

Knox Presbyterian Church of LA

7th Sunday after Epiphany

Words to Ponder: "Justice is the grammar of things. Mercy is the poetry of things."
(Frederick Buechner, Frederick Buechner Blog)

Prelude **Michael Turner, Piano**

Gathering Music **"Praise the Lord with Me"** **Music Ministry**

Welcome | +Passing the Peace **Rev. Ann Hayman**

Call to Worship (from Psalm 37:39-40) **Cicely Bingener**

Our salvation is from the Holy One;

God is our refuge in times of trouble.

The Lord helps us and rescues us;

God saves us because we take refuge in our Lord.

+Opening Hymn **"Love Divine, All Loves Excelling"** **PH # 376**

Call to Confession **Cicely Bingener**

Unison Prayer of Confession

Merciful God, you have commanded us to love you above all and to have no other gods. You have called us to love others as you love them. But we are personally and socially deformed by the love of other "gods" — the false gods of prosperity and materialism, racial and ethnic privileging, gender exclusivity, and nationalistic imperialism. Forgive us our sins and transform us by your Spirit so that we might learn to love as you love and live as people baptized as your own children. Amen.

Words of Assurance **Cicely Bingener**

Children's Message **"Obeying the Rules"** **Rev. Ann Hayman**

Anthem **"Ride On King Jesus"** **Music Ministry**

Prayer for Illumination **Cicely Bingener**

Scripture Psalm 37: 1-11, 39-40 The Message **Cicely Bingener**

Sermon **"Practicing the Servant Life"** **Rev. Ann Hayman**
Luke 6:27-38

Words of Faith (from the Brief Statement of Faith)

We trust in God, whom Jesus called Abba, Father. In sovereign love God created the world good and makes everyone equally in God's image, male and female, of every race and people, to live as one community. But we rebel against God; we hide from our Creator. Ignoring God's commandments, we violate the image of God in others and ourselves, accept lies as truth, exploit neighbor and nature, and threaten death to the planet entrusted to our care. We deserve God's condemnation. Yet God acts with justice and mercy to redeem creation. In everlasting love, the God of Abraham and Sarah chose a covenant people to bless all families of the earth. Hearing their cry, God delivered the children of Israel from the house of bondage. Loving us still, God makes us heirs with Christ of the covenant. Like a mother who will not forsake her nursing child, like a father who runs to welcome the prodigal home, God is faithful still.

Pastoral Prayer and the Lord's Prayer

Rev. Ann Hayman

The Offering

Call to Giving

Offertory

+Doxology

Prayer of Dedication

"What Shall I Render?"

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Music Ministry

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+Closing Hymn

"O Worship the King, All Glorious Above"

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+Benediction (based on 1 Corinthians 15:48-49)

Rev. Ann Hayman

As those who are of dust and of heaven, bear the image of God into the world, lift up the brokenhearted and stand with the oppressed.

We will love God with all our hearts and love our neighbor as ourselves. Amen.

Postlude

"God Be With You"

Michael Turner, Piano