



La Verne Heights Presbyterian Church

WORSHIP LEADERS: Pastor Jonathan Hughes - Preaching; Passing of the Peace and Announcements, Prayers of the People; Elder Stephanie Boles - Liturgist; Townsend Losey - Director of Music Ministry; Marty Junkunc - Organist; Jared LeShana & Praise Team; Esteban Frausto - Sound Technician; Hannah Archbold and Toby Hughes - Acolytes; Jason Price - Projection

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SCRIPTURE

¹⁸ Jesus came near and spoke to them, "I've received all authority in heaven and on earth."
Mathew 28:18

¹⁶ We didn't repeat crafty myths when we told you about the powerful coming of our Lord Jesus Christ. Quite the contrary, we witnessed his majesty with our own eyes. ¹⁷ He received honor and glory from God the Father when a voice came to him from the magnificent glory, saying, "This is my dearly loved Son, with whom I am well-pleased." ¹⁸ We ourselves heard this voice from heaven while we were with him on the holy mountain. ¹⁹ In addition, we have a most reliable prophetic word, and you would do well to pay attention to it, just as you would to a lamp shining in a dark place, until the day dawns and the morning star rises in your hearts. ²⁰ Most important, you must know that no prophecy of scripture represents the prophet's own understanding of things, ²¹ because no prophecy ever came by human will. Instead, men and women led by the Holy Spirit spoke from God.
2 Peter 1:16-21

LVHPC MISSION STATEMENT

Following Jesus. Growing together.
Sharing God's love with neighbors near and far.

WE'RE GLAD YOU ARE HERE. We pray that you will be encouraged and challenged by the Gospel of Jesus Christ today. We invite you to join the larger family of LVHPC's members and friends for fellowship on the patio following worship this morning.

***Please stand if you are able.**

GATHERING BEFORE GOD

CHORAL INTROIT

Praise Ye The Name of the Lord

THE LIGHTING OF THE CANDLES

Hannah Archbold and Toby Hughes, Acolytes

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

Pastor Jonathan Hughes

Leader: Our hearts are ready, O Lord, our hearts are ready!
People: **We will sing and make melody! We will awaken the dawn!**
Leader: We will give thanks to you, O Lord, among the peoples, we will sing praises to you among the nations.
People: **For your steadfast love is great above the heavens, and your faithfulness reaches to the clouds.**

***OPENING HYMN**

Jesus Christ is Risen Today

WELCOME

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Elder Stephanie Boles

People: **Merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart and mind and strength. We have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.**

(...moment for silent confession...)

Leader: Lord, remind us of your mercy.

People: **In your mercy forgive what we have been, help us amend what we are, and direct what we shall be, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways to the glory of your holy name. Amen.**

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Elder Stephanie Boles

***GLORIA PATRI**

PASSING OF THE PEACE

Pastor Jonathan Hughes

†ADORATION & PRAISE

† As we continue our worship through adoration and praise in song, we invite you to stand, sit, kneel, or move as you feel led.

SONG *Build Your Kingdom Here*

SONG *Final Word*

SONG *How Deep the Father's Love For Us*

BLESSING YOUNG DISCIPLES

Peggy Tomita, Children's Ministry Director

Jesus, thank you for the gifts of these children. You hold them up high before us as examples of what you want us to become. You say when we receive them in your name, we receive you and the Father who sent you. We offer our love, time and blessing to these children. Please bless them as they leave to study your word. Amen.

(Children 2 years old through 5th grade may leave for Children's Worship, which is located in the Christian Formation Center, next to the south parking lot.)

ANNOUNCEMENTS

HEARING GOD'S WORD

If you are sitting near the attendance booklet, please sign in and pass it.

SCRIPTURE AND SERMON

Pastor Jonathan Hughes

Whose Authority?

Matthew 28:18, 2 Peter 1:16-21

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

***RESPONSIVE HYMN** *Jesus, the Very Thought of Thee*

INVITATION TO GIVE OUR TITHES AND OFFERINGS

OFFERING PRAYER

OFFERTORY

Kind

-Amanda Cook

Gabrielle Carbajal

***THE DOXOLOGY**

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

Elder Stephanie Boles

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Pastor Jonathan Hughes

LORD'S PRAYER

Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name. Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread, and forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil, for thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

INSTALLATION / ORDINATION OF ELDER

Jenn Smith (O/I) Class of 2020

Leader: As many of you as were baptized into Christ have clothed yourselves with Christ.
People: There is one body and one Spirit, just as we were called to the one hope of our calling.
Leader: In baptism, Jenn was clothed with Christ, and is now called by God through the voice of the church to enter into ministries of service and governance, announcing in word and deed the good news of Jesus Christ.
People: We remember with joy our common calling to serve Christ, and we celebrate God's particular call to our sister.
Leader: There are varieties of gifts but it is the same Spirit who gives them.
People: There are different ways of serving God, but it is the same Lord who is served.
Leader: God works through each person in a unique way, but it is God's purpose that is accomplished.
People: To each is given a gift of the Spirit to be used for the building up of Christ's body, the church.
Leader: Together we are the body of Christ, and individually members of it.

SENT TO SERVE

SENDING HYMN

Rejoice, the Lord is King!

***CHARGE AND BLESSING**

Pastor Jonathan Hughes

POSTLUDE

Marty Junkunc