



La Verne Heights Presbyterian Church

SCRIPTURE

²⁰ The legal experts and chief priests were watching Jesus closely and sent spies who pretended to be sincere. They wanted to trap him in his words so they could hand him over to the jurisdiction and authority of the governor. ²¹ They asked him, "Teacher, we know that you are correct in what you say and teach. You don't show favoritism but teach God's way as it really is. ²² Does the Law allow people to pay taxes to Caesar or not?"

²³ Since Jesus recognized their deception, he said to them, ²⁴ "Show me a coin." ²⁵ Whose image and inscription does it have on it?"

"Caesar's," they replied.

²⁵ He said to them, "Give to Caesar what belongs to Caesar and to God what belongs to God." ²⁶ They couldn't trap him in his words in front of the people. Astonished by his answer, they were speechless.

Luke 20:20-26

LVHPC MISSION STATEMENT

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

November 19, 2017

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

Marty Junkunc

PRELUDE

THE LIGHTING OF THE CANDLES

Erica Eveleth, Acolyte

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Rev. Lauren Evans, Parish Associate

Leader: All who thirst, come to the water.

People: Come, all who are weary.

Leader: Come, all you who yearn for forgiveness.

People: The Holy Spirit through Jesus Christ has washed over us, and our gracious and holy God beckons and blesses us.

Leader: Praise the Lord!

People: The Lord's name be praised!

*OPENING HYMN

We Praise Our Redeemer

WELCOME

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Elder Jonny Eveleth

People: God of everlasting love, we confess that we have been unfaithful to our covenant with you and with one another. We have worshiped at other altars - money, security, power, and pleasure. We have served our own self-interest and then offered you the leftovers of our devotion. We have not loved our neighbors as you have commanded, nor have we rightly loved ourselves.

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

Leader: Lord, remind us of your mercy.

People: Forgive us, gracious Father, and bring us back into the fullness of our covenant with you and one another. Through Christ our Lord and in the unity of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Elder Jonny Eveleth

***GLORIA PATRI**

PASSING OF THE PEACE

Rev. Lauren Evans

†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

Oh Praise Him

SONG

Center

SONG

Cornerstone

BLESSING YOUNG DISCIPLES

Peggy Tomita, Children's Ministry Director

Father in heaven, you came to us in Jesus Christ. He invited little children to come to him. May we live together in such a way that these children know they can always come to you and come to us - with their hopes and their fears, with their faith and their questions. May we learn from them and may they learn from us, so we may become one family together in Christ. We ask this in the name of Jesus. 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

Rev. Lauren Evans

The Money Trap

Luke 20:20-26

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

***RESPONSIVE HYMN**

Spirit of God, Descend Upon My Heart (vs.1-3)

MOMENT FOR STEWARDSHIP

Elder Scott Smith

INVITATION TO GIVE OUR TITHES AND OFFERINGS

OFFERING PRAYER

Lord, multiply these gifts for the sake of your kingdom.

OFFERTORY

A Song of Praise

Chancel Choir

***THE DOXOLOGY**

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

Elder Jonny Eveleth

MOMENT FOR MISSION

Alternative Christmas Fair

Keith Lentz

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Rev. Lauren Evans

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.

SENT TO SERVE

SENDING HYMN

God of Grace and God of Glory

***CHARGE AND BLESSING**

Pastor Jonathan Hughes

POSTLUDE

Marty Junkunc

Rev. Lauren Evans is available to pray with you after worship if you so desire. You can find her near the choir loft.

WORSHIP LEADERS: Rev. Lauren Evans - Preaching; Passing of the Peace and Announcements; Elder Jonny Eveleth - Liturgist; Rev. Lauren Evans - Prayers of the People; Townsend Losey - Director of Music Ministry; Marty Junkunc - Organist; Jared LeShana & Praise Team; Esteban Frausto - Sound Technician; Erica Eveleth - Acolyte; Jason Price - Projection