

Knox Presbyterian Church of LA

Easter Sunday

**Words to Ponder:** *Easter is not a part of the old accustomed divine order, of the ordered world in which we live, but it is an absolutely new, unexpected act of the living God, which interrupts and runs counter to the uniform rise and fall of the world's rhythm. Here we have the beginning of something new.* (Martin Niemoller)

**Gathering Music**                    “Blessings and Glory”

**Music Ministry**

**Words of Welcome | +Passing the Peace**

**Rev. Ann Hayman**

**Call to Worship**

**Leigh Lehman**

This is the day  
**when God shines the way out of our intrepid worry,  
and grace offers bouquets of good news.**  
This is the day when God  
**sings songs of wonder to awaken us  
and life teaches us new dance steps.**  
This is the day God has made!  
**The day when hope pushes aside  
the stone of our months of fear,  
when love takes our hand so  
we can walk together into life.**

**+Opening Hymn**                    “Christ the Lord Is Risen Today”

**PH #113**

**Call to Confession**

**Leigh Lehman**

**Unison Prayer of Confession**

**In our foolishness, we think this old story has nothing to do with us, God of our imaginations, and so we miss the incredible news that love has triumphed over hate, goodness has defeated evil, that life has broken the power of death and the grave.**

**Yet, this is a day of joy, of wonder, of grace which never ends, God of every life, God of very life. So, may we push aside the stone of indifference we have rolled across our hearts, so we may be reminded that this old story is new every moment, that those ancient promises still hold true, that we are the ones called by the Gardener of grace, Jesus our Brother, who calls us by name and anoints us with resurrection love. Amen.**

## **Words of Assurance**

On that first day, and the next, and every day until now and beyond, God turns, calls us by name, planting mercy and life into our hearts.

**Alleluia! This is good news!  
Christ is our peace,  
the peace we need,  
the peace which will heal the world.  
Alleluia! Christ is Risen. Amen.**

<b>Children's Message</b>	<b>"Planting Ideas"</b>	<b>Rev. Ann Hayman</b>
<b>Anthem</b>	<b>"My Redeemer Lives"</b>	<b>Music Ministry</b>
<b>Prayer for Illumination</b>		<b>Leigh Lehman</b>
<b>Scripture: Psalm 118: 1-4, 17-20, 22-23</b>		<b>Leigh Lehman</b>
<b>Sermon</b>	<b>"Mistaken Identity" John 20:1-18</b>	<b>Rev. Ann Hayman</b>

## **Words of Faith: A Christian Affirmation for Resurrection**

Resurrection is not a holiday but a Holy day for believers in Christ.

**Christ got up from the grave and we too have the power to get up from our dead situations. We celebrate Christ!**

Resurrection takes place in the spirit, soul, and body.

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We are more than conquerors through him who loved us.

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Maintaining a Resurrection faith and heartfelt conviction mean remembering that Jesus rose.

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The power of the Resurrection allows us to be redeemed and to forgive others as well as ourselves.

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We have the power, promise, and presence of the Resurrection to progress in our daily lives.

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Having faith in the power of the Resurrection encourages believers in Christ to live holy lives.

**Christ got up from the grave and we too have the power to get up from our dead situations. We celebrate Christ! We thank God for the joy to live the saved life, and for the faith and courage to serve God as we go through the circumstances of life. Resurrection brings renewal, regeneration, and restoration to our lives throughout our lives.**

**Pastoral Prayer and the Lord's Prayer**

**Rev. Ann Hayman**

**The Offering**

**Call to Giving**

**Leigh Lehman**

**Offertory**

**"What Shall I Render?"**

**Music Ministry**

**+Doxology**

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

**Prayer of Dedication**

**Leigh Lehman**

**Announcements**

**Leigh Lehman**

**+Closing Hymn**

**"Thine Is the Glory"**

**PH #122**

**+Benediction**

**Rev. Ann Hayman**

We could just return to our homes,  
slipping back into pandemic mode,  
**but we will go to rebuild communities,  
to care for those who are still so lonely.**

We could stand looking around,  
wondering if Jesus has left us on our own,  
**but we will turn and, seeing our neighbors,  
we will call them by name and embrace them with hope.**

We could keep our lips sealed, not telling anyone of what we have heard and seen,  
**but we will run to tell others,  
grabbing them by the hands to go  
and meet the Gardener of grace.**

**Postlude**

**"Blessed"**

**Michael Turner, Piano**