

Laguna Niguel Presbyterian C H U R C H



**Third Sunday in Lent
March 3, 2024**

Please silence your cell phone

Prelude

Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow
Arr. by Kenneth Varner
Suk Choi, Organist

Hymns of Praise
(please stand if able)

Hosanna (Praise is Rising)
Brenton Brown & Paul Baloche
Michael Smith, Worship Leader
Sho Fujieda, Drums

Welcome

Pastor Jim

Call to Worship

Leader: Lent calls us to journey along the edge, to anticipate that final trip to Jerusalem.

People: *Lent calls us to the cutting edge, when the wheat falls to the ground and new life comes forth; the cutting of a new covenant.*

Leader: Lent calls us not only to give up something, but also to take upon ourselves as community the intention of true participation in the mystery of God-with-us.

People: *Lent calls us to corporate penitence, accountability and preparation.*

Leader: Lent calls us to concentrate upon our baptismal vocation to be a sign of the New Earth.

People: *Lent calls us to face the darkness without holding a flashlight.*

All: *Lent calls us. Let us worship God.*

Opening Prayer

Holy God, we thank you for this season of Lent, during which you invite us to come, to examine, to confess, to be renewed and healed. We enter this season eagerly, anticipating that, like Jesus in the wilderness, there are things which need to be lost so that better things may be found. Grant us courage to set aside easy answers and quick fixes in favor of your word that penetrates and transforms us. Enable us to see past the immediate satisfaction of our wants that we may choose instead the eternally fulfilling grace of your presence. Embolden our faith that we may trust you rather than the false and empty promises of our age. Thank you for walking this Lenten journey with us. May we emerge from it prepared to serve you with renewed passion and joy. Amen.

*Praise is rising
Eyes are turning to You
We turn to You
Hope is stirring
Hearts are yearning for You
We long for You*

*'Cause when we see You
We find strength to face the day
In Your presence
All our fears are washed away
Washed away*

*Hosanna hosanna
You are the God who saves us
Worthy of all our praises
Hosanna hosanna
Come have Your way among us
We welcome You here Lord Jesus*

*Hosanna hosanna
You are the God who saves us
Worthy of all our praises
Hosanna hosanna
Come have Your way among us
We welcome You here Lord Jesus*

*Hear the sound of
Hearts returning to You
We turn to You
In Your Kingdom
Broken lives are made new
You make us new*

*'Cause when we see You
We find strength to face the day
In Your presence
All our fears are washed away
Washed away*

*Hosanna hosanna
You are the God who saves us
Worthy of all our praises
Hosanna hosanna
Come have Your way among us
We welcome You here Lord Jesus*

This is Our God

Phil Wickham, Steven Furtick, Brandon Lake, & Pat Barrett

*Remember those walls that we called sin and shame?
They were like prisons that we couldn't escape.
But He came and He died and He rose;
Those walls are rubble now.*

*Who pulled me out of that pit?
He did, He did.
Who paid for all of our sin?
Nobody but Jesus.*

*Remember those giants we called death and grave?
They were like mountains that stood in our way.
But He came and He died and He rose;
Those giants are dead now.*

*Who pulled me out of that pit?
He did, He did.
Who paid for all of our sin?
Nobody but Jesus.*

*This is our God, this is who He is:
He loves us.
This is our God, this is what He does:
He saves us.*

*Who rescued me from that grave?
Yahweh, Yahweh.
Who gets the glory and praise?
Nobody but Jesus.*

*He bore the cross, beat the grave.
Let heaven and earth proclaim
This is our God, King Jesus.*

*Who rescued me from that grave?
Yahweh, Yahweh.
Who gets the glory and praise?
Nobody but Him.*

*Remember that fear that took our breath away?
Faith so weak that we could barely pray?
But He heard every word every whisper.*

*This is our God, this is who He is:
He loves us.
This is our God, this is what He does:
He saves us.*

*Now those altars in the wilderness
Tell the story of His faithfulness.
Never once did He fail, and He never will.*

*He bore the cross, beat the grave.
Let heaven and earth proclaim
This is our God, King Jesus.*

*This is our God, this is who He is:
He loves us.
This is our God, this is what He does:
He saves us.*

*He bore the cross beat the grave
Let heaven and earth proclaim
This is our God King Jesus*

*He bore the cross, beat the grave.
Let heaven and earth proclaim
This is our God, King Jesus.*

Prayer of Confession

Lani Colley

Holy God, forgive us because we do not always live like people who claim to be followers of Christ. We choose, instead, to glorify the things of this world. We would rather spend time seeking ways to satisfy our worldly wants than our spiritual needs. Our wants disregard our call to be faithful caretakers of your creation. The idols we have created more readily receive our praise than the One who created us. Forgive us for all the ways we have fallen short in your eyes as we confess them before you now in the silence of our hearts.

Silent Prayer

Amen.

Declaration of Forgiveness

Response of Thanksgiving

Gloria Patri

(please stand if able)

*Glory be to the Father, and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost;
As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be, world without end.
Amen. Amen.*

Passing of the Joy & Peace of Christ

Pastor Sara

Anthem

Make a Joyful Noise

Buryl Red
LNPC Chancel Choir

*Praise Him! Praise Him!
Praise Him! Hosanna! Hosanna!*

*Make a joyful noise unto God!
Sing the glory of His name!
Let all people sing for joy,
Let them sing from happy hearts.
Make a joyful noise unto God.
Hosanna! Hosanna!*

Make a joyful noise unto God!
Sing the glory of His name!
Let all people sing for joy,
Let them sing from happy hearts
Unto God!
Let all people sing for joy,
Let them sing from happy hearts. (Hosanna!)
Hosanna! Hosanna! Hosanna!

Sing a joyful song unto God. (Hosanna!)
Sing the glory of His Name! (Hosanna!)
Let all people sing for joy,
Let them sing from happy hearts,
Let them sing from happy hearts unto God!

Praise Him! Praise Him!
Praise Him! Praise Him!
Praise Him! Hosanna! Hosanna!
Amen

Message for Young Disciples

Mark Imfeld

Children's Prayer Song

*God is always near me,
God will always hear me,
When I pray.*

First Scripture Reading

Psalm 150
Jessica Jenkins
Pew Bible p. 583

¹ Praise the Lord!
Praise God in his sanctuary;
praise him in his mighty firmament!
² Praise him for his mighty deeds;
praise him according to his surpassing greatness!
³ Praise him with trumpet sound;
praise him with lute and harp!

⁴ Praise him with tambourine and dance;
praise him with strings and pipe!
⁵ Praise him with clanging cymbals;
praise him with loud clashing cymbals!
⁶ Let everything that breathes praise the Lord!
Praise the Lord!

Hymn of Preparation (please stand if able)

All People That on Earth Do Dwell
William Kethe, Versifier
#317 (vv. 1, 3)

*All people that on earth do dwell,
Sing to the Lord with cheerful voice;
Him serve with joy, his praise forth tell,
Come ye before him and rejoice.*

*O enter then his gates with praise,
Approach with joy his courts unto;
Praise, laud and bless his name always,
For it is seemly so to do.*

Second Scripture Reading

Romans 12: 1, 2
Pew Bible pp. 161 - 162

¹ I appeal to you therefore, brothers and sisters, by the mercies of God, to present your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to God, which is your spiritual worship.
² Do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your minds, so that you may discern what is the will of God—what is good and acceptable and perfect.

Sermon

Rooting in Worship

Time of Reflection

Blessing of Our Tithes and Offerings

Offertory

Way Maker Osinachi Kalu & Okoro Egbu

You are here moving in our midst
I worship You I worship You
You are here working in this place
I worship You I worship You

You are Way Maker Miracle Worker Promise Keeper
Light in the darkness my God that is who You are

Way Maker Miracle Worker Promise Keeper
Light in the darkness my God that is who You are

You are here touching ev'ry heart
I worship You I worship You
You are here healing ev'ry heart
I worship You I worship You

You are Way Maker Miracle Worker Promise Keeper
Light in the darkness my God that is who You are

Way Maker Miracle Worker Promise Keeper
Light in the darkness my God that is who You are

That is who You are That is who You are
That is who You are That is who You are

Even when I don't see it You're working
Even when I don't feel it You're working
You never stop You never stop working
You never stop You never stop working

Even when I don't see it You're working
Even when I don't feel it You're working
You never stop You never stop working
You never stop You never stop working

Even when I don't see it You're working
Even when I don't feel it You're working
You never stop You never stop working
You never stop You never stop working

You are Way Maker Miracle Worker Promise Keeper
Light in the darkness my God that is who You are

Way Maker Miracle Worker Promise Keeper
Light in the darkness my God that is who You are

That is who You are That is who You are
That is who You are That is who You are

Pastoral Prayer and The 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.

Hymn of Response

(please stand if able)

Come, All Christians, Be Committed
Eva B. Lloyd
#578 (vv. 1, 3)

*Come, all Christians, be committed
To the service of the Lord;
Make your lives for him more fitted,
Tune your hearts with one accord.*

*Come into his courts with gladness,
All your sacred vows renew,
Turn away from sin and sadness,
Be transformed with life anew.*

*Come in praise and adoration,
All who in Christ's name believe;
Worship him with consecration,
Grace and love will you receive.*

*For his grace give him the glory,
For the Spirit and the Word,
And repeat the gospel story
Until all his name have heard.*

Charge and Benediction

Choral Response

Prayer for the Road

*May we be blessed as we go on our way.
May we be kept in safety and love.
May grace and compassion find their way to every soul,
May this be our blessing Amen.
Amen, Amen.
May this be our blessing, Amen.
Amen, Amen.
May this be our blessing, Amen.*

*Today's Chancel flowers are given by Bill Futa
in honor of Sumi's birthday.*

[In consideration of our live stream, please be seated until after the Postlude is over before exiting the Sanctuary. Thank you.]

Postlude

Sing to God with Heart and Voice
Mark Williams

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Prayer Concerns

LNPC Members

Claire Burrill
Joe and Carolyn Ditto
John Flannery
Steve Foster
C.M. Hourigan
Joanne Jannard
Cheryl Kelsey
*Dani Koutsoudis**
Nancy LeBlanc
Kathleen Lechner
Richard Odgers
Ron Pearce
Louanne Robeson
Kathleen Roebuck

Linda Schmidt
Jody Schnitzer
Jean Shelton
Bill Stevens
Karen Vassey
John and Lina Wakim

Peace & Comfort

Family of Doris Black
Kari and Carl Borg and the Borg Family (Kari's Father)*
Jane Carpenter & Family
(Husband)
Jaime & Lani Colley and Family (Jaime's Father)*
Family of Marilyn Campman
Family of Jim McCurdy
Brian Mangan & Family (Wife)
Cecil Spearman & Family
(Wife)
Sandy & Bob Walden (Sandy's Sister)

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Announcements



Nursery Care - Sanctuary

Nursery Care is currently not available.

Children Potty-trained through 5th Grade

Worship is attended as a family until after the Children's Message. Then, our young children will be excused to go with their teachers to the Sunday School classroom located in the hallway off the Narthex.

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Noteworthy News

- ◆ **Easter Lilies:** Our Sanctuary will be adorned with beautiful Easter lilies on Easter Sunday. To order a lily, please use the envelope included in the bulletin this morning and drop it in the basket in the Narthex. Suggested donation is \$17.00 per lily. You are encouraged to take the lily with you after our Easter Celebration Service.
- ◆ **All Church Work Day:** Saturday, March 9th, starting at 8:00 am. There's work to be done, but we always have fun! Grab your tool box and enjoy some fellowship as we spruce up the buildings and grounds. All ages and abilities are encouraged to show up!
- ◆ **Women's Winter Mini Retreat:** Saturday, March 16th, 8:30 - 10:30 am in Gard A. As we continue on our Journey of Faith in 2024, come refresh with Holy Yoga Chair, music, breakfast, art, and an inspiring message from Rev. Dee Hazen. Register on the LNPC app or at lnpc.org.
- ◆ **Youth Camping Overnighter:** Experience an unforgettable night under the stars. You bring your sleeping bag and we'll provide the tents and the marshmallows for roasting. Friday, March 15th, at LNPC. Register on the LNPC app or at lnpc.org. Contact Ben Roebuck for more information at ben@lnpc.org.
- ◆ **Spring Forward! Set Your Clocks Ahead One Hour Before You Go To Bed Saturday Night, March 9th.** Daylight Saving Time Begins Sunday, March 10th, and you don't want to be late for church!

THIS WEEK at LNPC

March	3	SUNDAY	March	7	THURSDAY
10:00 am	Sunday Worship	Sanctuary / Livestream	1:00 pm	FAM Food Dist.	LNPC Parking Lot
11:15 am	Men's Ministry.	Christian Ed.	4:00 pm	Holy Yoga Chair	Gard C
Room			5:00 pm	Holy Yoga	Gard C
11:15 am	Missions Meeting	Gard A	6:30 pm	Choir Rehearsal	Sanctuary
4:00 pm	The Journey	Gard A	6:30 pm	District 12 AA Meeting	Gard A
6:00 pm	Youth Group	The Garage			
March	4	MONDAY	March	8	FRIDAY
7:00 am	AA Men's	Gard B	7:00 am	AA Men's	Gard B
10:30 am	AA Women's	Gard B	10:30 am	AA Women's	Gard C
1:00 pm	Staff Meeting	Conference Room			
6:30 pm	Deacons Meeting	Conference Room	March	9	SATURDAY
8:00 pm	AA Mixed	Gard B	8:00 am	All Church Work Day	LNPC Campus
			9:00 am	Bag Ladies	Kitchen
			SET YOUR CLOCK AHEAD ONE HOUR BEFORE GOING TO BED TONIGHT		
March	5	TUESDAY	March	10	SUNDAY
9:30 am	Al-Anon Mixed	Gard B	10:00 am	Sunday Worship	Sanctuary / Livestream
10:30 am	Pastor's Bible Study	Conference Room			
5:00 pm	Holy Yoga	Gard C	11:30 am	Congregational Life	Conference Room
March	6	WEDNESDAY	4:00 pm	The Journey	Gard A
6:00 pm	AA Mixed	Gard B	6:00 pm	Youth Group	The Garage
7:00 pm	Discipleship Class	Gard A			

Prayer Concerns

Family & Friends (Church Contact)

Claro Alfonso (Imfeld)	Marie Neis (Borg)	Ted Wells (Wells)
Judy Baker (Baker)	Ann Oliphant (Galloway)	Lauren Williams (Shelton)
Annie Coleman (Coleman)	John Osth (Khalifa)	Wilson Family (Coleman)
Gary Fong (Ehlers)	Linda Parker (Troester)	
Mike & Kathy Gessner (Galloway)	Maryann Pette (Shelton)	
Sandy Griffin (Stocksdale)	Cindy Rhoades (Baker)	
Sherry Kerner (Ehlers)	Megan Shelton (Shelton)	
Maria Kocerhova (Troester)	Amy Sinkeldam (Ehlers)	
Amy Lechner Bolls (Lechner)	Kyoko Smith (Wright)	
Rossana Madrid (Ondryas)	Carolyn Strick (Troester)	
Joni McGlynn (Baker)	Kevin Strick (Troester)	
Barry McPeak (Ehlers)	John Stritch (Ehlers)	
Ray McPeak (Ehlers)	Michael Summers (Troester)	
Marge Molyneaux (Shelton)	Lynnette Swickard (Baker)	
Mike Moore (Flannery)	Jim Wagner (Ehlers)	
Samia Najm (Wakim)	Dr. Mark Watters Family (Troester)	

(*New addition - Names will appear for 3 months unless otherwise specified by those who submit the prayer request.)

To submit a prayer request or notify us that one can be removed: office@lnpc.org or 949.249.1218