

Knox Presbyterian Church of LA

Mother's Day

Fourth Sunday in Eastertide

Words to Ponder: *Moms have the kindness of angels and the patience of saints. All the more reason to thank God for them.* —Matt Gowen

Gathering Music "Every Praise" **Music Ministry**

Words of Welcome | + Passing the Peace **Kristen Dukes**

Call to Worship (Isaiah 53:5-6) **Kristen Dukes**

Rejoice in God, O you righteous, and give thanks to God's holy name!

We lift up the Son who showed us such love and compassion.

We are dwelling in the peace of the risen one.

We are waiting for the wind, the fire, the Spirit. May we dwell in God this day and into all the tomorrows.

+Opening Hymn "Precious Lord, Take My Hand" **PH #404**

Litany for Mother's Day **Kristen Dukes**

Mothers come in many different forms, and today we celebrate them all!

Thank God for mothers!

Everyone here is either a son or a daughter.

Thank God for my mother!

For those women who have joined God in Heaven and whom we miss dearly here on earth.

Thank God for the mothers of the past.

For every woman who is working day and night to raise her children right now.

Thank God for the mothers of today.

For all the women who are expecting, but aren't quite mothers yet!

Thank God for the soon-to-be-mothers.

For the women who took in others' children through adoption and foster care.

Thank God for the mothers with hearts so big.

For those women who have lost a child to death and must carry on.

Thank God for the mothers who are so strong.

For all the women who have desperately wanted to have children of their own, but chose instead to mother everyone else.

Thank God for the mothers in spirit.

We thank you, God, for the women who have influenced our lives in so many ways.

We pray that we will honor them in everything we do. Amen.

Call to Confession **Kristen Dukes**

Unison Prayer of Confession

Christ Jesus, we are so often annoyed by those around us. We do not notice those enslaved by something inside them or by others. We do not even see our brothers and sisters captive much less help free them and provide a new path such that they can live a new life in you. Oh, compassionate one, forgive us our blindness and inaction. Help us to receive and share with the world the love that you and the Creator share. Amen.

Words of Assurance		Kristen Dukes
Children's Message		Rev. Leonardo Wilborn
Anthem	"Order My Steps"	Music Ministry
Prayer for Illumination		Kristen Dukes
Scripture	Psalm 23	Bobby McFerrin
Sermon	"Tabatha, get up!" Acts 9:36-43	Rev. Leonardo Wilborn

Words of Faith (from a Brief Statement of Faith)

**We trust in Jesus Christ,
fully human, fully God.
Jesus proclaimed the reign of God:
preaching good news to the poor
and release to the captives,
teaching by word and deed
and blessing the children,
healing the sick
and binding up the brokenhearted,
eating with outcasts,
forgiving sinners,
and calling all to repent and believe the gospel.
Unjustly condemned for blasphemy and sedition,
Jesus was crucified,
suffering the depths of human pain
and giving his life for the sins of the world.
God raised this Jesus from the dead,
vindicating his sinless life,
breaking the power of sin and evil,
delivering us from death to life eternal.**

Pastoral Prayer and the Lord's Prayer

Rev. Leonardo Wilborn

The Offering

Call to Giving

Kristen Dukes

Offertory

“What Shall I Render?”

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

Kristen Dukes

Announcements

Kristen Dukes

+Closing Hymn

“Take My Life”

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+Benediction

Rev. Leonardo Wilborn

Christ is risen! Christ is risen, indeed!

Live into the hope of Christ’s resurrection! Honor the God who calls you to new life!

May the grace, hope, peace and love of God our Creator, Redeemer and Sustainer be with you now and always. **Amen.**

Postlude “If We Never Pass This Way Again”

Michael Turner, Piano