



Sunday, May 3, 2026

Please silence your cell phone

Prelude

Prière à Notre Dame
Léon Boëllmann
Yoojung Chung Ji, Organist

Welcome

Pastor Jim Szeyller

Call to Worship

Leader: In Jesus Christ, a light of hope shines brightly in all the world.
People: *May the light of Jesus Christ shine brightly upon us.*
Leader: May this light nourish and guide us.
People: *May Christ's light show us our pathway to new life.*
All: *Let us now worship in the joy of Christ's light shining brightly for us.*

Opening Prayer

Hymns of Praise
(please stand if able)

Praise the Lord oh my soul

*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*

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

Praise

Lake, Moore, Brown, Carnes, Barrett, & Furtick
Michael Smith, Worship Leader
Sho Fujieda, Drums & Madison Spach, Guitar

*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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Alive
Alexander Pappas and Aodhan King

*I was lost with a broken heart
You picked me up now I'm set apart
From the ash I am born again
Forever safe in the Saviour's hands*

*In the midst of the darkest night
Let Your love be the shining light
Breaking chains that were holding me
You sent Your Son down and set me free*

*You are more than my words could say
I'll follow You Lord for all my days
Fix my eyes follow in Your ways
Forever free in unending grace*

*Ev'rything of this world will fade
I'm pressing on till I see Your face
I will live that Your will be done
I won't stop till Your kingdom come*

*'Cause You are You are You are my freedom
We lift You higher lift You higher
Your love Your love Your love never ending
Oh oh oh*

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We lift You higher lift You higher
Your love Your love Your love never ending
Oh oh oh*

*You are alive in us
Nothing can take Your place
You are all we need
Your love has set us free (oh)*

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Prayer of Confession

Chris Green

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.*

Passing of the Joy & Peace of Christ

Anthem

Plaudite
Victor C. Johnson

(Translation)
Clap your hands all the earth.
Let us bless the Lord
And give thanks to God.

Oh, clap your hands all people of the earth.
Lift up your voice with joyful songs of praise.

Let the rivers clap their hands!
Let the mountains clap their hands!

LNPC Chancel Choir

Recognition of Children

First Scripture Reading

Psalms 113
Pew Bible p. 563

- ¹ Praise the Lord! Praise, O servants of the Lord; praise the name of the Lord.
² Blessed be the name of the Lord from this time on and forevermore.
³ From the rising of the sun to its setting the name of the Lord is to be praised.
⁴ The Lord is high above all nations, and his glory above the heavens.
⁵ Who is like the Lord our God, who is seated on high,
⁶ who looks far down on the heavens and the earth?
⁷ He raises the poor from the dust, and lifts the needy from the ash heap,
⁸ to make them sit with princes, with the princes of his people.
⁹ He gives the barren woman a home, making her the joyous mother of children.
Praise the Lord!

Hymn of Preparation
(please stand if able)

Jesus Shall Reign
Isaac Watts
#745 (vv. 1, 4)

*Jesus shall reign where'er the sun
Does its successive journeys run;
His kingdom spread from shore to shore,
Till moons shall wax and wane no more.*

*Blessings abound where'er he reigns;
The prisoners leap to lose their chains,
The weary find eternal rest,
And all who suffer want are blessed.*

Second Scripture Readings

Colossians 1: 13, 14
Pew Bible p. 200

¹³ He has rescued us from the power of darkness and transferred us into the kingdom of his beloved Son, ¹⁴ in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins.

Sermon

The Kingdom Has Competition

Time of Reflection

Blessing of Our Tithes & Offerings

Offertory

Gratitude
Benjamin Hastings, Brandon Lake, and Dante Bowe

All my words fall short
I got nothing new
How could I express
All my gratitude

I could sing these songs
As I often do
But every song must end
And You never do

So I throw up my hands
And praise You again and again
'Cause all that I have is a hallelujah hallelujah
And I know it's not much
But I've nothing else fit for a king
Except for a heart singing hallelujah
Hallelujah

I've got one response
I've got just one move
With my arms stretched wide
I will worship You

So I throw up my hands
And praise You again and again
'Cause all that I have is a hallelujah hallelujah
And I know it's not much
But I've nothing else fit for a king
Except for a heart singing hallelujah
Hallelujah

(3X)

Come on my soul
Oh don't you get shy on me
Lift up your song
'Cause you've got a lion inside of those lungs
Get up and praise the Lord

So I throw up my hands
And praise You again and again
'Cause all that I have is a hallelujah hallelujah
And I know it's not much
But I've nothing else fit for a king
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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)

A Mighty Fortress Is Our God

Martin Luther; Frederick H. Hedge, Translator
#43 (vv. 1, 4)

*A mighty fortress is our God, a bulwark never failing;
Our helper he, amid the flood of mortal ills prevailing.
For still our ancient foe doth seek to work us woe;
His craft and power are great, and, armed with cruel hate,
On earth is not his equal.*

*That word above all earthly powers, no thanks to them, abideth;
The Spirit and the gifts are ours thro' him who with us sideth.
Let goods and kindred go, this mortal life also;
The body they may kill: God's truth abideth still;
His kingdom is forever.*

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.*

(We invite you to be seated for the Congregational Meeting immediately following the Worship service. Thank you.)

Congregational Meeting

*Today's Chancel flowers are given by Tom and Carol Stocksdale
in honor of Carol's birthday.*

Worship Production Leaders

Sound

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Prayer Concerns

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Peace & Comfort

Jaime & Lani Colley and Family
(Jaime's Father)
Fred and Janice Ehlers &
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Eileen Green (Brother)
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(Nora's Father)
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Sunday, May 3, 2026 Announcements



Children bathroom independent through 5th Grade*

Worship is attended as a family until the Recognition of Children, when our young children are excused to go with their teachers to the Sunday School classroom located in the hallway off the Narthex.

**If you are in need of nursery space during the service, you are invited to use the Quiet Room, equipped with livestream, located across from the Sunday School Room.*

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Noteworthy News

- ◆ **WALK PRAY LOVE:** A Women’s Ministry Fellowship. We gather from 9:30-11:30 am for guided Scripture journaling before setting out on a walk in a new, beautiful setting each time we meet. We meet next on Saturday, May 16th, at Heritage Park in Dana Point and hope you can join us!
- ◆ **Mid-Week Blood Drive:** Wednesday, June 3rd, 10 am to 4 pm, in Gard Hall. Take an hour to save a life and schedule your donation today at LNPC.org/blood.
- ◆ **Men’s Ministry-Save the Date!:** BBQ on Saturday, June 13th, at 3PM on the patio and lawn. Sign-up on the patio after worship or online.
- ◆ **VBC 2026:** Registration is now open for “Seasons Change But God Does Not” VBC, June 22 - 25, 9am - 12 pm. Campers ages 5 through 5th grade discover that God is steady, faithful, and with them through every season. This promises to be a joyful week filled with music, art, Bible stories, games, and more. Lunch provided daily. \$25/camper with scholarships available. Register online at LNPC.org or the church app.
- ◆ **The Church Office will be closed Wednesday, May 13th, and Thursday, May 14th. Open Friday, May 15th, 10 am to 12:30 pm.**

THIS WEEK at LNPC

May 3	SUNDAY	May 7	THURSDAY
10:00 am	Sunday Worship Sanctuary / Livestream	1:00 pm	FAM Food Dist. LNPC Parking Lot
11:00 am	Congregational Meeting Sanctuary	4:00 pm	Holy Yoga Chair Gard C
11:15 am	Men’s Ministry Christian Ed. Room	6:30 pm	AA District 12 Gard A
11:15 am	Missions Gard A	6:30 pm	Choir Rehearsal Sanctuary
3:00 pm	Middle School The Garage	May 8	FRIDAY
4:00 pm	High School The Garage	7:00 am	AA Men’s Gard B
4:00 pm	The Journey Gard A	9:30 am	AA Women’s Gard C
May 4	MONDAY	May 9	SATURDAY
7:00 am	AA Men’s Gard B	9:00 am	Buildings & Grounds Conference Room
10:30 am	AA Women’s Gard B	9:00 am	Bag Ladies LNPC Kitchen
2:30 pm	Staff Conference Room	9:00 am	Play Your Part Recital Sanctuary
4:00 pm	VBC Planning Mtg. Library	12:30 pm	Music with Miss Amy Sanctuary
8:00 pm	AA Mixed Gard B		
May 5	TUESDAY	May 10	SUNDAY
9:30 am	Al-Anon Mixed Gard B	<i>HAPPY MOTHER’S DAY!</i>	
10:30 am	Pastor’s Bible Study Conference Room	10:00 am	Sunday Worship Sanctuary / Livestream
May 6	WEDNESDAY	11:15 am	Faithful Conversations Sanctuary
6:00 pm	AA Mixed Gard B	11:30 am	Congregational Life Conference Room
6:00 pm	PNC Conference Room	4:00 pm	The Journey Gard A

Prayer Concerns

Family & Friends (Church Contact)

Ginny Bowman (Heath)	Bobby Pilkerton (LeBlanc)
John Carruth (Ehlers)	Rene (Woody)
Annie Coleman (Coleman)	George Rihovsky
Robyn Fong (Ehlers)	Robert Ruiz, Jr. (Pasco)
Phil Hermsmeyer (Muck)	Bob Strickler (Ditto)
Darlene Hester (Mays)	Dave Tuma (Troester)
Blake Hourigan (Hourigan)	Lindsey Yanez (Nunnikhoven)
Sophia Truong and Elaine Phan & Family (Lee Lee)	

*(*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**