

Knox Presbyterian Church of LA

Communion

Fifth Sunday in Lent

**Words to Ponder: Nobody warns, "So many shopping days to Easter!" No costly gifts, no monetary loss. Easter seems too easy. It is – if you forget the cross.**  
(Joseph T. Nolan, 2000)

**Gathering Music**                      **"You Are Holy"**    **Michael Smith**

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

**Call to Worship (Psalm 126)**    **Elder Glenn Johnson**

When the Holy One restored the fortunes of Zion,  
**we were like those who dreamed.**  
Our mouths were filled with laughter,  
**our tongues with songs of joy.**  
It was said among the nations,  
**God has done great things for them.**  
The Holy One has done great things for us,  
**and we are filled with joy.**

**+Opening Hymn**                      **"Breathe on Me Breath of God"**    **PH #316**

**Call to Confession**    **Elder Glenn Johnson**

**Unison Prayer of Confession**

**Ever-Present God, you offer us restoration and wholeness, yet we resist you. We reduce the purpose of this life to the amount of stuff we can retain, and we disregard the damage done to our planet, our neighbors, and to ourselves in the process.**

**We confess that we would rather remain as we are than risk the change that results from your presence in our lives. In this season of Lent, help us to realize just how much we depend on one another.**

**Guide us to reorient our lives towards your goodness and your joy. And as you do, we ask that you renew us, restore us, and remain with us, as you always have. Amen.**

**Words of Assurance**    **Elder Glenn Johnson**

**Children's Message**                      **"Gifts that Keep on Giving"**    **Rev. Ann Hayman**

**Anthem**    **"What Wonderful Love Is This?"**    **Mennonite Music**

**Prayer for Illumination**

**Elder Glenn Johnson**

**Scripture** (Isaiah 43:16-21) International Children's Bible

**Elder Glenn Johnson**

**Sermon**

**“Jesus Hangs Out with His Peeps”**

**Rev. Ann Hayman**

**John 12:1-8**

**Words of Faith** (from A 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.**

**The Lord's Supper**

**Elder Glenn Johnson | Rev. Ann Hayman**

**Words of Invitation**

God is with you!

**And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts!

**We lift them to God.**

Let us give thanks to God, the God of all the universe!  
**It is right to give God thanks and praise! . . .**

And so we join our voices with the song of all creation,  
celebrating your love:

**Holy, holy, holy God, God of love and life,  
heaven and earth are full of your glory.  
Hosanna in the highest!  
Blessed is the one who comes in your name!  
Hosanna in the highest! . . .**

**Prayer of Thanksgiving**

**Words of Institution | Sharing the Elements**

*(Please eat the bread as it is served. Hold the cup until all are served.)*

**(Communion Hymn/Song – “Come to the Table”)**

**Prayer following Communion** **Elder Glenn Johnson**

**Pastoral Prayer and the Lord’s Prayer** **Rev. Ann Hayman**

**The Offering**

**Call to Giving** **Elder Glenn Johnson**

**Offertory “If I Can Help Somebody”**  
**Elder Dr. Hansonia Caldwell-Harriford**

**+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** **Elder Glenn Johnson**

**Announcements** **Elder Glenn Johnson**

**+ Closing Hymn “We’ve Come this Far by Faith”**

**+ Benediction** **Rev. Ann Hayman**

Remember, as our time of worship draws to a close and our lives of service begin  
anew, go out into the world in peace.

**We are to return no one evil for evil, strengthen the fainthearted,  
support the weak, love everyone.**

Let God’s light and love, justice, and joy, be present for you and all people  
everywhere. **Amen.**

**Postlude** **Elder Dr. Hansonia Caldwell-Harriford**