

Knox Presbyterian Church of LA

Laderian Sunday

17th Sunday after Pentecost**Words to Ponder:**

Be on the lookout for resources that will unlock your inner potential. Be on the lookout for imaginative experiences that will stop you in your tracks and turn you around. (Frederic and Mary Ann Brussat, page 435)

Prelude “How Great Thou Art” **Michael Turner, Piano**

Gathering Music “Come on and Praise the Lord with Me” **Music Ministry**

Words of Welcome | +Passing of the Peace **Rev. Ann Hayman**

+Opening Hymn “I’m Gonna Live So God Can Use Me” **PH #369**

Call to Worship (Psalm 19; Wisdom of Solomon 7:26-8:1) **Gena Lofton**

The heavens are telling the glory of God.

With Wisdom, we rejoice, knowing the streets are full of God’s glory!

The sky proclaims God’s handiwork.

With Wisdom, we rejoice, worshiping in the sanctuary of creation!

The ways of the Holy One make wise the simple.

With Wisdom, we rejoice, sharing in the oneness of love.

Let’s worship the Holy One in the streets, sanctuaries and squares!

Call to Confession **Gena Lofton**

Prayer of Confession

You call out to us, Holy God, from city streets, town squares and cattle gates, but we refuse to listen. Preoccupied with our projections of you, we fail to see how these thoughts disrupt our communion with each other. You offer an outstretched hand to join you in transforming our lives, but we deny such a dance with Divinity is possible, choosing complacency to your counsel. Forgive us, Logos of Love, when we ignore your unremitting call to live in the way of love. By your mercy, may we heed your call to examine our foolishness so we may live as fools for Christ’s sake. Amen.

Words of Assurance **Gena Lofton**

Beloved friends, receive the good news: the Risen Christ enters all corners of our lives and declares us forgiven.

Having been forgiven, we take up Wisdom’s way of knowing, embracing it as we journey toward wholeness and peace.

Thanks be to God.

Children’s Message “Who is Jesus?” **Rev. Ann Hayman**

Anthem “My Heavenly Father Watches over Me”

Elder Dr. Hansonia Caldwell-Harriford

An Expression “65 Years of Laderians” Frances Stoeckle

Prayer for Illumination Gena Lofton

Scripture: Proverbs 1:20-33 International Children’s Bible Lillian Benson
Wisdom Speaks

Sermon “A Saving Faith” Rev. Ann Hayman
James 2:14-18

Words of Faith (from *The Confession of 1967*)

God’s sovereign love is a mystery beyond the reach of the human mind. Human thought ascribes to God superlatives of power, wisdom, and goodness. But God reveals divine love in Jesus Christ by showing power in the form of a servant, wisdom in the folly of the cross, and goodness in receiving sinful [people]. The power of God’s love in Christ to transform the world discloses that the Redeemer is the Lord and Creator who made all things to serve the purpose of God’s love.

Pastoral Prayers and the Lord’s Prayer Rev. Ann Hayman

A Memorial Moment for Past Laderian Members Carolyn Lehman

The Offering

Call to Giving Gena Lofton

Offertory “What Shall I Render?” Music Ministry

+Doxology

Praise God from whom all blessings flow, praise God all people here below, praise God above ye heavenly host. Creator, Christ and Holy Ghost. Amen.

Prayer of Dedication Gena Lofton

Announcements Gena Lofton, Alvetia E. Smith

+Closing Hymn “Fill My Cup” PH #350

+Benediction Rev. Ann Hayman

God sends us to cities and squares, corners and gates;
we go listening for the words of the prophets.
The Risen Christ goes before us to proclaim good news;
we follow, bearing witness to the lives around us.
The Spirit of Love accompanies into the playground of creation;
we join her in becoming the beloved community.
The Trinity holds us in all variety, complexity, and diversity of love.

In the embrace of their sacred dance, we reside with profound wisdom and deep understanding, loving as they love us.

Postlude

“If We Never Pass This Way Again”

Music Ministry

There will be a special hospitality time hosted by the Laderians on the patio. All are welcome.