Order of Worship

September 1, 2024

Knox Presbyterian Church of LA

Silence

15th Sunday after Pentecost

Words to Ponder: "It is in deep solitude and silence that I find the gentleness with which I can truly love my brother and sister." (Thomas Merton, Trappist Monk, 1915-1968)

PRELUDE

"It Is Well With My Soul"

Michael Turner

GATHERING MUSIC

"Every Praise!"

Music Ministry

WORDS OF WELCOME | +PASSING THE PEACE

Rev. Ann Hayman

CALL TO WORSHIP

Leigh Lehman

We have walked with you, O God,

from many parts of the world to this time and place.

And we will walk with you, O God,

into the world to serve all people.

We leave behind our old securities;

we leave behind our reliance on worldly goods.

And we will walk with you, O God,

into the world to live with all people.

We leave behind all which holds us back;

we leave behind all which keeps us from following you.

And we will walk with you, O God,

into the world to work with all people.

We leave behind the fears which bind us:

we leave behind the hurts which damage us.

And we will walk with you, O God,

into the peace you offer to all people.

From: http://lectionaryliturgies.blogspot.com/

+OPENING HYMN

"All People that on Earth do Dwell"

PH #220

CALL TO CONFESSION

Leigh Lehman

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Most holy and merciful God, we confess to you, that we have sinned against you by what we have done, and by what we have left undone.

(Silent confession. . .)

We have not loved you with our whole heart and mind and strength.

(Silent confession. . .)

We have not fully loved our neighbors as ourselves.

(Silent confession. . .)

We have not always had in us the mind of Christ.

(Silent confession. . .)

You alone know how often we have grieved you by wasting your gifts, by wandering from your ways. (Silent confession. . .)

Forgive us, we pray you, most merciful God; and free us from our sin.

Jesus Christ your Son, our Savior. Amen.

From: Psalter Hymnal, Grand Rapids: CRC Publications, 1987

WORDS OF ASSURANCE

Leigh Lehman

(sung, "Great is Thy Faithfulness," PH # 276)

Great is thy faithfulness! Great is thy faithfulness!

Morning by morning, new mercies I see.

All I have needed thy hand hath provided.

Great is thy faithfulness, Lord unto me!

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE "I Know That" Rev. Ann Hayman

ANTHEM "Hearken unto My Voice" Music Ministry

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION Leigh Lehman

SCRIPTURE READING Psalm 15

Leigh Lehman

A Song Of David.

SERMON "You May Remain Silent" James 1:19-27 Rev. Ann Hayman

WORDS OF FAITH The Apostles' Creed Interpreted

What do you believe when you confess your faith in "God the Father Almighty"?

That God is a God of love, and that God's love is powerful beyond measure.

What do you affirm when you confess your faith in Jesus Christ as "our Lord"?

That having been raised from the dead he reigns with compassion and justice over all things in heaven and on earth, especially over those who confess him by faith; and that by loving and serving him above all else,

we give glory and honor to God.

What do you believe when you confess your faith in the Holy Spirit?

That apart from the Holy Spirit, our Lord can neither be loved, nor known, nor served. The Holy Spirit is the personal bond by which Jesus Christ unites us to himself, the teacher who opens our hearts to Christ,

and the comforter who leads us to repentance, empowering us to live in Christ's service.

What do you affirm when you speak of "the life everlasting"?

That communion with Jesus Christ is eternal life itself. In him we were chosen before the foundation of the world. By him the eternal covenant with Israel was taken up, embodied, and fulfilled. To him we are joined by the Holy Spirit through faith, and adopted as children, the sons and daughters of God. Through him we are raised from death to new life. For him we shall live to all eternity.

[Study Catechism, Q 7, 31, 54, 87]

THE LORD'S SUPPER

Elder Tracie Lyons | Rev. Ann Hayman

Words of Invitation

May God be with you. And also with you.

Lift up your hearts. We lift them to God.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Thanks and praise in the eternal hymn:

Prayer of Thanksgiving

Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,

heaven and earth are full of your glory.

Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest.

We thank you

Words of Institution

Rev. Ann Hayman

Please eat the bread as it is passed and wait to drink the cup together after all have been served.

Prayer following Communion

Elder Tracie Lyons

PASTORAL PRAYERS and The Lord's Prayer

Rev. Ann Hayman

THE OFFERING

Call to Giving
Offertory "What Shall I Render?"

Leigh Lehman Music Ministry

+Doxology

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

Prayer of Dedication

Leigh Lehman

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Leigh Lehman

+CLOSING HYMN

"God, You Spin the Whirling Planets"

PH #285

CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

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BENEDICTIONGod has created all things.

God has rescued us from sin and suffering.

Let us go forth, seeking to be on God's side.

Jesus Christ finds us when we wander far from God.

Let us go forth, seeking to be on God's side.

The Holy Spirit empowers us to welcome all

into the reign of God's love.

Let us go forth, seeking to be on God's side,
bringing the love of Christ everywhere we go.
Go in peace.

POSTLUDE

"Till We Meet Again"

Michael Turner