

Laguna Niguel Presbyterian C H U R C H



**Communion Sunday
August 11, 2024**

Please silence your cell phone

Prelude

Jesus Loves Me
William Bradbury
Suk Choi, Organist

Hymns of Praise
(please stand if able)

I See the Lord
Jonathan Smith, Jacob Sooter, Matt Maher, & Eddie Hoagland
Lee Lee Truong-Sawicki, Worship Leader
Sho Fujieda, Drums

Welcome

Pastor Jim

Call to Worship

Leader: Give thanks to the Lord, call upon his name;

People: *make known his deeds among the nations, proclaim that his name is exalted.*

Leader: Sing praises to the Lord, for he has done gloriously;

People: *let this be known in all the earth.*

Opening Prayer

Good and faithful God, meet us in this place, in this hour, we pray. Comfort and confront us, delight and disturb us, exhort and expose us. Inspire us to generosity, fidelity and courage. Leave us not unchanged by having been in your company and in the company of your saints. Guard us from any wishful thinking that worship is just another hour in just another day. Amen.

*This is where worship starts,
Here in the temple of my heart,
Remembering who You are
And all You've done.*

*This is Your majesty,
All I have tasted and I've seen,
Remembering who You are.
And once again:*

*I see the Lord, forever glorified,
Exalted and lifted high.
And all of the kingdom, it cries,
You are, You are the Lord.*

*Seated upon the throne,
The God who is three in one,
The Father, the Spirit, the Son.
You are, You are the Lord.*

*This is eternity,
Deep calling deep inside of me.
I'm right where I'm meant to be,
Here with You.*

*This is Your family,
Stretching as far as I can see.
I'm right where I'm meant to be,
Once again.*

*I see the Lord, forever glorified,
Exalted and lifted high.
And all of the kingdom, it cries,
You are, You are the Lord.*

*Seated upon the throne,
The God who is three in one,
The Father, the Spirit, the Son.
You are, You are the Lord.*

Forever Reign

Reuben Morgan & Jason Ingram

*You are good, You are good,
When there's nothing good in me.
You are love, You are love,
On display for all to see.*

*You are light, You are light,
When the darkness closes in.
You are hope, You are hope,
You have covered all my sin.*

*You are peace, You are peace,
When my fear is crippling.
You are true, You are true,
Even in my wandering.*

*You are joy, You are joy,
You're the reason that I sing.
You are life, You are life,
In You death has lost its sting.*

*Oh, I'm running to Your arms,
I'm running to Your arms.
The riches of Your love will always be enough.
Nothing compares to Your embrace.
Light of the world, forever reign.*

*You are more, You are more,
Than my words will ever say.
You are Lord, You are Lord,
All creation will proclaim.*

*You are here, You are here,
In Your presence I'm made whole,
You are God, You are God,
Of all else I'm letting go.*

*Oh, I'm running to Your arms,
I'm running to Your arms.
The riches of Your love will always be enough.
Nothing compares to Your embrace.
Light of the world, forever reign.*

*My heart will sing, no other Name.
Jesus, Jesus.
My heart will sing, no other Name.
Jesus, Jesus.*

*My heart will sing, no other Name.
Jesus, Jesus.
My heart will sing, no other Name.
Jesus, Jesus.*

*Oh, I'm running to Your arms,
I'm running to Your arms.
The riches of Your love will always be enough.
Nothing compares to Your embrace.
Light of the world, forever reign.*

Prayer of Confession

Mark Imfeld

Creating God, in love you moved over the waters of chaos and separated sea from dry land. And yet, we cling tightly to rigid boundaries of our own making. You claim us in the waters of baptism and declare us dead to sin and alive in Christ. But too often we deny that call, conforming ourselves to the whims of culture. At Pentecost, you released your wild and transforming spirit to flow through church and world. But we want to tame that wildness, channeling your spirit through banks of ordered safety. Transform us, we pray. Soften the unyielding edges of our hearts. Loosen our grip on "the way it's always been" and prepare us for the joy of "the way it still can be." Hear, O Lord, our silent prayers of confession.

Silent Prayer

Amen.

Declaration of Forgiveness

Response of Thanksgiving

(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.

Gloria Patri

Passing of the Joy & Peace of Christ

Pastor Sara

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 Lesson

Psalm 36: 5 - 7
Pew Bible p. 510

⁵Your steadfast love, O Lord, extends to the heavens,
your faithfulness to the clouds.
⁶Your righteousness is like the mighty mountains,
your judgments are like the great deep;
you save humans and animals alike, O Lord.
⁷How precious is your steadfast love, O God!
All people may take refuge in the shadow of your wings.

Hymn of Preparation

(please stand if able)

Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise
Walter Chalmers Smith
#62 (vv. 1, 2)

*Immortal, invisible, God only wise,
In light inaccessible hid from our eyes,
Most blessed, most glorious, the Ancient of Days,
Almighty, victorious, thy great name we praise.*

*Unresting, unhasting, and silent as light,
Nor wanting, nor wasting, thou rulest in might;
Thy justice like mountains high soaring above
Thy clouds, which are fountains of goodness and love.*

Second Scripture Lesson

1 John 4: 7 - 12
Pew Bible p. 241

⁷ Beloved, let us love one another, because love is from God; everyone who loves is born of God and knows God. ⁸ Whoever does not love does not know God, for God is love. ⁹ God's love was revealed among us in this way: God sent his only Son into the world so that we might live through him. ¹⁰ In this is love, not that we loved God but that he loved us and sent his Son to be the atoning sacrifice for our sins. ¹¹ Beloved, since God loved us so much, we also ought to love one another. ¹² No one has ever seen God; if we love one another, God lives in us, and his love is perfected in us.

Sermon

Good News: We Are Loved!

Time of Reflection

Blessing of Our Tithes & Offerings

Offertory

Behold What Manner of Love
James MacDermid
Judy Ruddiman, Solo

And God said, let us make man in our image, after our likeness:
And let them have dominion over the fish of the sea, and over the fowl of the air.
And over the cattle, and over all the earth,
And over ev'ry creeping thing that creepeth upon the earth.

Behold what manner of love,
Behold what manner of love the Father hath bestowed upon us.
Behold what manner of love that we should be called the sons of God!

Beloved, now are we the sons of God;
And it doth not yet appear what we shall be:
But we know that, when He shall appear we know that when He shall appear,
We shall be like Him. For we shall see Him as He is.

Behold what manner of love the Father hath bestowed,
That we should be called the sons of God!
So God created man in His own image,
In the image of God created He him.
Holy there is no one like You
There is none beside You
Open up my eyes in wonder and show me who You are
And fill me with Your heart
And lead me in Your love to those around me

The Sacrament of Holy Communion

The Invitation (Bread is gluten-free.)

The Prayer of Consecration

The Celebration of Communion

Prayer of Thanksgiving 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)

Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee

Henry Van Dyke
#20 (vv. 1, 3)

*Joyful, joyful, we adore thee,
God of glory, Lord of love;
Hearts unfold like flowers before thee,
Opening to the sun above.*

*Melt the clouds of sin and sadness,
Drive the dark of doubt away;
Giver of immortal gladness,
Fill us with the light of day!*

*Thou art giving and forgiving,
Ever blessing, ever blest,
Well-spring of the joy of living,
Ocean depth of happy rest!*

*Thou our Father, Christ our Brother
All who live in love are thine;
Teach us how to love each other,
Lift us to the joy divine.*

Charge and Benediction

(please remain standing)

Chorale 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.*

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

Postlude

Festive Praise

Lloyd Larson

SERMON NOTES

Today's Chancel flowers are given by Carl and Carolyn Knutson
in honor of Carl's father's birthday.

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Prayer Concerns

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Claire Burrill
Steve Foster
Jody Fristoe-Schnitzer
C.M. Hourigan
Linda Klein
Pat Kun
Richard Odgers
Ron Pearce
Louanna Robeson
Kathleen Roebuck
Linda Schmidt
Karen Vassey

Peace & Comfort

Family of Doris Black
The Carpenter Family (Jane & Hal)
Jaime & Lani Colley and Family (Jaime's Father)
Family of Marilyn Campman
Carolyn Ditto & Family (Husband)
Family of Jim McCurdy
Brian Mangan & Family (Wife)
Cecil Spearman & Family (Son)

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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

- ◆ **Noon Prayer Offering:** This Wednesday, August 14th, in the Prayer Alcove in the Sanctuary, from noon to 1:00 pm. Come to pray individual prayers or to pray alongside others the second Wednesday of each month. All are invited.

- ◆ **Sea Country Festival Volunteers Needed:** We need volunteers to staff the LNPC booth at the Sea Country Festival Friday, August 23rd, through Sunday, August 25th. This is a wonderful opportunity to celebrate who we are as a church family and to share the Faith opportunities we have to offer. Sign up for a time-slot on the patio after Worship .

- ◆ **Memorial Service for Joe Ditto:** Saturday, August 24th, at 11:00 am, in the Sanctuary. There will be a reception in Gard Hall immediately following the service. This service will be livestreamed.

- ◆ **Request for Docketed Time:** Please contact Pastor Jim if you would like to present something when Session meets next on Monday, August 19th, at 6:00 pm, in the Work Room.

THIS WEEK at LNPC

August 11	SUNDAY	August 15	THURSDAY
10:00 am Communion Sunday	Sanctuary / Livestream	1:00 pm FAM Food Distribution	LNPC Parking Lot
11:30 am Congregational Life	Conference Room	4:00 pm Holy Yoga Chair	LNPC Patio
4:00 pm The Journey	Gard A	5:00 pm Holy Yoga	LNPC Lawn
		6:30 pm Vocal Rehearsal	Sanctuary
August 12	MONDAY	August 16	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	7:00 am AA Women's	Gard C
1:00 pm Staff Meeting	Conference Room	1:00 pm Canasta	Gard A
7:00 pm Personnel	Conference Room		
8:00 pm AA Mixed	Gard B		
August 13	TUESDAY	August 18	SUNDAY
9:30 am Al-Anon Mixed	Gard B	10:00 am Communion Sunday	Sanctuary / Livestream
5:00 pm Holy Yoga	LNPC Lawn	4:00 pm The Journey	Gard A
August 14	WEDNESDAY		
12:00 pm Noon Prayer Offering	Prayer Alcove		
6:00 pm AA Mixed	Gard B		

Prayer Concerns

Family & Friends (Church Contact)

Linda Anderson (Stocksdale)	Lena Grassmeyer (Imfeld)	Carolyn Strick (Troester)
Natalia Bergman (Wright)	Connie Hutchinson	Michael Summers (Troester)
Mick Buchanan (Borg)	(Nunnikhoven)	Baby Taff (Parry)
Dan Chambers (Hampsten)	Lucy Marechal	Bob Whitman (Knutson)
Annie Coleman (Coleman)	Don McBurney (Arter)	Wilson Family (Coleman)
Rene Darnel (Ransdale)	Carol Roane (Troester)	
Mike Fair	Megan Shelton (Shelton)	

*(*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**