

Knox Presbyterian Church of LA

22<sup>nd</sup> Sunday after Pentecost

**Words to Ponder: “Accept the mystery of being loved by the Divine Magnet. Once that happens, nothing is accidental, casual or futile anymore.” (Henri J. M. Nouwen)**

**GATHERING MUSIC “This Little Light of Mine” Music Ministry**

**WORDS OF WELCOME | +PASSING THE PEACE Rev. Ann Hayman**

**CALL TO WORSHIP Leigh Lehman**

Bless the Lord, O my soul!

**Bless the Lord, O my soul,  
fill my life in every part with praise.**

Worship is doing what many people outside these walls regard  
as both presumptuous and foolish.

Worship is creatures made from star dust claiming their delight  
in the hidden, holy Creator of all time and space.

Christian worship is shaped by Jesus Christ who encourages us  
to approach this holy God as a child approaches a loving parent.

The grace of our Savior Jesus Christ be with you all!

**And also with you!**

**+OPENING HYMN “Live into Hope” PH #332**

**CALL TO CONFESSION Leigh Lehman**

**UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

**Holy God, your truth is oftentimes hard to hear. We confess our avoidance, our purposeful distractions, our prideful arrogance that keeps us from hearing and responding to your Word. Although you send us messages and messengers, we dismiss and disregard those who tell us we are wrong. Have mercy upon us, Holy God. Open us to hearing the truth no matter how it is conveyed. Amen.**

**WORDS OF ASSURANCE**

**CHILDREN’S MESSAGE “Where Is God?” Rev. Ann Hayman**

**ANTHEM “Bless the Lord, Oh My Soul” Music Ministry**

**PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION Leigh Lehman**

**SCRIPTURE Leigh Lehman**

**Isaiah 43:18-21 New International Version**

**2 Corinthians 5:16-21 New International Version**

**SERMON “How to Remain Faithful in a Changing World”**

**Proverbs 19:20-21**

**Rev. Elizabeth Steele**

**WORDS OF FAITH (Book of Common Worship; Philippians 2: 5-11)**

**Christ Jesus,  
though he was in the form of God,  
did not regard equality with God  
as something to be exploited,  
but emptied himself,  
taking the form of a slave,  
being born in human likeness.  
And being found in human form  
he humbled himself  
and became obedient to the point of death—  
even death on a cross.  
Therefore God also highly exalted him  
and gave him the name that is above every name,  
so that at the name of Jesus  
every knee should bend,  
in heaven and on earth and under the earth,  
and every tongue should confess to the glory of God:  
Jesus Christ is Lord! Amen.**

**PASTORAL PRAYER AND THE LORD’S PRAYER**

**Rev. Ann Hayman**

**THE OFFERING**

**The Call to Giving**

**Leigh Lehman**

**The Offertory “What Shall I Render?”**

**Music Ministry**

**+Doxology**

**Praise God from whom all blessings flow, praise God all  
creatures here below. Praise God above ye heavenly host.  
Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

**Prayer of Dedication**

**Leigh Lehman**

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**Leigh Lehman**

**+CLOSING HYMN “Precious Lord, Take My Hand”**

**PH #404**

**+BENEDICTION**

**Rev. Elizabeth Steele**

**POSTLUDE**

**“God Be with You”**

**Music Ministry**