Knox Presbyterian Church of LA

125<sup>th</sup> Anniversary

26th Sunday after Pentecost

**Our Vision Statement:** *To be an inviting fellowship, scripturally rooted in Christ, that embraces diversity with love and compassion.* 

**Gathering Music** 

"Praise the Lord with Me"

**Music Ministry** 

Words of Welcome | +Passing of the Peace

Rev. Ann Hayman

Call to Worship\*\*

Barbara Anderson, Liturgist

Rejoice in God, rejoice in God's love!

Be joyful that God has chosen us so wonderfully for salvation!

Rejoice that through grace we are made one with God.

Rejoice that Jesus through the cross, has won for us good standing with God and included us in his work in the world.

Jesus has won for us the high calling of being ambassadors of love in the world.

Chosen and empowered, let us be joyful before our God.

Strengthened and filled, let us give God praise.

**Opening Hymn** 

"Come Sing, O Church in Joy"

PH #430

Call to Confession

Barbara Anderson

**Unison Prayer of Confession** 

Eternal God, too often we settle for the way things are. We embrace what is comfortable and disengage from the work of necessary change. We fail to hope for a new day and a new world because our present reality feels good enough. Forgive us. Have mercy upon us. Fill us with the passion to live and work towards a world made just and equitable and new. Amen.

Words of Assurance (C '67, [9.07, 12, 10])\* Barbara Anderson

Children's Message "Help Is on the Way" Rev. Ann Hayman

Anthem "Give Glory to God's Saints" Music Ministry

Expression\*\* "A Brief History of KPC" Elder Tracie Lyons

**Introduction to the Word of God** (C '67 [9.27])\* **Barbara Anderson** 

Scripture Isaiah 43:18-21 (NRSV) Barbara Anderson

Sermon "God Is at Work" Rev. Chineta Goodjoin

Mark 2:1-11

**Words of Faith** (C '67, [9.15])\*

We acknowledge that God's sovereign love is a mystery beyond the reach of human minds. We ascribe to God superlatives of power, wisdom, and goodness. But in Jesus Christ God reveals love

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 transforms the world and discloses that the Redeemer is the Lord and Creator who made all things to serve the purpose of his love.

Pastoral Prayer and the Lord's Prayer

Rev. Ann Hayman

The Offering

Call to Giving (C '67, [9.46])\*

Offertory "What Shall I Render?" Music Ministry
+Doxology

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 for the Offering and our 2025 Pledge Cards

Rev. Ann Hayman

Announcements Barbara Anderson

+Closing Hymn "The Church of Christ in Every Age" PH #421

Charge and Benediction (C '67, [9.31])\* Rev

**Rev. Chineta Goodjoin** 

To be reconciled to God

is to be sent into the world as God's reconciling community.

We are entrusted with God's message of reconciliation, sharing the labor of healing enmities

that separate people from God and from each other.

Christ has called us to this mission and given us the gift of the Holy Spirit.

We will now go in peace serving the Holy One.

Postlude "If We Never Pass This Way Again" Michael Turner, Piano

<sup>\*</sup> from the Confession of 1967, PCUSA

<sup>\*\*</sup> from the 100th Anniversary Celebration of Knox Presbyterian Church of LA