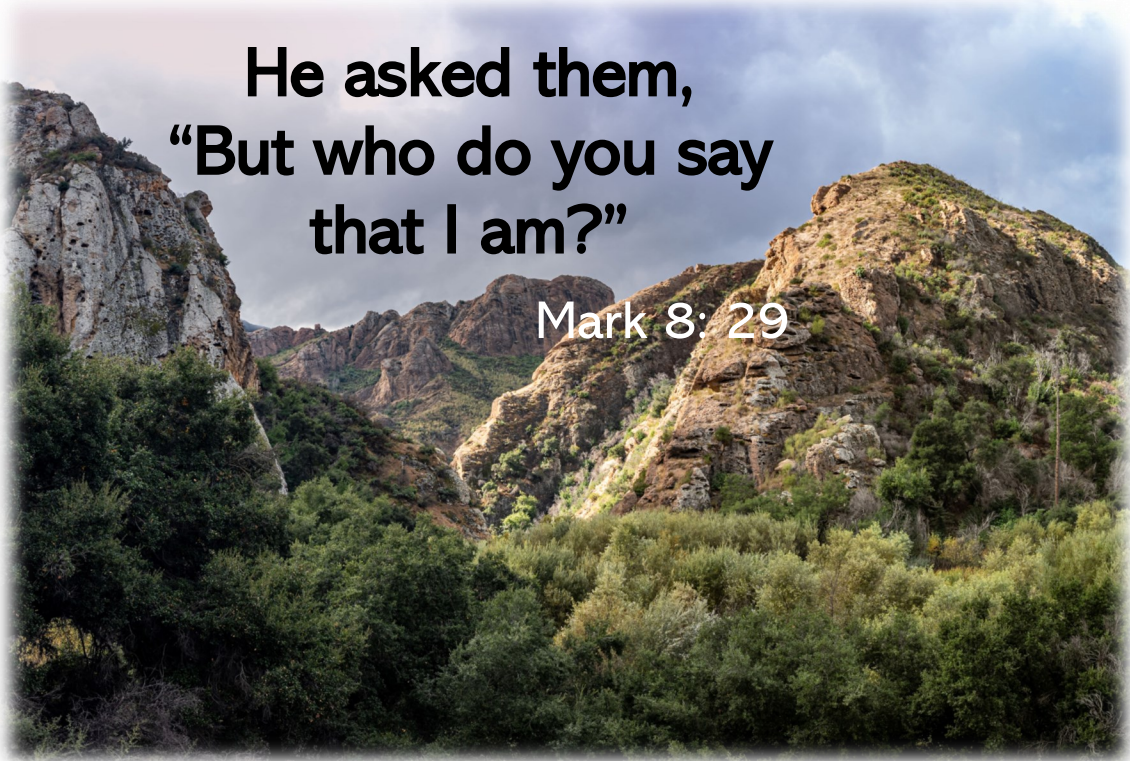


Laguna Niguel Presbyterian C H U R C H



He asked them,
“But who do you say
that I am?”

Mark 8: 29

Sunday, September 15, 2024

Please silence your cell phone

Prelude

Sonata No.3, Op. 88 (Pastoral), 1st Mvt.
Josef Rheinberger
Suk Choi, Organist

Welcome

Pastor Sara

Call to Worship

Leader: The heavens are telling the glory of God. The firmament proclaims God's handiwork. Day pours forth speech, and night declares knowledge of our God.

People: *God's wisdom is written in the stars. It is seen and heard to the ends of the earth.*

Leader: When we see God's teachings in the clouds, or hear them in the symphonies of the birds, our minds are enriched, our eyes are enlightened, our souls are revived, and our hearts rejoice.

All: *Then we shall bless God's name with our words, and with the silence between them.*

Opening Prayer

O God, your Wisdom speaks in our streets, cries out from our intersections, and calls our names. Wisdom hopes we will stop ... listen ... and learn. Wisdom beseeches us to turn our faces and our ears to you. Wisdom urges us to bless your name with our speaking ... and our silence. May we speak and bless your name, O God, now and always. Amen.

Hymns of Praise

(please stand if able)

*I'll praise in the valley,
Praise on the mountain.
I'll praise when I'm sure,
Praise when I'm doubting.*

*I'll praise when outnumbered,
Praise when surrounded,
'Cause praise is the water
My enemies drown in.*

*As long as I'm breathing
I've got a reason to*

*Praise the Lord, oh, my soul.
Praise the Lord, oh, my soul.*

*I'll praise when I feel it
And I'll praise when I don't.
I'll praise 'cause I know
You're still in control.*

*'Cause my praise is a weapon
It's more than a sound.
My praise is the shout
That brings Jericho down.*

*As long as I'm breathing
I've got a reason to*

*Praise the Lord, oh, my soul.
Praise the Lord, oh, my soul.*

Praise
Brandon Lake, Chandler Moore, Chris Brown, Cody
Carnes, Pat Barrett, & Steven Furtick
Lee Lee Truong-Sawicki, Worship Leader
Sho Fujieda, Drums

*I won't be quiet, my God is alive.
How could I keep it inside?
Praise the Lord, oh, my soul.*

*I'll praise 'cause You're sovereign,
Praise 'cause You reign.
Praise 'cause You rose and defeated the grave.*

*I'll praise 'cause You're faithful,
Praise 'cause You're true.
Praise 'cause there's nobody greater than you.*

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Praise 'cause You reign.
Praise 'cause You rose and defeated the grave.*

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Praise 'cause You're true.
Praise 'cause there's nobody greater than you.*

*Praise the Lord, oh, my soul.
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Praise the Lord, oh, my soul.
Praise the Lord, oh, my soul.*

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How could I keep it inside?
Praise the Lord, oh, my soul.*

Above All

Lenny LeBlanc and Paul Baloche

*Above all powers, above all kings,
Above all nature and all created things;
Above all wisdom and all the ways of man,
You were here before the world began.*

*Above all kingdoms, above all thrones,
Above all wonders the world has ever known;
Above all wealth and treasures of the earth,
There's no way to measure
What You're worth.*

*Crucified, laid behind the stone;
You lived to die, rejected and alone;
Like a rose, trampled on the ground,
You took the fall, and thought of me,
Above all.*

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Above all nature and all created things;
Above all wisdom and all the ways of man,
You were here before the world began.*

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Above all.*

Prayer of Confession

Lani Colley

Faithful God, you call us to trust in your promises. In Jesus Christ, you call us to take up our cross and follow, just as Jesus invited his disciples to do. We are quick to make excuses, afraid of the unknown, afraid of the hard work of discipleship. We are cautious; embarrassed to share the good news. Forgive us, we pray. Give us the courage that comes from knowing that you walk with us.

Silent Prayer

Amen.

Declaration of Forgiveness

Response of Thanksgiving

(please stand if able)
Singer

Gloria Patri
Judy Ruddiman, Hymn

*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

Message for Young Disciples

Howard Hirakawa

Children's Prayer Song

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

First Scripture Reading

Proverbs 1: 20 - 33
Pew Bible pp. 584 - 585
Grady Jenkins

²⁰ Wisdom cries out in the street;
in the squares she raises her voice.
²¹ At the busiest corner she cries out;
at the entrance of the city gates she speaks:
²² "How long, O simple ones, will you love being simple?
How long will scoffers delight in their scoffing
and fools hate knowledge?
²³ Give heed to my reproof;
I will pour out my thoughts to you;
I will make my words known to you.

²⁴ Because I have called and you refused,
 have stretched out my hand and no one heeded,
²⁵ and because you have ignored all my counsel
 and would have none of my reproof,
²⁶ I also will laugh at your calamity;
 I will mock when panic strikes you,
²⁷ when panic strikes you like a storm,
 and your calamity comes like a whirlwind,
 when distress and anguish come upon you.
²⁸ Then they will call upon me, but I will not answer;
 they will seek me diligently, but will not find me.
²⁹ Because they hated knowledge
 and did not choose the fear of the Lord,
³⁰ would have none of my counsel,
 and despised all my reproof,
³¹ therefore they shall eat the fruit of their way
 and be sated with their own devices.
³² For waywardness kills the simple,
 and the complacency of fools destroys them;
³³ but those who listen to me will be secure
 and will live at ease, without dread of disaster.”

Hymn of Preparation
 (please stand if able)

*Take my life and let it be
 Consecrated, Lord, to thee;
 Take my hands and let them move
 At the impulse of thy love,
 At the impulse of thy love.*

Take My Life and Let It Be Consecrated
 Francis R. Havergal
 # 568 (vv. 1, 2)

*Take my feet and let them be
 Swift and beautiful for thee;
 Take my voice and let me sing
 Always, only, for my King,
 Always, only, for my King.*

Second Scripture Lesson

Mark 8: 27 - 38
 Pew Bible pp. 43 - 44

²⁷ Jesus went on with his disciples to the villages of Caesarea Philippi; and on the way he asked his disciples, “Who do people say that I am?” ²⁸ And they answered him, “John the Baptist; and others, Elijah; and still others, one of the prophets.” ²⁹ He asked them, “But who do you say that I am?” Peter answered him, “You are the Messiah.” ³⁰ And he sternly ordered them not to tell anyone about him. ³¹ Then he began to teach them that the Son of Man must undergo great suffering, and be rejected by the elders, the chief priests, and the scribes, and be killed, and after three days rise again. ³² He said all this quite openly. And Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him. ³³ But turning and looking at his disciples, he rebuked Peter and said, “Get behind me, Satan! For you are setting your mind not on divine things but on human things.” ³⁴ He called the crowd with his disciples, and said to them, “If any want to become my followers, let them deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me. ³⁵ For those who want to save their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake, and for the sake of the gospel, will save it. ³⁶ For what will it profit them to gain the whole world and forfeit their life? ³⁷ Indeed, what can they give in return for their life? ³⁸ Those who are ashamed of me and of my words in this adulterous and sinful generation, of them the Son of Man will also be ashamed when he comes in the glory of his Father with the holy angels.”

Sermon

Who Do You Say that I Am?

Time of Reflection

Blessing of Our Tithes & Offerings

Offertory

Hallelujah! Hallelujah!
There is music in the morning
At the coming of the dawn,
As the earth awakes to music
With the rising of the sun.

All creation starts rejoicing
With a shout of grateful praise,
My spirit finds its purpose singing grace!

O glory, hallelujah, hallelujah to the King.
On this day of new beginnings,
Let the halls of heaven ring.
Let the golden halls of heaven start to ring.

There is music in the valley.
Hear it falling from above.
On the mountain, God is singing
Like a symphony of love.

Faithful pilgrim, come rejoicing
On this day of jubilee,
For the music of the Lord has set you free.

Music in the Morning

Joseph M. Martin
LNPC Chancel Choir

O glory, hallelujah, hallelujah to the King.
On this day of new beginnings,
Let the halls of heaven ring.
Let the golden halls of heaven start to ring.

Hallelujah to the Father.
Hallelujah to the Son.
Hallelujah to the Spirit.
Praise the sacred Three in One!

Let us fill the earth with music
Till we reach the golden shore,
And we sing before the Lamb forever more.

O glory, hallelujah, hallelujah to the King.
On this day of new beginnings,
Let the halls of heaven ring.
Let the golden halls of heaven start to ring.

Let the golden halls of heaven start to ring.
Hallelujah! Praise the Lord!
Praise the Lord! Hallelujah!

Hymn of Response

(please stand if able)

*O Jesus, I have promised
To serve thee to the end;
Be thou forever near me,
My Master and my Friend:*

*I shall not fear the battle
If thou art by my side,
Nor wander from the pathway
If thou wilt be my guide.*

*O Jesus, thou hast promised
To all who follow thee,
That where thou art in glory,
There shall thy servant be;*

*And, Jesus, I have promised
To serve thee to the end;
O give me grace to follow,
My Master and my Friend.*

O Jesus, I Have Promised

John E. Bode
#648 (vv. 1, 4)

Charge and Benediction

(please remain standing)

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.

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.]

Today's Chancel flowers are given by Judy Ruddiman
in remembrance of our wedding anniversary.

Postlude

Rondeau from Suite de Symphonies No. 1
Jean-Joseph Mouret

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Prayer Concerns

LNPC Members

Steve Foster
Jody Fristoe-Schnitzer
Mary Gay
Ellen Hampsten
C.M. Hourigan
Linda Klein
Pat Kun
Nancy LeBlanc
Louanna Robeson
Kathleen Roebuck
Linda Schmidt
Karen Vassey

Peace & Comfort

Family of Doris Black
Family of Claire Burrill
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)
Marilyn Odgers & Family (Husband)

Ellen Pearce & Family (Husband)
Cecil Spearman & Family (Son)
Sistie Stevens & Family (Husband)
Sandy & Bob Walden (Sandy's Sister)

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Sunday, September 15, 2024
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

- ◆ **Women’s Kick Off Breakfast & Study:** Saturday, September 21st, 8:30 - 10:30 am in Gard Hall. Enjoy a light breakfast, fellowship, music, and the introduction to our study by Max Lucado, “Before Amen, The Power of Simple Prayer.” Please register on the app or at lnpc.org.
- ◆ **Men’s Frisbee Golf Challenge:** Saturday, September 21st. Meet at LNPC at 9:00 am and we will carpool to the Frisbee Golf Course. Invite a friend - All abilities welcome! Register on the app or at lnpc.org.
- ◆ **Pastor’s Bible Study:** Tuesday mornings at 10:30 am in the Conference Room. We continue our deep dive into the Gospel of Matthew. This class “moves at the pace of the Holy Spirit,” with room for conversation, laughter, and fellowship. See you on Tuesday morning.
- ◆ **Food Drive to Support FAM:** LNPC is partnering with the Laguna Niguel Woman’s Club to collect much needed food donations on **Saturday, September 28th, from 10:30 am to 12:30 pm, in the church parking lot.** Swing by and drop your shelf-stable food donations with a volunteer - no need to exit your vehicle! Requested items include canned meats, tuna, chili, pasta, peanut butter, canned veggies and fruits, Ensure/Boost, and water bottles. Diapers are also being accepted. Thanks for your support!
- ◆ **Becoming - A Wednesday Evening Class:** Wednesday evenings at 7:00 pm in Gard A. Eight weeks (no class on 10/9). Join us as we discuss, reflect, and pray over God’s plans for our church as we move into a new season of faithfulness. Light refreshments will be offered.
- ◆ **Grief Share:** Find hope and healing after the death of a loved one. Tuesday Evenings in the Prayer Alcove from 5:00 - 7:30 pm. Register online. For more information contact Pastor Sara.
- ◆ **Request for Docketed Time:** Please contact Pastor Jim if you would like to present something to Session on Monday, September 23rd.

Prayer Concerns

Family & Friends (Church Contact)

Linda Anderson (Stocksdale)	Mike Fair	Michael Summers (Troester)
Charles E. Baker II (Baker)	Lena Grassmeyer (Imfeld)	Baby Taff (Parry)
Judy Beattie (Gay)	Ruth Green (Green)	Ted Wells
Natalia Bergman (Wright)	Connie Hutchinson	Bob Whitman (Knutson)
Bud Boyd (Johnson)	(Nunnikhoven)	Wilson Family (Coleman)
Mick Buchanan (Borg)	Lucy Marechal	
<i>Kathy Cammarano* (Troester)</i>	Don McBurney (Arter)	
Dan Chambers (Hampsten)	Carol Roane (Troester)	
Annie Coleman (Coleman)	Megan Shelton (Shelton)	
Rene Darnel (Ransdale)	Carolyn Strick (Troester)	

THIS WEEK at LNPC

<u>Sept. 15</u>	<u>SUNDAY</u>	<u>Sept. 19</u>	<u>THURSDAY</u>
10:00 am	Sunday Worship	1:00 pm	FAM Food Distribution LNPC Parking Lot
		4:00 pm	Holy Yoga Chair Patio
11:15 am	Spirit of Aloha	5:00 pm	Holy Yoga Lawn
4:00 pm	The Journey	6:30 pm	Choir Rehearsal Sanctuary
5:00 pm	YTH Kick Off		
<u>Sept. 16</u>	<u>MONDAY</u>	<u>Sept. 20</u>	<u>FRIDAY</u>
7:00 am	AA Men’s	1:00 pm	Canasta Gard A
10:30 am	AA Women’s	7:00 am	AA Men’s Gard B
1:00 pm	Staff Meeting	7:00 am	AA Women’s Gard C
5:30 pm	Middle School		
6:30 pm	Finance & Ops		
7:00 pm	High School		
8:00 pm	AA Mixed		
<u>Sept. 17</u>	<u>TUESDAY</u>	<u>Sept. 21</u>	<u>SATURDAY</u>
9:30 am	Al-Anon Mixed	8:30 am	Women’s Breakfast & Study Gard A
10:30 am	Pastor’s Bible Study	9:00 am	Men’s Frisbee Golf Meet at LNPC
5:00 pm	Grief Share		
5:00 pm	Holy Yoga		
<u>Sept. 18</u>	<u>WEDNESDAY</u>	<u>Sept. 22</u>	<u>SUNDAY</u>
6:00 pm	AA Mixed	FIRST DAY OF AUTUMN	
7:00 pm	Becoming	10:00 am	Sunday Worship Sanctuary / Livestream
		11:15 am	Adult Ministry Christian Ed. Room
		4:00 pm	The Journey Gard A

(*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