Knox Presbyterian Church of LA

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25<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost

Words to Ponder: Today you are you! That is truer than true! There is no one alive who is you-er than you! Dr. Seuss

**Gathering Music** 

"Let It Rise"

**Music Ministry** 

Words of Welcome | +Passing of the Peace

Rev. Ann Hayman

**Call to Worship** (Psalm 146)

Leigh Lehman

I will praise the Holy One as long as I live; I will sing praises to my God all my lifelong.

Do not put your trust in princes, in mortals, in whom there is no help.

Happy are those whose help is the God of Jacob and Leah, whose hope is in their God.

The Holy One sets the prisoners free; and opens the eyes of the blind. God lifts up those who are bowed down; and loves the righteous.

God watches over the strangers; upholds the orphan and the widow, but to the way of the wicked brings ruin.

I will praise God as long as I live; I will sing praises to my God all my life long.

+Opening Hymn

"O for a Thousand Tongues to Sing"

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**Call to Confession** (Nehemiah 9:17)

Leigh Lehman

## **Unison Prayer of Confession**

Merciful God, forgive our systemic sins, the way we build and support and collaborate with oppression. Open our eyes to the injustice of wealth inequality. Open our hearts to righting our societal wrongs. Forgive our excuses, our apathy, our votes cast only for our benefit, or that of our nation's. Help us follow Christ in prioritizing the poor and vulnerable. Help us build your beloved community where all belong, and all may flourish. Amen.

Words of Assurance (Psalm 34:22)

Leigh Lehman

Children's Message "Giving a Lot or a Little"

Rev. Ann Hayman

Anthem "Awesome"

**Music Ministry** 

**Prayer for Illumination** (adapted from Psalm 19:14)

Leigh Lehman

**Scripture Reading** 

**Leigh Lehman** 

1 Kings 17:8-16 International Children's Bible

Words of Faith (from the Confession of Belhar)

- 1.We believe in the triune God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit, who gathers, protects and cares for the church through Word and Spirit. This God has done since the beginning of the world and will do to the end.
- 2.We believe in one holy, universal Christian church, the communion of saints called from the entire human family.

## 3.We believe

- that God has entrusted the church with the message of reconciliation in and through Jesus Christ; that the church is called to be the salt of the earth and the light of the world, that the church is called blessed because it is a peacemaker, that the church is witness both by word and by deed to the new heaven and the new earth in which righteousness dwells.
- that God's lifegiving Word and Spirit has conquered the powers of sin and death, and therefore also of irreconciliation and hatred, bitterness and enmity, that God's lifegiving Word and Spirit will enable the church to live in a new obedience which can open new possibilities of life for society and the world;
- that the credibility of this message is seriously affected and its beneficial work obstructed when it is proclaimed in a land which professes to be Christian, but in which the enforced separation of people on a racial basis promotes and perpetuates alienation, hatred and enmity;
- that any teaching which attempts to legitimate such forced separation by appeal to the gospel, and is not prepared to venture on the road of obedience and reconciliation, but rather, out of prejudice, fear, selfishness and unbelief, denies in advance the reconciling power of the gospel, must be considered ideology and false doctrine.

Pastoral Prayer and the Lord's Prayer

Rev. Ann Hayman

## The Offering

The Call to Giving (Acts 20:35)

The Offertory "What Shall I Render?"

+Doxology

Leigh Lehman

Music Ministry

Praise God from whom all blessings flow, praise God all creatures here below. Praise God above ye heavenly host. Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen.

**Prayer of Dedication** 

**Leigh Lehman** 

**Announcements** Leigh Lehman

+Closing Hymn

"Lord, Make Us More Holy"

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+Benediction

Rev. Ann Hayman

May we leave this house of worship emboldened by the Spirit redeemed by God's Grace and reminded that the Body of Christ surrounds us to for fellowship, help and support.

May the grace, hope, peace and love of the God the Creator, Redeemer and Sustainer be with us now and always. **Amen.** 

**Postlude** 

"If We Never Pass This Way Again"

**Music Ministry**