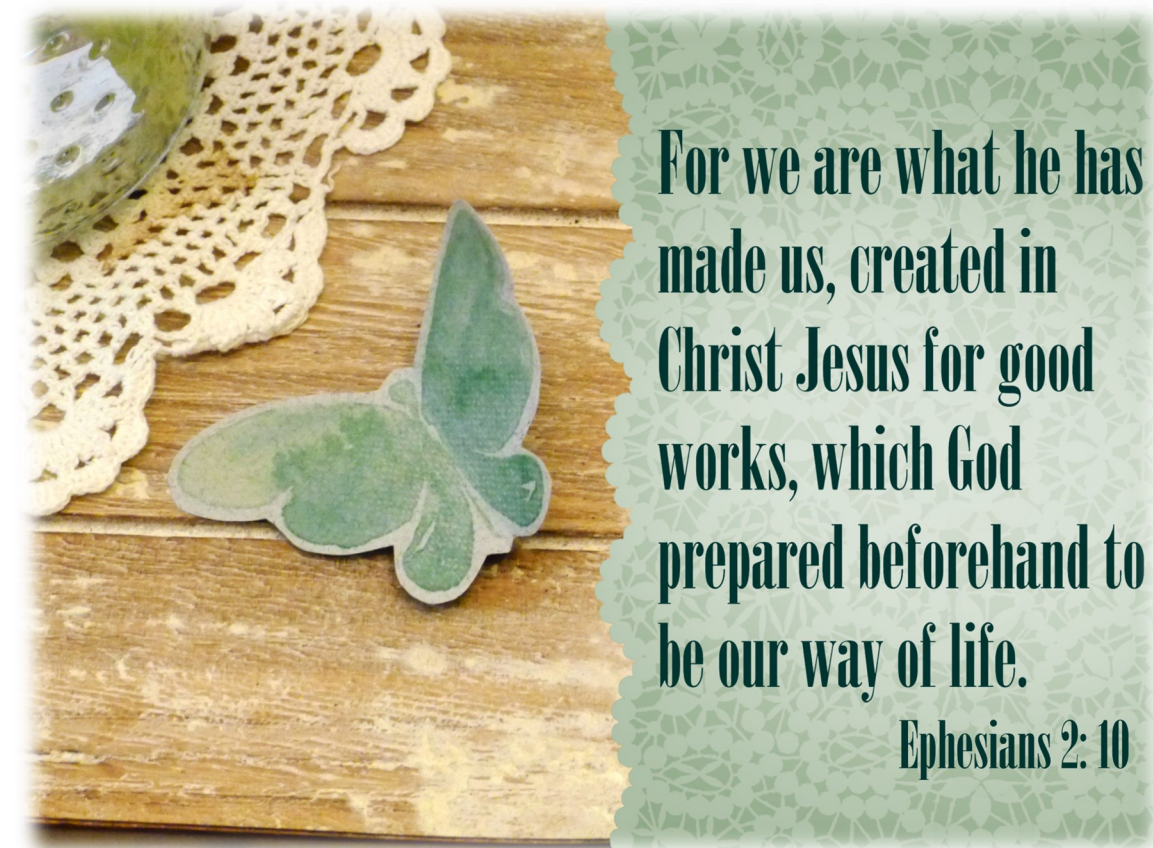


Laguna Niguel Presbyterian C H U R C H



Sunday, September 1, 2024

Please silence your cell phone

Prelude

Prelude No.2 in G Major
Felix Mendelssohn
Suk Choi, Organist

Hymns of Praise
(please stand if able)

The Lion and the Lamb
Brenton Brown, Brian Johnson, & Leeland Mooring
Lee Lee Truong-Sawicki, Worship Leader
Sho Fujieda, Drums

Welcome

Pastor Jim

*He's coming on the clouds,
Kings and kingdoms will bow down.
And every chain will break
As broken hearts declare His praise.
For who can stop the Lord Almighty?*

*Our God is the Lamb,
The Lamb that was slain.
For the sins of the world,
His blood breaks the chains.
And every knee will bow
Before the Lion and the Lamb.
Every knee will bow before Him.*

Call to Worship

Leader: The generous love of God abounds.

People: *We celebrate and give thanks for God's infinite love.*

Leader: The unending grace of God surrounds us.

People: *With humble joy, we give thanks for the astounding gift of God's grace.*

Leader: The joy of being a child of God encompasses us.

People: *With gratitude for a God who knows us by name, we give our thanks.*

Leader: The steadfast love of God is always present and always ours.

All: *Let us celebrate the overwhelming love of God. Come, let us worship and sing our praise!*

*Our God is the Lion,
The Lion of Judah.
He's roaring with power,
And fighting our battles.
And every knee will bow before Him.*

*Who can stop the Lord Almighty?
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Who can stop the Lord?*

*Our God is the Lamb,
The Lamb that was slain.
For the sins of the world,
His blood breaks the chains.
And every knee will bow
Before the Lion and the Lamb.
Every knee will bow before Him.*

*Our God is the Lion,
The Lion of Judah.
He's roaring with power,
And fighting our battles.
And every knee will bow before Him.*

*So open up the gates,
Make way before the King of kings.
The God who comes to save
Is here to set the captives free.
For who can stop the Lord Almighty?*

*Our God is the Lamb,
The Lamb that was slain.
For the sins of the world,
His blood breaks the chains.
And every knee will bow
Before the Lion and the Lamb.
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Opening Prayer

Gracious and loving God, we rejoice in this day — a day you have made! Open our hearts that we might worship you with joyful abandon. Open our eyes so that we might revel in the glory of your creation. Open our mouths to sing your praises. Open our ears to hear your Word anew. Renew us and fill our entire beings with your Spirit. Amen.

House of the Lord
Jonathan Smith and Phil Wickham

*We worship the God who was.
We worship the God who is.
We worship the God who evermore will be.
He opened the prison doors.
He parted the raging sea.
My God He holds the victory, yeah.*

*There's joy in the house of the Lord.
There's joy in the house of the Lord today.
And we won't be quiet.
We shout out Your praise.
There's joy in the house of the Lord.
Our God is surely in this place.
And we won't be quiet.
We shout out Your praise.*

*We sing to the God who heals.
We sing to the God who saves.
We sing to the God who always makes a way.
'Cause He hung up on that cross.
Then He rose up from that grave.
My God's still rolling stones away.*

*There's joy in the house of the Lord.
There's joy in the house of the Lord today.
And we won't be quiet.
We shout out Your praise.
There's joy in the house of the Lord.
Our God is surely in this place.
And we won't be quiet.
We shout out Your praise.*

*We were the beggars.
Now we're royalty.
We were the prisoners.
Now we're running free.
We are forgiven, accepted,
Redeemed by His grace.
Let the house of the Lord sing praise.*

*We were the beggars.
Now we're royalty.
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Now we're running free.
We are forgiven, accepted,
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Let the house of the Lord sing praise.*

*There's joy in the house of the Lord.
There's joy in the house of the Lord today.
And we won't be quiet.
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Our God is surely in this place.
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Prayer of Confession

Ann Boscardin

Lord God, you are gracious and compassionate, slow to anger and quick to show mercy and faithful love. Your compassion is for all you have made. We admit that this compassion is slow to come to life in us. We feel frustration and hurt when our plans are interrupted or our hopes thwarted. Too often we blame others and ourselves, respond in anger rather than peace. Too often we are quick to praise ourselves, and slow to give you thanks Lord, have mercy. Fill us with your presence and peace. Remove any anxieties within us and shape us to be faithful people reflecting your compassion to all creation. Forgive us, as we confess our brokenness before you now in the silence of our hearts.

Amen.

Silent Prayer

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

Pastor Sara

Message for Young Disciples

Becky Szeyller

Children's Prayer Song

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

First Scripture Lesson

Philippians 2: 1 - 11
Pew Bible p. 197

¹ If then there is any encouragement in Christ, any consolation from love, any sharing in the Spirit, any compassion and sympathy, ² make my joy complete: be of the same mind, having the same love, being in full accord and of one mind. ³ Do nothing from selfish ambition or conceit, but in humility regard others as better than yourselves. ⁴ Let each of you look not to your own interests, but to the interests of others. ⁵ Let the same mind be in you that was in Christ Jesus, ⁶ who, though he was in the form of God, did not regard equality with God as something to be exploited, ⁷ but emptied himself, taking the form of a slave, being born in human likeness. And being found in human form, ⁸ he humbled himself and became obedient to the point of death—even death on a cross. ⁹ Therefore God also highly exalted him and gave him the name that is above every name, ¹⁰ so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bend, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, ¹¹ and every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

Hymn of Preparation

(please stand if able)

Of the Father's Love Begotten
Marcus Aurelius C. Prudentius
John M. Neale & Henry W. Baker, Translator
#145 (vv. 1, 4)

*Of the Father's love begotten,
Ere the worlds began to be,
He is Alpha and Omega,
He the source, the ending he,
Of the things that are, that have been,
And that future years shall see
Evermore and evermore!*

*Christ, to thee with God the Father,
And, O Holy Ghost, to thee,
Hymn and chant and high thanksgiving
And unwearied praises be:
Honor, glory, and dominion,
And eternal victory,
Evermore and evermore!*

Second Scripture Lesson

Ephesians 2: 10
Pew Bible pp. 192

¹⁰ For we are what he has made us, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand to be our way of life.

Sermon

Good News: We Are Purposeful!

Time of Reflection

Blessing of Our Tithes & Offerings

Offertory

I Will Rise

Chris Tomlin, Jesse Reeves, Louie Giglio, & Matt Maher
Angela Fair, Soloist

There's a peace I've come to know,
Though my heart and flesh may fail.
There's an anchor for my soul
I can say, "it is well."

I will rise when He calls my name;
No more sorrow no more pain.
I will rise on eagle's wings;
Before my God fall on my knees, and rise.
I will rise.

Jesus has overcome,
And the grave is overwhelmed;
The victory is won,
He is risen from the dead.

And I hear the voice of many angels sing,
"Worthy is the Lamb!"
And I hear the cry of ev'ry longing heart,
"Worthy is the Lamb!"

And I will rise when He calls my name;
No more sorrow no more pain.
I will rise on eagle's wings;
Before my God fall on my knees, and rise.
I will rise.

And I hear the voice of many angels sing,
"Worthy is the Lamb!"
And I hear the cry of ev'ry longing heart,
"Worthy is the Lamb!"
Worthy is the Lamb!"

There's a day that's drawing near
When this darkness breaks to light,
And the shadows disappear,
And my faith shall be my eyes.

I will rise when He calls my name;
No more sorrow no more pain.
I will rise on eagle's wings;
Before my God fall on my knees, and rise.
I will rise. I will rise!

Jesus has overcome,
And the grave is overwhelmed;
The victory is won,
He is risen from the dead.

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)

God, You Spin the Whirling Planets

Jane Parker Huber
#51 (vv. 1, 2)

*God, you spin the whirling planets, fill the seas and spread the plain,
Mold the mountains, fashion blossoms, call forth sunshine, wind and rain.*

*We, created in your image, would a true reflection be
Of your justice, grace and mercy, and the truth that makes us free.*

You have called us to be faithful in your life and ministry.

We respond in grateful worship joined in one community.

*When we blur your gracious image, focus us and make us whole,
Healed and strengthened as your people, we move onward toward your goal.*

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

I'm Gonna Live So God Can Use Me

African American Spiritual

Today's Chancel flowers are given by Tom and Carol Stocksdale
in celebration of their 52nd wedding anniversary.

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Prayer Concerns

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Jody Fristoe-Schnitzer
Mary Gay
*Ellen Hampsten**
C.M. Hourigan
Linda Klein
Pat Kun
Nancy LeBlanc
Richard Odgers
Ron Pearce
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)
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

- ◆ **Fall Kick Off Rally - Next Sunday, September 8th:** Be sure to join us on the patio after Worship to enjoy some refreshments and discover what LNPC has to offer this fall.
- ◆ **Spirit of Aloha:** Join us for an evening of fellowship, food, entertainment, and an auction in support of the ministry and mission of LNPC on Saturday, October 5th, from 5:00 - 9:00 pm, at the home of Dora & Ben Pasco in Laguna Niguel. Tickets are available online or on the patio after Worship. Please contact John Flannery or Carolyn Knutson if you wish to donate items for the silent and/or live auctions.
- ◆ **Worship & Music Refocus Retreat:** Saturday, September 14th, 8:30 am - 1:00 pm, in the Sanctuary and Gard Hall. Open to all interested in joining LNPC's Worship & Music Ministry. Join us for our retreat as we sharpen our focus for fall and beyond. Light snacks and lunch will be provided. Register on the app or at lnpc.org.
- ◆ **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, starting September 17th. 13 weeks. Register online. For more information contact Pastor Sara.
- ◆ **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.
- ◆ **OFFICE CLOSED FOR LABOR DAY,** Monday, September 2nd.

THIS WEEK at LNPC

Sept. 1	SUNDAY	Sept. 5	THURSDAY
10:00 am	Sunday Worship Sanctuary / Livestream	1:00 pm	FAM Food Distribution LNPC Parking Lot
11:15 am	Men's Ministry Conference Room	6:30 pm	AA District 12 Gard A
11:15 am	Missions Gard A	6:30 pm	Choir Rehearsal Sanctuary
11:15am	Spirit of Aloha Gard C	Sept. 6	FRIDAY
4:00 pm	The Journey Gard A	7:00 am	AA Men's Gard B
Sept. 2	MONDAY	7:00 am	AA Women's Gard C
OFFICE COSED—LABOR DAY		Sept. 8	SUNDAY
7:00 am	AA Men's Gard B	10:00 am	Communion Sunday Sanctuary / Livestream
10:30 am	AA Women's Gard B	11:15 am	Fall Kick Off Rally Patio
8:00 pm	AA Mixed Gard B	11:30 am	Congregational Life Conference Room
Sept. 3	TUESDAY	4:00 pm	The Journey Gard A
9:30 am	Al-Anon Mixed Gard B		
Sept. 4	WEDNESDAY		
6:00 pm	AA Mixed Gard B		

Prayer Concerns

Family & Friends (Church Contact)

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