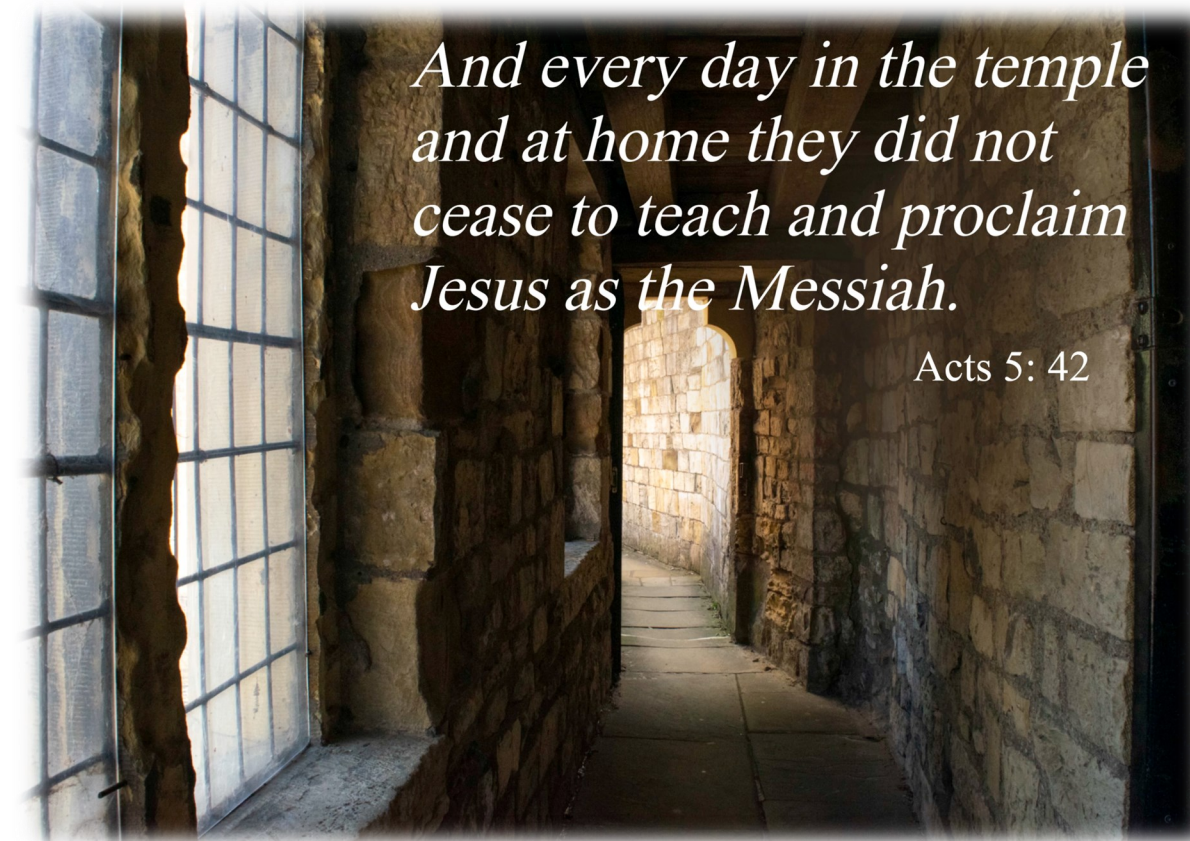


# Laguna Niguel Presbyterian C H U R C H



*And every day in the temple  
and at home they did not  
cease to teach and proclaim  
Jesus as the Messiah.*

Acts 5: 42

**Sunday, September 22, 2024**

**Please silence your cell phone**

**Prelude**

*Rejoice, The Lord Is King*  
John Darwall  
Suk Choi, Organist

**Hymns of Praise**  
(please stand if able)

*Your Love Never Fails*  
Skinner and McClarney  
Logan Altman, Worship Leader  
Sho Fujieda, Drums

**Welcome**

Pastor Jim

*Nothing can separate  
Even if I ran away  
Your love never fails  
I know I still make mistakes but  
You have new mercies for me ev'ryday  
Your love never fails*

*You stay the same through the ages  
Your love never changes  
There may be pain in the night  
But joy comes in the morning  
And when the oceans rage  
I don't have to be afraid  
Because I know that You love me  
Your love never fails*

**Call to Worship**

Leader: The Lord is great and greatly to be praised!

People: *We have come together today to worship.*

Leader: What a gift it is to come together as the people of God.

People: *Whatever worries and distractions we have, we lay them at the feet of Jesus.*

Leader: We bring ourselves completely before the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit.

People: *For our Lord is great and greatly to be praised!*

All: *Let us worship God together now.*

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Your love never changes  
There may be pain in the night  
But joy comes in the morning  
And when the oceans rage  
I don't have to be afraid  
Because I know that You love me  
Your love never fails*

*The wind is strong and the water's deep  
But I'm not alone here in these open seas  
Your love never fails  
The chasm is far too wide  
I never thought I'd reach the other side  
Your love never fails*

*You make all things  
Work together for my good  
You make all things  
Work together for my good  
You make all things  
Work together for my good  
You make all things  
Work together for my good*

*You stay the same through the ages  
Your love never changes  
There may be pain in the night  
But joy comes in the morning  
And when the oceans rage  
I don't have to be afraid  
Because I know that You love me  
Your love never fails*

**Opening Prayer**

Gracious and always loving God, who has satisfied the hungry and quenched the thirst of longing people, grant us now the gift of attentiveness that our eyes may see the favor of your love. Grant us quickness of imagination that we may see the signals of your promise. Grant us warmth of heart that companionship may bind all within this house in peace and love so we may enjoy your wonder and grace. Grant us strength of wisdom so we may bring answers to the hurting world in which we now live. For the sake of Christ, we pray, and for the sake of all humankind. Amen.

**You'll Come**  
Ligertwood

*I have decided I have resolved  
To wait upon You Lord  
My Rock and Redeemer shield and reward  
I'll wait upon You Lord*

*As surely as the sun will rise  
You'll come to us  
Certain as the dawn appears*

*You'll come let Your glory fall  
As You respond to us  
Spirit rain  
Flood into our thirsty hearts again  
You'll come You'll come*

*We are not shaken we are not moved  
We wait upon You Lord  
Mighty deliverer triumph and truth  
We wait upon You Lord*

*As surely as the sun will rise  
You'll come to us  
Certain as Your word endures*

*You'll come let Your glory fall  
As You respond to us  
Spirit rain  
Flood into our thirsty hearts again  
You'll come You'll come*

*Chains be broken lives be healed  
Eyes be opened Christ is revealed*

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**Prayer of Confession**

Jill Fitzpatrick

*God of mercy, in your gracious presence we confess our sin and the sin of this world. Although Christ is among us as our peace, we are a people divided against ourselves as we cling to the values of a broken world. Lord, have mercy upon us; heal and forgive us. Please set us free to serve you in the world as agents of your reconciling love in Jesus Christ. Forgive us for insisting on our own way and neglecting your way. We offer our silent prayers of confession to you now.*

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 Reading**

**John 20: 30 - 31**  
Pew Bible p. 115  
Sydney Malone

<sup>30</sup> Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of his disciples, which are not written in this book. <sup>31</sup> But these are written so that you may come to believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, and that through believing you may have life in his name.

## Hymn of Preparation

(please stand if able)

*Jesus came, the heavens adoring—  
Came with peace from realms on high,  
Jesus came for our redemption,  
Humbly came on earth to die;  
Alleluia! Alleluia!  
Came in deep humility.*

## *Jesus Came, the Heavens Adoring*

Godfrey Thring  
#194 (vv. 1, 2)

*Jesus comes to us in mercy  
When our hearts are bowed with care;  
Jesus comes in power, to answer  
Every earnest, heartfelt prayer:  
Alleluia! Alleluia!  
Comes to save us from despair.*

## Second Scripture Lesson

**Acts 5: 12 - 42**  
Pew Bible pp. 122 - 123

<sup>12</sup> Now many signs and wonders were done among the people through the apostles. And they were all together in Solomon's Portico. <sup>13</sup> None of the rest dared to join them, but the people held them in high esteem. <sup>14</sup> Yet more than ever believers were added to the Lord, great numbers of both men and women, <sup>15</sup> so that they even carried out the sick into the streets, and laid them on cots and mats, in order that Peter's shadow might fall on some of them as he came by. <sup>16</sup> A great number of people would also gather from the towns around Jerusalem, bringing the sick and those tormented by unclean spirits, and they were all cured.

<sup>17</sup> Then the high priest took action; he and all who were with him (that is, the sect of the Sadducees), being filled with jealousy, <sup>18</sup> arrested the apostles and put them in the public prison. <sup>19</sup> But during the night an angel of the Lord opened the prison doors, brought them out, and said, <sup>20</sup> "Go, stand in the temple and tell the people the whole message about this life." <sup>21</sup> When they heard this, they entered the temple at daybreak and went on with their teaching.

When the high priest and those with him arrived, they called together the council and the whole body of the elders of Israel, and sent to the prison to have them brought. <sup>22</sup> But when the temple police went there, they did not find them in the prison; so they returned and reported, <sup>23</sup> "We found the prison securely locked and the guards standing at the doors, but when we opened them, we found no one inside." <sup>24</sup> Now when the captain of the temple and the chief priests heard these words, they were perplexed about them, wondering what might be going on. <sup>25</sup> Then someone arrived and announced, "Look, the men whom you put in prison are standing in the temple and teaching the people!"

<sup>26</sup> Then the captain went with the temple police and brought them, but without violence, for they were afraid of being stoned by the people.

<sup>27</sup> When they had brought them, they had them stand before the council. The high priest questioned them, <sup>28</sup> saying, "We gave you strict orders not to teach in this name, yet here you have filled Jerusalem with your teaching and you are determined to bring this man's blood on us." <sup>29</sup> But Peter and the apostles answered, "We must obey God rather than any human authority. <sup>30</sup> The God of our ancestors raised up Jesus, whom you had killed by hanging him on a tree. <sup>31</sup> God exalted him at his right hand as Leader and Savior that he might give repentance to Israel and forgiveness of sins. <sup>32</sup> And we are witnesses to these things, and so is the Holy Spirit whom God has given to those who obey him."

<sup>33</sup> When they heard this, they were enraged and wanted to kill them. <sup>34</sup> But a Pharisee in the council named Gamaliel, a teacher of the law, respected by all the people, stood up and ordered the men to be put outside for a short time. <sup>35</sup> Then he said to them, "Fellow Israelites, consider carefully what you propose to do to these men. <sup>36</sup> For some time ago Theudas rose up, claiming to be somebody, and a number of men, about four hundred, joined him; but he was killed, and all who followed him were dispersed and disappeared. <sup>37</sup> After him Judas the Galilean rose up at the time of the census and got people to follow him; he also perished, and all who followed him were scattered. <sup>38</sup> So in the present case, I tell you, keep away from these men and let them alone; because if this plan or this undertaking is of human origin, it will fail; <sup>39</sup> but if it is of God, you will not be able to overthrow them—in that case you may even be found fighting against God!"

They were convinced by him, <sup>40</sup> and when they had called in the apostles, they had them flogged. Then they ordered them not to speak in the name of Jesus, and let them go. <sup>41</sup> As they left the council, they rejoiced that they were considered worthy to suffer dishonor for the sake of the name. <sup>42</sup> And every day in the temple and at home they did not cease to teach and proclaim Jesus as the Messiah.

## Sermon

## *The Church Needs a Reset*

## Time of Reflection

## Blessing of Our Tithes & Offerings

## Offertory

We praise thee, O God, for the Son of thy love,  
For Jesus who died and is now gone above.  
Hallelujah, thine the glory! Hallelujah, Amen!  
Hallelujah, thine the glory! Revive us again.

Hallelujah! We praise thee, O God, for thy Spirit of light,  
Who has shown us our Savior and scattered our night.  
Hallelujah, thine the glory! Hallelujah, Amen!  
Hallelujah, thine the glory! Revive us again.

All glory and praise to the Lamb that was slain,  
Who has borne all our sins and has cleansed ev'ry stain.  
Hallelujah, thine the glory! Hallelujah, Amen!  
Hallelujah, thine the glory! Revive us again.

Hallelujah! Revive us again fill each heart with thy love;  
May each soul be rekindled with fire from above.  
Hallelujah, thine the glory! Hallelujah, Amen!  
Hallelujah, thine the glory! Revive us again.  
Hallelujah, thine the glory! Hallelujah, Amen!

Hallelujah, thine the glory! Revive us again.  
Hallelujah! Revive us, revive us, revive us again, again.

## 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.*

## **Revive Us Again** Arr. by Mark Hayes LNPC Chancel Choir

## **Hymn of Response** (please stand if able)

*The Lord the Savior reigns,  
The God of truth and love;  
When he had purged our stains  
He took his seat above:  
Lift up your heart, lift up your voice!  
Rejoice, again I say, rejoice!*

*Rejoice, the Lord is King:  
You Lord and King adore!  
Rejoice, give thanks and sing,  
And triumph evermore:  
Lift up your heart, lift up your voice.  
Rejoice, again I say, rejoice!*

## **Charge and Benediction** (please remain standing)

## **Chorale Response**

*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.*

## **Rejoice, the Lord is King** Charles Wesley #262 (vv. 2, 1)

## **Prayer for the Road**

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

**Postlude**

***This Is My Song***  
Jean Sibelius

Today's Chancel flowers are given by Tom Dunn  
in loving memory of Arlene R. Dunn  
&  
in celebration of Ambrea and Brian's upcoming wedding.



## 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)  
Chris & Eileen Green (Chris's Mother)  
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 22, 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

- ◆ **Upcoming Memorial Services:**
  - **Claire Burrill:** Saturday, September 28th, 11:00 am. Reception in Gard Hall immediately following the service. Service will be livestreamed.
  - **Richard Odgers:** Saturday, October 5th, 11:00 am.
  - **Ron Pearce:** Saturday October 12th, 2:00 pm. Reception in Gard Hall immediately following the service.
- ◆ **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!
- ◆ **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.
- ◆ **Becoming :** Join us on Wednesday evening at 7:00pm in Gard Hall for an exciting look at who we have been, who we are, and what we are becoming as a church. God is doing exciting things in the life of LNPC as the world shifts around us. The challenges are great, but so are the opportunities! Join us Wednesday night! (No class on 10/9)
- ◆ **Don’t Forget to Purchase Your Spirit of Aloha Tickets!** 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.

## THIS WEEK at LNPC

Sept. 22	SUNDAY
<b>FIRST DAY OF AUTUMN</b>	
10:00 am	Sunday Worship Sanctuary / Livestream
11:15 am	Adult Ministry Christian Ed. Room
4:00 pm	The Journey Gard A

Sept. 23	MONDAY
7:00 am	AA Men’s Gard B
10:30 am	AA Women’s Gard B
1:00 pm	Staff Meeting Conference Room
6:00 pm	Session Work Room
6:30 pm	Col. de Cap. HOA Conference Room
8:00 pm	AA Mixed Gard B

Sept. 24	TUESDAY
9:30 am	Al-Anon Mixed Gard B
10:30 am	Pastor’s Bible Study Conference Room
5:00 pm	Grief Share Prayer Alcove
5:00 pm	Holy Yoga Lawn

Sept. 25	WEDNESDAY
6:00 pm	AA Mixed Gard B
7:00 pm	Becoming Gard A

Sept. 26	THURSDAY
1:00 pm	FAM Food Distribution LNPC Parking Lot
4:00 pm	Holy Yoga Chair Patio
5:00 pm	Holy Yoga Lawn
6:30 pm	Choir Rehearsal Sanctuary

Sept. 27	FRIDAY
7:00 am	AA Men’s Gard B
7:00 am	AA Women’s Gard C

Sept. 28	SATURDAY
8:30 am	Choir Rehearsal Sanctuary / Gards A/C
10:30 am	FAM Food Drive Parking Lot
11:00 am	Memorial Service for Claire Burrill Sanctuary / Gard Hall

Sept. 29	SUNDAY
10:00 am	Sunday Worship Sanctuary / Livestream
11:15 am	Spirit of Aloha Mtg. Conference Room
4:00 pm	The Journey Gard A

# Prayer Concerns

## Family & Friends (Church Contact)

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

(\*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

