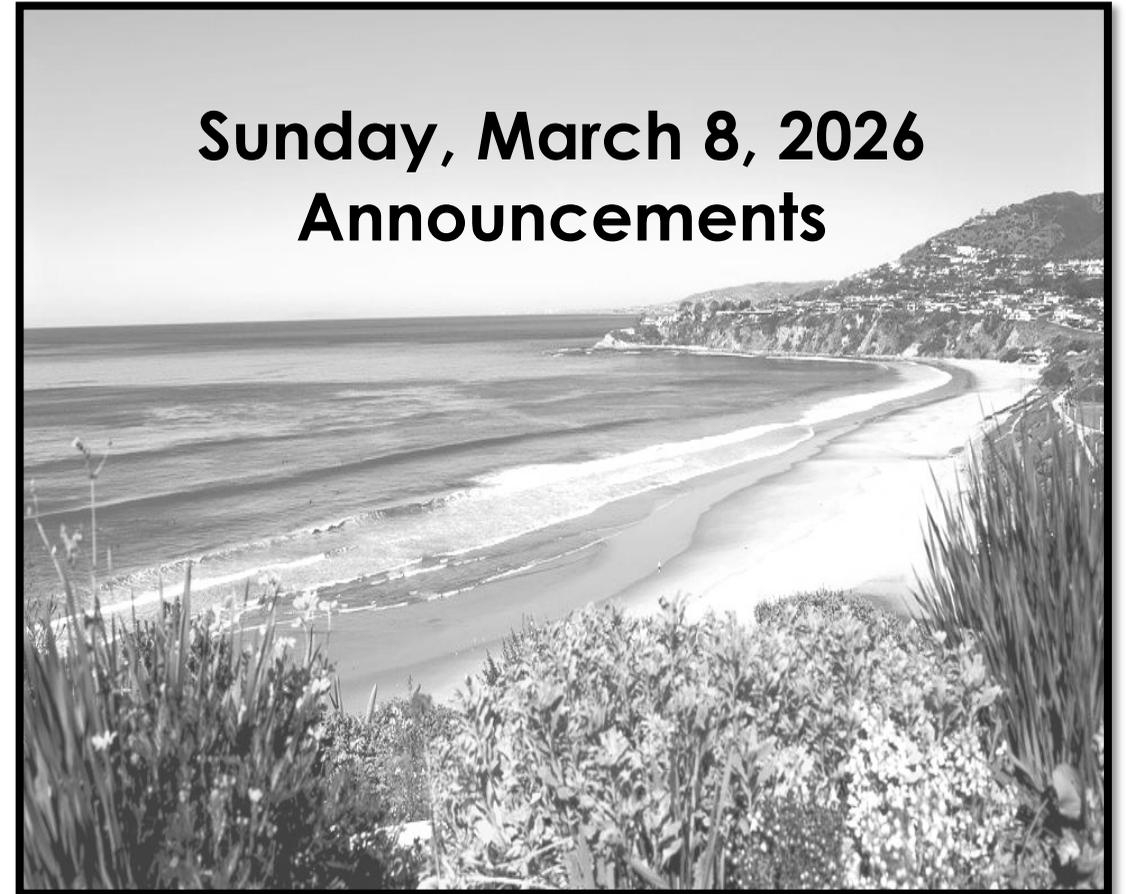
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Sunday, March 8, 2026 Announcements



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

- ◆ **Memorial Service for Kathleen Roebuck:** Saturday, March 21st, at 10:00 am in the Sanctuary/Livestream. A reception in Gard Hall will immediately follow the service. This service will also be livestreamed.
- ◆ **Henrietta Mears Film and Potluck Lunch immediately following worship on Sunday, March 15th:** Asst. Producer Tim McCalmont will join us for conversation and a Q & A as we explore the remarkable life and influence of Henrietta Mears. Sign up on the patio or online and let us know what main dish you'll bring to share.
- ◆ **How Did We Get It & How Do We Use It:** Lenten Study, Wednesday March 4th, 11th, & 18th, at 6:00 pm, in Gard A. Join us as we think together about the origins of Scripture, the historical methodology for deciding which books would be included, and for a conversation about how we read, study, and apply Scripture. Light refreshments will be served.
- ◆ **Women's Ministry Video Study:** Ladies of LNPC, you're invited to a 5-week video study featuring Beth Moore's *Walking with God*. Let's discover together how to recognize God's voice, trust His direction, and walk more closely with Him in everyday life. Register online or on the patio after church. (Optional companion workbook available for \$20.)
- ◆ **Men's Ministry Breakfast & Devotional:** Saturday, March 28th, at 8 am in Gard B. Men of LNPC, we are getting together for good food, meaningful conversation, and spiritual encouragement. Come hungry, for breakfast and the Word. Register online or on the patio after Worship.
- ◆ **Red Cross Blood Drive:** Sunday, March 29th, 7:30 am - 1:30 pm in Gard A. Sign up today to save lives! Use the LNPC app or go to lnpc.org, click on the link, and use Sponsor Code LNPC. Or, simply call the church office for assistance in scheduling your appointment.

THIS WEEK at LNPC

March 8	SUNDAY	March 12	THURSDAY
10:00 am	Communion Sunday Sanctuary / Livestream	1:00 pm	FAM Food Dist. Parking Lot
11:15 am	Faithful conversations. Sanctuary	4:00 pm	Holy Yoga Chair Gard C
11:30 am	Congregational Life Conference Room	5:45 pm	Worship & Music Conference Room
3:00 pm	Middle School The Garage	6:30 pm	Choir Rehearsal Sanctuary
4:00 pm	High School The Garage		
4:00 pm	The Journey Gard A	March 13	FRIDAY
		7:00 am	AA Men's Gard B
		9:30 am	AA Women's Gard C
March 9	MONDAY	March 14	SATURDAY
7:00 am	AA Men's Gard B	9:00 am	Buildings & Grounds Conference Room
10:30 am	AA Women's Gard B	9:00 am	Bag Ladies Kitchen
1:30 pm	Staff Conference Room		
7:00 pm	Personnel Conference Room		
8:00 pm	AA Mixed Gard B		
March 10	TUESDAY	March 15	SUNDAY
9:30 am	Al-Anon Mixed Gard B	10:00 am	Communion Sunday Sanctuary / Livestream
10:30 am	Pastor's Bible Study Conference Room	11:15 am	Film & Potluck Gard A
March 11	WEDNESDAY	3:00 pm	Middle School The Garage
6:00 pm	AA Mixed Gard B	4:00 pm	High School The Garage
6:00 pm	Lenten Study Conference Room	4:00 pm	The Journey Gard A
6:00 pm	PNC Conference Room		

Prayer Concerns

Family & Friends (Church Contact)

Ginny Bowman (Heath)	Rene (Woody)
John Carruth (Ehlers)	George Rihovsky
Annie Coleman (Coleman)	Robert Ruiz, Jr. (Pasco)
Robyn Fong (Ehlers)	Bob Strickler (Ditto)
Phil Hermsmeyer (Muck)	Dave Tuma (Troester)
Blake Hourigan (Hourigan)	Lindsey Yanez (Nunnikhoven)
Sophia Truong and Elaine Phan & Family (Lee Lee)	
Bobby Pilkerton (LeBlanc)	

(*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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