

Laguna Niguel Presbyterian C H U R C H



Easter Celebration Service
March 31, 2024

Please silence your cell phone

Prelude

He Is Exalted
Twila Paris
Suk Choi, Organist

Welcome

Pastor Jim

Easter Hymn
(please stand if able)

Christ the Lord Is Risen Today
Charles Wesley
#234 (vv. 1, 3, 4)

Introit

He is Alive!
Pepper Choplin
LNPC Chancel Choir & Ensemble

He is not dead, He is not dead,
He is alive!

He is not dead, He is not dead,
He is alive, He's alive!
The tomb cannot hold the Son;
A new day of life has begun.

For He is not dead,
He is not dead, He is alive!

The Lord is alive!
The sun is rising
And the Lord is alive!
The tomb is empty
And the angel appears
Saying, "He is not here."

My Lord is alive!
The sun is rising
And the Lord is alive!
The tomb is empty
And the angel appears
Saying, "He is not here."
And now it's clear
He is alive!

*Christ the Lord is risen today, Alleluia!
All creation, join to say Alleluia!
Raise your joys and triumphs high, Alleluia!
Sing, ye heavens, and earth reply, Alleluia!*

*Lives again our glorious King, Alleluia!
Where, O death, is now thy sting? Alleluia!
Once he died our souls to save, Alleluia!
Where thy victory, O grave? Alleluia!*

*Soar we now where Christ has led, Alleluia!
Following our exalted Head, Alleluia!
Made like him, like him we rise, Alleluia!
Ours the cross, the grave, the skies. Alleluia!*

Gathering Prayer

Leader: The world is full of turmoil and unrest.

People: *He is risen!*

Leader: We want to help, but we don't know where to start.

People: *Take heart, he has overcome the world!*

Leader: You prayed for the unity of you church, but we are not unified.

People: *He is risen!*

Leader: We long to be a vibrant, healing community of faith.

People: *He who began a good work in you is faithful to complete it.*

Leader: My heart is full of turmoil and unrest.

People: *He is risen!*

Leader: I need your power inside of me.

People: *In his great mercy he has given us new birth into a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead.*

Leader: He is risen!

Congregation: *He is risen indeed! Let us worship our risen Lord!*

Hymns of Praise
(please stand if able)

Glorious Day
Ingram, Smith, Stanfill, & Curran
Sydney Malone, Worship Singer
Lee Lee Truong - Sawicki, Keyboard
Robert Russell, Drums & Jimmy Perez, Electric Bass

*I was buried beneath my shame.
Who could carry that kind of weight?
It was my tomb 'til I met You.*

*I was breathing but not alive.
All my failures I tried to hide.
It was my tomb 'til I met You.*

*You called my name,
And I ran out of that grave!
Out of the darkness into Your glorious day!
You called my name,
And I ran out of that grave!
Out of the darkness into Your glorious day!*

*Now Your mercy has saved my soul.
Now Your freedom is all that I know.
The old made new, Jesus, when I met You.*

*You called my name,
And I ran out of that grave!
Out of the darkness into Your glorious day!
You called my name,
And I ran out of that grave!
Out of the darkness into Your glorious day!*

*I needed rescue. My sin was heavy,
But chains break at the weight of Your glory.
I needed shelter. I was an orphan.
Now You call me a citizen of Heaven.*

*When I was broken, You were my healing;
Now Your love is the air that I'm breathing.
I have a future. My eyes are open.
'Cause when You called my name,*

*I ran out of that grave!
Out of the darkness into Your glorious day!
You called my name,
And I ran out of that grave!
Out of the darkness into Your glorious day!*

Because He Lives (Amen)
Cash, Gaither, Ingram, Maher, Carson, & Tomlin

*I believe in the Son;
I believe in the Risen One;
I believe I overcome
By the power of His blood;*

*Amen, Amen,
I'm alive, I'm alive because He lives;
Amen, Amen,
Let my song join the one that never ends
Because He lives.*

*I was dead in the grave;
I was covered in sin and shame;
I heard mercy call my name;
He rolled the stone away.*

*Amen, Amen,
I'm alive, I'm alive because He lives;
Amen, Amen,
Let my song join the one that never ends.*

*Because He lives, I can face tomorrow;
Because He lives every fear is gone;
I know He holds my life, my future in His hand.*

*Amen, Amen,
I'm alive, I'm alive because He lives;
Amen, Amen,
Let my song join the one that never ends;*

*Amen, Amen,
I'm alive, I'm alive because He lives;
Amen, Amen,
Let my song join the one that never ends;
Because He lives;*

Because He lives.

Prayer of Confession

Dori Moorehead

Merciful and loving God, your love for us is unconditional, yet our love for you, for others and for ourselves is often marred. We allow prejudice and pride to blind us; our brokenness remains unhealed; we cling to old stories and hurts which impede the work of reconciliation. Forgive us, we pray, for failing to trust you, for playing it safe instead of following the daring call of your Spirit, for withholding forgiveness and grace from ourselves and others. Let your love renew us yet again. Let the same power that raised Jesus Christ from the dead rekindle creative life within us and restore right relations among us. Forgive and restore us as we confess those things that made Good Friday and Easter necessary in the silence of our own hearts.

Declaration of Forgiveness

Response of Thanksgiving

(please stand if able)

*Because he lives I can face tomorrow;
Because he lives all fear is gone;
Because I know he holds the future,
And life is worth the living just because he lives.*

Because He Lives
William Gaither

Passing of the Joy & Peace of Christ

Pastor Sara

Anthem

Resurrection (Resurrection Song)

Arr. by Bradley Knight
LNPC Chancel Choir

Sydney Malone, Carol Stocksdale, & Nancy Beach, Soloists

Hallelujah!, Hallelujah!
Hallelujah!, Hallelujah!
Hallelujah!, Hallelujah!
Hallelujah!, Hallelujah!
Hallelujah!

Hang out the banners and shout the news,
Blow the trumpets and horns
'Til there is no one who hasn't heard:
We shall not die anymore!

I am here to tell you that Jesus lives!
As He lives, so shall we.
Dying and fear have all passed away.
They've been swallowed in victory!

Morning has broken the cords away;
There's no reason to fear.
Why seek the living among the dead?
Jesus, your Lord, is not here!

He is alive, He's not here!
Where, O death, is your victory?
Where, O grave, is your sting?
Come, children, and dance with me.
Sing to our living King!

Love wins over everything,
Melts the spear and the sword.
Join hands, let your voices ring,
"Christ is our risen Lord!"

Hallelujah! Hallelujah!
Hallelujah! Christ is our risen Lord!
Hallelujah! Hallelujah!
Hallelujah! Christ is our risen Lord!
Hallelujah! Hallelujah!

Open the prisons and ring out the bells!
Join the ransomed and free
In celebration for what He has done.
Jesus, the Christ, sets you free!

Jesus, the Christ, sets you free!
Jesus, the Christ, sets you free!
Jesus has set you free!
Amen!

Hallelujah! Christ is our risen Lord!

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

Matthew 27: 62 - 66

Grady Jenkins
Pew Bible p. 33

⁶² The next day, that is, after the day of Preparation, the chief priests and the Pharisees gathered before Pilate ⁶³ and said, "Sir, we remember what that impostor said while he was still alive, 'After three days I will rise again.' ⁶⁴ Therefore command the tomb to be made secure until the third day; otherwise his disciples may go and steal him away, and tell the people, 'He has been raised from the dead,' and the last deception would be worse than the first." ⁶⁵ Pilate said to them, "You have a guard of soldiers; go, make it as secure as you can." ⁶⁶ So they went with the guard and made the tomb secure by sealing the stone.

Hymn of Preparation

(please stand if able)

Thine Is the Glory

Edmond L. Budry
#251 (vv. 1, 3)

*Thine is the glory, risen, conquering Son;
Endless is the victory thou o'er death hast won.
Angels in bright raiment rolled the stone away,
Kept the folded graveclothes where thy body lay.
Thine is the glory, risen, conquering Son;
Endless is the victory thou o'er death hast won.*

*No more we doubt thee, glorious Prince of life!
Life is nought without thee: aid us in our strife.
Make us more than conquerors, through thy deathless love:
Bring us safe through Jordan to thy home above.
Thine is the glory, risen, conquering Son;
Endless is the victory thou o'er death hast won.*

Second Scripture Reading

Matthew 28: 1 - 10

Pew Bible pp. 33 - 34

¹ After the sabbath, as the first day of the week was dawning, Mary Magdalene and the other Mary went to see the tomb. ² And suddenly there was a great earthquake; for an angel of the Lord, descending from heaven, came and rolled back the stone and sat on it. ³ His appearance was like lightning, and his clothing white as snow. ⁴ For fear of him the guards shook and became like dead men. ⁵ But the angel said to the women, "Do not be afraid; I know that you are looking for Jesus who was crucified. ⁶ He is not here; for he has been

raised, as he said. Come, see the place where he lay. ⁷ Then go quickly and tell his disciples, 'He has been raised from the dead, and indeed he is going ahead of you to Galilee; there you will see him.' This is my message for you." ⁸ So they left the tomb quickly with fear and great joy, and ran to tell his disciples. ⁹ Suddenly Jesus met them and said, "Greetings!" And they came to him, took hold of his feet, and worshiped him. ¹⁰ Then Jesus said to them, "Do not be afraid; go and tell my brothers to go to Galilee; there they will see me."

Sermon

Do Not Be Afraid!

Time of Reflection

Blessing of Our Tithes and Offerings & One Great Hour of Sharing

Offertory

Remember the Cross

Arr. by Cliff Duren
Jaime & Lani Colley, Soloists

As I take this bread, as I drink this cup
I remember, I remember.
As I take my place, at this altar now
I remember, I remember.

Remember the love, remember the grace
Remember the first time that I called out Your name
Remember how lost and wounded I was
And how You came to my rescue, I remember
Remember the cross.

As I take this bread, as I drink this cup
I remember, I remember.
As I take my place, at this altar now
I remember, I remember.

Remember the love, remember the grace
Remember the first time that I called out Your name
Remember how lost and wounded I was
And how You came to my rescue, I remember
Remember the cross.

So I'll cherish the old rugged cross
'Til my trophies at last I lay down
I will cling to the old rugged cross
I will cling to the old rugged cross.

Remember the love, remember the grace
Remember the first time that I called out Your name
Remember how lost and wounded I was
And how You came to my rescue, I remember...

Remember the love, remember the grace
Remember the first time that I called out Your name
Remember how lost and wounded I was
And how You came to my rescue, I remember
Remember the cross
Remember the cross
Remember the cross.

Pastoral Prayer & 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)

*Lift high the cross, the love of Christ proclaim
Till all the world adore his sacred name.*

Lift High the Cross Sydney Nicholson #229 (vv. 1, 5)

*Come, Christians follow where our Savior trod,
Our King victorious, Christ, the Son of God.
Lift high the cross, the love of Christ proclaim
Till all the world adore his sacred name.*

*So shall our song of triumph ever be:
Praise to the Crucified for victory!
Lift high the cross, the love of Christ proclaim
Till all the world adore his sacred name.*

Charge & Benediction

Hallelujah Chorus (please stand if able)

Hallelujah
G. F. Handel

Hallelujah! 10X

*For the Lord God Omnipotent reigneth.
Hallelujah! Hallelujah! Hallelujah! Hallelujah!
For the Lord God Omnipotent reigneth.
Hallelujah! Hallelujah! Hallelujah! Hallelujah!*

*For the Lord God Omnipotent reigneth.
Hallelujah! Hallelujah! Hallelujah! Hallelujah!
For the Lord God Omnipotent reigneth.
Hallelujah! Hallelujah! Hallelujah! Hallelujah!*

*The kingdom of this world
Is become the kingdom of our Lord,
And of His Christ, and of His Christ;*

*And He shall reign forever and ever,
For ever and ever, forever and ever,*

*King of kings, forever and ever, hallelujah, hallelujah,
And Lord of lords, forever and ever, hallelujah, hallelujah,*

*King of kings, forever and ever, hallelujah, hallelujah,
And Lord of lords, forever and ever, hallelujah, hallelujah,*

*King of kings, forever and ever, hallelujah, hallelujah,
And Lord of lords, King of kings and Lord of Lords,*

*And He shall reign,
And He shall reign forever and ever,
King of kings, forever and ever,
And Lord of lords, Hallelujah! Hallelujah!*

*And He shall reign forever and ever,
King of kings! and Lord of lords!
King of kings! and Lord of lords!*

And He shall reign forever and ever, forever and ever,

*Hallelujah! Hallelujah! Hallelujah! Hallelujah!
Hallelujah!*

*(In consideration of our livestream, please be seated until the Postlude is over before
exiting the Sanctuary. Thank you.)*

Postlude

Hornpipe
G.F. Handel

Today's Chancel flowers are given by Tom and Carol Stocksdale
in celebration of their granddaughter Jaxie's 9th birthday.

Thank You to the Following Musicians:

Robert Russell - Drums
Jimmy Perez - Electric Bass
Thomas Francis and George Osorio - Trombones
Emily Jane Carter - Trumpet
Jocelyn Francis - Cello

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Prayer Concerns

LNPC Members

Claire Burrill
Joe and Carolyn Ditto
John Flannery
Steve Foster
C.M. Hourigan
Joanne Jannard
Kathleen Lechner
Richard Odgers
Ron Pearce
Louanne Robeson
Kathleen Roebuck
Linda Schmidt

Jody Schnitzer
Karen Vassey

Peace & Comfort

Farnaz Achak & Family (Father-in-Law)
Family of Doris Black
Kari and Carl Borg and the Borg Family (Kari's Father)
The Carpenter Family (Jane & Hal)

Jaime & Lani Colley and Family (Jaime's Father)
Family of Marilyn Campman
Family of Jim McCurdy
Brian Mangan & Family (Wife)
Cecil Spearman & Family (Wife)
Sistie Stevens and Family (Husband)
Sandy & Bob Walden (Sandy's Sister)

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Sunday, March 31, 2024

Announcements



No Sunday School This Morning.

**Children are invited to remain with their families for the
Easter Celebration Service.**

A Quiet Room is available down the hallway off the Narthex.

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Noteworthy News

- ◆ **Easter Egg Hunt This Morning!:** Kids, meet Miss Carolea in the lobby of Gard Hall immediately following the 10:00 am Easter Sunday Service for an Easter Egg Hunt. Easter pails will be provided.
- ◆ **Men’s Ministry Frisbee Golf!:** Saturday, April 6th, at 9:00 am. We’ll meet at the church for coffee and donuts before carpooling to Deerfield Community Park in Irvine for a friendly game of Frisbee Golf. No experience necessary; all ages and abilities welcomed.
- ◆ **Potluck & Bingo!:** Sunday, April 14th, Gard A, immediately following Worship. Bring a side dish or main dish to share for lunch and stay for BINGO! and prizes. Food, fun, and fellowship for all ages. No registration required. Sign up on the patio after church to bring your favorite dish. We’ll see you there!
- ◆ **Women’s Ministry Train Trip:** All Aboard, Ladies! Saturday, April 20th, 8:30 am - 3:00 pm. We’ll take the train from San Juan Capistrano to Union Station in LA and enjoy a delicious lunch at Philippe’s, famous for their French Dip sandwiches (and their desserts aren’t too bad either!). After lunch we’ll take a step back in time and stroll down Olvera Street. Please register on the church app or at LNPC.org.
- ◆ **Red Cross Blood Drive:** Sunday, April 21st in Gard A, 7:30 am to 1:30 pm. *Give from the Heart* and use the church app, go to www.lnpc.org, or call the church office to schedule your appointment today!

THIS WEEK at LNPC

March	31	SUNDAY	April	4	THURSDAY
6:00 am	Easter Sunrise Service	Patio	4:00 pm	Holy Yoga Chair	Gard C
10:00 am	Easter Celebration Service	Sanctuary / Livestream	5:00 pm	Holy Yoga	Gard C
11:00 am	Easter Egg Hunt	Lawn	6:30 pm	District 12 AA	Gard A
			6:30 pm	Choir Rehearsal	Sanctuary
April	1	MONDAY	April	5	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	10:30 am	AA Women’s	Gard C
1:00 pm	Staff Meeting	Conference Rm.	April	6	SATURDAY
6:30 pm	Deacons Meeting	Conference Room	9:00 am	Men’s Min. Frisbee Golf	LNPC / Deerfield Park - Irvine
8:00 pm	AA Mixed	Gard B			
April	2	TUESDAY	April	7	SUNDAY
9:30 am	Al-Anon Mixed	Gard B	10:00 am	Sunday Worship	Sanctuary / Livestream
5:00 pm	Holy Yoga	Gard C	11:15 am	Men’s Ministry	Conference Room
5:00 pm	Holy Yoga	Gard C	11:15 am	Missions	Gard A
April	3	WEDNESDAY	4:00 pm	The Journey	Gard A
6:00 pm	AA Mixed	Gard B	6:00 pm	Youth Group	The Garage

Prayer Concerns

Family & Friends (Church Contact)

Claro Alfonso (Imfeld)	Samia Najm (Wakim)	Dr. Mark Watters Family (Troester)
Natalia Bergman (Wright)	Marie Neis (Borg)	Ted Wells (Wells)
Judy Baker (Baker)	Ann Oliphant (Galloway)	Wilson Family (Coleman)
Annie Coleman (Coleman)	John Osth (Khalifa)	
Gary Fong (Ehlers)	Linda Parker (Troester)	
Mike & Kathy Gessner (Galloway)	Maryann Pette (Shelton)	
Sandy Griffin (Stocksdale)	Cindy Rhoades (Baker)	
Sherry Kerner (Ehlers)	Megan Shelton (Shelton)	
Amy Lechner Bolls (Lechner)	Amy Sinkeldam (Ehlers)	
Rossana Madrid (Ondryas)	Kyoko Smith (Wright)	
Don McBurney (Arter)	Carolyn Strick (Troester)	
Joni McGlynn (Baker)	Kevin Strick (Troester)	
Barry McPeak (Ehlers)	John Stritch (Ehlers)	
Ray McPeak (Ehlers)	Michael Summers (Troester)	
Marge Molyneaux (Shelton)	Lynnette Swickard (Baker)	
Mike Moore (Flannery)	Jim Wagner (Ehlers)	

*(*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