

Knox Presbyterian Church of LA

Third Sunday in Eastertide

Words to Ponder: *We beg you, make us really alive. Give us the spirit of light, that we may know you, the supremely true.* (Serapion, Bishop of Thmuis, 4th Century)

Gathering Music

Music Ministry

Words of Welcome | +Passing of the Peace

Elder Damon Green

Call to Worship (based on Psalm 30)

Matt Gwin

You have turned our mourning into dancing;

You have taken off our sackcloth and clothed us with joy.

Our souls may praise you and not be silent:

Our God, we will give thanks to you forever.

+Opening Hymn

“Blessed Assurance, Jesus Is Mine”

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Call to Confession

Matt Gwin

Unison Prayer of Confession

O God, we know that your throne is surrounded by the voices of many angels and that you are worshiped by the multitudes of the heavenly host, but we so often fail to join in their “amen.” We do not fall down and worship you as we know we should. We are distracted by our catch, by our high priests, by our mourning, and our doubts. Show yourself to us anew and give us the faith to cast our nets in other waters. Strengthen us to worship you alone as the one on the throne and the Lamb slaughtered for all, even when we are in the depths of the pit.

Words of Assurance (from Psalm 30)

Matt Gwin

Children’s Message

Elder Damon Green

Anthem

“Glory to Your Name”

Music Ministry

Prayer for Illumination

Matt Gwin

Scripture

Psalm 30:4-12

Matt Gwin

Sermon

**“The Way”
Acts 9:1-6 (7-20)**

Elder Damon Green

Words of Faith (from The Confession of 1967, gendered language modified)

The reconciling work of Jesus was the supreme crisis in the life of humankind. His cross and resurrection become personal crisis and present hope for people when the gospel is proclaimed and believed. In this experience the Spirit brings God's forgiveness to people, moves them to respond in faith, repentance, and obedience, and initiates the new life in Christ.

The Lord's Supper

Elders Glenn Johnson | Damon Green

Words of Invitation

Prayer of Thanksgiving

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts. **We lift them to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise. . .

Therefore, we praise you, joining our voices with the choirs of angels, and with all the faithful who forever sing to the glory of your name.

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.

(Communion Music) "Let Us Break Bread Together on Our Knees"

(Please eat the bread as it is passed and hold the cup until all are served.)

The Sharing of the Elements

Prayer following Communion

Pastoral Prayer and the Lord's Prayer

Elder Damon Green

The Offering

Call to Giving

Matt Gwin

Offertory

"I Just Wanna Praise You"

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

Matt Gwin

Announcements

Matt Gwin

+Closing Hymn

“The Summons”

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+Benediction

Elder Damon Green

Postlude “If We Never Pass This Way Again”

Michael Turner, Piano