

Knox Presbyterian Church of LA

14<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost

Season of Peace Begins, Social Creed for the 21<sup>st</sup> Century, Labor Day and  
Communion Sunday

*From you, my crucified love, sweet Jesus  
let me receive the sign of your holy cross  
in my heart as on my forehead,  
that I may live for ever under your protection.  
Give me the living faith of heavenly teaching  
that I may run the way of your commandments  
with a ready heart.*

*Through you may I live in such a way  
that I may worthily become the temple of God  
and the home of the Holy Spirit.*

Gertrude the Great, German woman mystic  
*Exercitia Spiritualia Septem*

**Prelude** “We Are One in the Spirit”

**Dr. Hansonia Caldwell-Harriford**

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

**Rev. Ann Hayman**

**Gathering to Worship God**

**Deacon Sheila Dozier**

God remembers and visits us and restores us to the community of faith.

**In our pain, suffering, and loss we know the assurance of God’s presence.**

When we have opposition and hopeless situations, God bears us up on eagles’ wings.

**In the loneliness of our firm idealism God grants healing and transformation.**

Whatever we need as we gather to worship, a merciful and loving God meets us here.

**We assemble with high expectations that God has much good in store for us.**

The good gifts God bestows on us here are for our use in reaching out to others.

**We want to use our talents for the service of Jesus Christ.**

Amen. **Amen.**

**+Opening Hymn “Called as Partners in Christ’s Service”**  
Jane Parker-Huber

**PH #343**

**Call to Confession**

**Deacon Sheila Dozier**

**Unison Prayer of Confession**

God of love,  
you ask us to love one another from the center of who we are,  
you tell us to bless one another,  
you encourage us to do good.  
But we have not listened to your words,  
instead of loving we have practiced hatred,  
instead of blessing, we have perfected cursing,  
instead of doing good, we have sought to get even.  
Forgive us for giving up.  
Give us grace to try again,  
and encouragement to make your ways, our ways.  
We pray, we wait, and we hope. Amen.

**Words of Assurance and Pardon**

**Deacon Sheila Dozier**

**Time with Children**

**“Picking Up Crosses”**

**Rev. Ann Hayman**

**Anthem “There Is Something about that Name”**

**Elder Tameron Gennae**

**Prayer for Illumination**

**Deacon Sheila Dozier**

**A Reading from Paul’s Letter to the Romans 12: 9-21**

**The Marks of a True Christian (The Inclusive Bible)**

**A Message**

**“The Lost and the Found”**

**Rev. Ann Hayman**

**Matthew 16:21-28**

**Words of Faith (from A Brief Statement of Faith)**

**We trust in God the Holy Spirit,  
everywhere the giver and renewer of life.**

**The Spirit justifies us by grace through faith,  
sets us free to accept ourselves  
and to love God and neighbor,  
and binds us together with all believers  
in the one body of Christ, the Church.**

**The same Spirit who inspired the prophets and apostles  
rules our faith and life in Christ through Scripture,  
engages us through the Word proclaimed,  
claims us in the waters of baptism,  
feeds us with the bread of life and the cup of salvation,  
and calls women and men to all ministries of the Church.**

**In a broken and fearful world  
the Spirit gives us courage  
to pray without ceasing,  
to witness among all peoples to Christ as Lord and Savior,  
to unmask idolatries in Church and culture,  
to hear the voices of peoples long silenced,  
and to work with others for justice, freedom, and peace.**

**The Lord's Supper**

**Rev. Ann Hayman**

**Words of Invitation**

**Prayer of Thanksgiving**

**Words of Institution**

**Communion Song: "Let Us Break Bread Together"**

**Prayer Following Communion**

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

**Rev. Ann Hayman**

**The Giving of Ourselves and Our Gifts**

**Deacon Sheila Dozier**

**Call to Giving**

**We delight once more in the opportunity to give for the cause of  
Christ.**

**May we contribute generously and give aid, with zeal.**

**Along with our money, we also offer ourselves, as living sacrifices,  
for the world's transformation. Amen.**

**Offertory**  
**\*Doxology**  
**Prayer of Dedication**

**Announcements**

**Deacon Sheila Dozier**

**\*Closing Hymn** “If Thou but Trust in God to Guide Thee” **PH #282**

**\*Sending Forth**

**Postlude** “We Are One in the Spirit”

**Dr. Hansonia Caldwell-Harriford**