Order of Worship		September 24, 2023		
Knox Presbyterian Church of Los Angeles	Stewardship Sunday	17 <sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost		
Gathering Music	Elder Tameron Gennae	Elder Tameron Gennae and the High Ground Band		
<ol> <li>Blessed Be Your Name</li> <li>I Live to Worship You</li> </ol>				
Words of Welcome   *Passing of the Peace		Rev. Ann Hayman		
Call to Worship		<b>Barbara Anderson</b>		
Remember again the wonderful works of God: Rejoice in the abundance of God's steadfast love. <b>God has blessed us beyond all deserving;</b> <b>how wonderful it is to recognize God's presence!</b> Examine before God the quality of your commitment; Come to worship the one true God. <b>God promises to dwell with us;</b> <b>how easily we forget to look for God's signs.</b> The glory of God fills the place where we are; Respond together to God's mighty power. <b>God, who dwelt with our ancestors, meet us now;</b> <b>we will feast on God's presence together.</b>				
*Opening Hymn "I Want	Jesus to Walk with Me"	PH #363		

**Call to Confession** 

**Barbara** Anderson

**Unison Prayer of Confession** 

In the name of Jesus Christ, whom we have so often failed to honor in our actions, we come to confess our corporate and individual guilt. We have been jealous and competitive workers in your vineyard, far more concerned with personal reward than with accomplishing the tasks you set before us. We forget your generosity to us and resent what others receive. Rather than standing side by side for the faith of the gospel, we pursue our separate goals and turn away from true partnership. We even try to create our own little gods. Forgive us, O God, turn us from our grumbling and restore us to fruitful labor and joy the faith. Amen.

## Words of Assurance

God is understandably angry with our pursuit of lesser gods and our resentment of coworkers. We are a "stiff-necked people" who deserve to be destroyed. But God, in abundant mercy and forgiveness, offers a new start and fresh hope. Let us rejoice in our salvation. Amen.

## Time with Children

## Rev. Ann Hayman

Expression	"Peace and Global Witness Offering"	<b>Cicely Bingener</b>	
Anthem	"I'll Fly Away"	Elder Tameron Gennae	
Prayer of Illumination		<b>Barbara</b> Anderson	
Scripture	<b>Exodus 16:2-15</b>	Barbara Anderson	
Sermon	"What will be will be, grumble what may!" Matthew 20:1-16	Rev. Ann Hayman	
Words of Faith [from A Brief Statement of Faith, PC(USA)]			
In life and in death we belong to God. Through the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit, we trust in the one triune God, the Holy One of Israel, whom alone we worship and serve. 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. In gratitude to God, empowered by the Spirit, we strive to serve Christ in our daily tasks and to live holy and joyful lives, even as we watch for God's new heaven and new earth, praying, "Come, Lord Jesus!" With believers in every time and place, we rejoice that nothing in life or in death can separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord. Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit. Amen.			
Pastoral Prayer and the Lord's Prayer		Rev. Ann Hayman	
The Offering			
Call to Givir	ıg	Barbara Anderson	
Offertory	"Can't Beat God Giving"	Elder Tameron Gennae	
*Doxology			
Prayer of De	edication	Rev. Ann Hayman	

Announcements		<b>Barbara</b> Anderson
*Closing Hymn	"My Faith Looks Up to Thee"	PH #383
Benediction		Rev. Ann Hayman
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Because the world is poor and starving, go with bread.....
Because the world is filled with fear, we will go with courage.....
Because the world is in despair, go with hope.....
Because the world is living lies, we will opt to go with truth.....
Because the world is sick with sorrow, go with joy.....
Because the world is weary of wars, we will pray and act for peace....
Because the world is seldom fair, go with justice.....
Because the world is under judgment, we must go with mercy.....
Because the world will die without it, go with love....
May the gracious God of our Lord Jesus Christ go with us all to guide us with the light of the Gospel and to gather us into community, both now and forever. Amen.

## Postlude