



Sunday, August 23, 2026

Please silence your cell phone

Prelude

Praise the Lord of Lords
Mark L. Williams
Dr. Hye Kyung Lee, Organist

Hymns of Praise
(please stand if able)

I Thank God
Moses, Butler, Bowe, Holmes, Cline, & George
Lee Lee Truong-Sawicki, Worship Leader
Sho Fujieda, Drums & Madison Spach, Guitar

Welcome

Pastor Tim McCalmont

*Wandering into the night,
Wanting a place to hide
This weary soul,
This bag of bones*

*So, so long to my old friends:
Burden and bitterness.
You can just keep them moving,
Nah you ain't welcome here.*

*I try with all of my might,
But I just can't win the fight.
I'm slowly drifting, a vagabond.*

*From now till I walk streets of gold,
I'll sing of how You saved my soul.
This wayward son has found his way back home.*

*And just when I ran out of road,
I met a man I didn't know.
And He told me that I was not alone.*

*You picked me up,
You turned me around
And placed my feet on solid ground.*

Call to Worship

Leader: Come gather together here in the presence of Christ, who is our friend and healer.

People: *We have entered here, and in our worship together, we yearn for hope and comfort.*

Leader: Let us reach to the heart of Jesus, who is our life.

People: *We encounter our Lord, who makes us whole.*

Leader: Here we are welcome and loved and cherished.

People: *Here we are the people of God. Let us rejoice and give God praise.*

*You picked me up,
You turned me around
And placed my feet on solid ground.*

*I thank the Master, I thank the Savior,
Because You healed my heart,
You changed my name.
Forever free, I'm not the same.
I thank the Master, I thank the Savior,
I thank God.*

*I cannot deny what I've seen;
Got no choice but to believe.
My doubts are burnin'
Like ashes in the wind.*

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Opening Prayer

Praise Him Forever
Chris Tomlin, Jonathan Smith, & Phil Wickham

*Praise Him, you stars above,
Galaxies all in motion.
Praise Him, you thunderclouds,
Ringing throughout the heavens.
From ev'ry mountaintop
To ev'ry wild ocean,
Oh, hear all the universe
Sing praise.*

*Oh, sing praise,
Let ev'rything that breathes,
Let all the earth proclaim,
Great is the Lord our God.
Praise Him forever!
Let all that is within me
Magnify His name.
Great is the Lord our God.
Praise Him forever!*

*Praise Him, you beating hearts,
Sing for the life He's given.
Praise Him, you rescued ones,
Join in the sound of heaven.
From ev'ry mountaintop
To ev'ry wild ocean,
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*Hear the holy roar.
Hear this anthem rise.
In the house of God,
All creation cries.*

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*Praise Him forever!
Praise Him forever!
Hear the holy roar!
Hear the holy roar!
Hear the holy roar!
Praise Him forever!*

Prayer of Confession Chris Green

Declaration of Forgiveness

Response of Thanksgiving **Gloria Patri**
(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 **Sweet Hour of Prayer**
Arr. By Daniel Light and Erin Cornet
Carol Stocksdalesolo

Sweet hour of prayer, sweet hour of prayer,
That calls me from a world of care,
And bids me at my Father's throne
Make all my wants and wishes known:

In seasons of distress and grief
My soul has often found relief,
And oft escaped the tempter's snare
By thy return, sweet hour of prayer

Sweet hour of prayer, sweet hour of prayer,
Thy wings shall my petition bear,
To him whose truth and faithfulness
Engage the waiting soul to bless;

And since he bids me seek his face,
Believe his word, and trust his grace,
I'll cast on him my every care,
And wait for thee, sweet hour of prayer.

Recognition of Children

First Scripture Reading

Deuteronomy 4: 29 - 31
Pew Bible p. 161

²⁹ From there you will seek the Lord your God, and you will find him if you search after him with all your heart and soul. ³⁰ In your distress, when all these things have happened to you in time to come, you will return to the Lord your God and heed him. ³¹ Because the Lord your God is a merciful God, he will neither abandon you nor destroy you; he will not forget the covenant with your ancestors that he swore to them.

Hymn of Preparation
(please stand if able)

What a Friend We Have in Jesus
Joseph M. Scriven
#622 (vv. 1, 2)

*What a friend we have in Jesus,
All our sins and griefs to bear!
What a privilege to carry
Everything to God in prayer!
O what peace we often forfeit,
O what needless pain we bear,
All because we do not carry
Everything to God in prayer!*

*Have we trials and temptations?
Is there trouble anywhere?
We should never be discouraged;
Take it to the Lord in prayer!
Can we find a friend so faithful
Who will all our sorrows share?
Jesus knows our every weakness;
Take it to the Lord in prayer!*

Sermon

God's Significant Gift of Prayer

Second Scripture Reading

Luke 11: 5 - 13
Pew Bible p. 72

⁵ And he said to them, "Suppose one of you has a friend, and you go to him at mid night and say to him, "Friend, lend me three loaves of bread; ⁶ for a friend of mine has arrived, and I have nothing to set before him.' ⁷ And he answers from within, "Do not bother me; the door has already been locked, and my children are with me

in bed; I cannot get up and give you anything.' ⁸ I tell you, even though he will not get up and give him anything because he is his friend, at least because of his persistence he will get up and give him whatever he needs. ⁹ "So I say to you, Ask, and it will be given you; search, and you will find; knock, and the door will be opened for you. ¹⁰ For everyone who asks receives, and everyone who searches finds, and for everyone who knocks, the door will be opened. ¹¹ Is there anyone among you who, if your child asks for a fish, will give a snake instead of a fish? ¹² Or if the child asks for an egg, will give a scorpion? ¹³ If you then, who are evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will the heavenly Father give the Holy Spirit to those who ask him!"

Time of Reflection

Blessing of Our Tithes & Offerings

Offertory

How Great Thou Art
Stuart K. Hine, Arr. By D. Kartsonnaki

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)

Trust and Obey
John H. Sammis
#523 (vv. 1, 4)

When we walk with the Lord
In the light of his Word,
What a glory he sheds on our way!
While we do his good will,
He abides with us still,
And with all who will trust and obey.

Trust and obey, for there's no other way
To be happy in Jesus, but to trust and obey.

Then in fellowship sweet
We will sit at his feet,
Or we'll walk by his side in the way;
What he says we will do,
Where he sends we will go–
Never fear, only trust and obey.

Trust and obey, for there's no other way
To be happy in Jesus, but to trust and obey.

Charge and Benediction
(please remain standing)

Choral 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 livestream please remain seated until the Postlude is over before exiting the sanctuary. Thank you.)

Postlude *Prelude in F*
J.S. Bach

Faithful Conversations

Worship Production Leaders	
<u>Audio</u>	<u>Video</u>
Carlos Morales	Ben Roebuck
Fabian Alfaro	Bill Adams
	Ellarie Malone

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Prayer Concerns

LNPC Members

Terry Argast
Steve Foster
Jody Fristoe-Schnitzer
Claire Hirakawa
C.M. Hourigan
Linda Klein
Nancy LeBlanc
Kathleen Lechner
Margaret Lee
Allen Renning
Dave Ross
Tasha Schwarz
Gary Wright

Peace & Comfort

Fitzpatrick Family (Jill's Father)
Eileen Green (Brother)
Nora and Mark Imfeld & Family
(Nora's Father)
Kathleen Lechner (Daughter)
Debbie Perkins (Husband, Jim)
Ben and Jennifer Roebuck
(Kathleen)
Dave Ross (Son)
Tasha Schwarz & Family
(Husband)
Wanling Cau & Family and Lee
Lee Truong-Sawicki (Lee Lee's
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Service: Military & Mission

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Laguna Niguel Presbyterian C H U R C H

Sunday, August 23, 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

- ◆ **New Chapter at LNPC!:** Join us on Sunday, September 6th, at 10 am, as Rev. Dr. Ray Medina preaches his first sermon as the official Head Pastor of Laguna Niguel Presbyterian Church. Come worship, celebrate, and give Pastor Ray and his family a warm LNPC welcome!
- ◆ **Christmas Worship Festival Instrument Sponsorship:** Help bring the beautiful sounds of Christmas to LNPC. Support the CWF by sponsoring an instrument, with a suggested donation of \$100 per instrument. Look for the CWF table on the patio or donate online.
- ◆ **Ministry Fair:** Sunday, September 13th, immediately following worship in Gard A. Meet ministry leaders and explore ways to connect, serve, learn, and make a difference. See you at the fair!
- ◆ **LNPC is currently searching for its next Children's Ministry Director!:** This is a part-time staff position. If you are interested, please contact Stephanie in the office for a copy of the Job Description and pay.
- ◆ **Holy Yoga:** Susie Hess leads a Christian-centered experience with Christian music and Scripture readings designed to honor God through yoga practice. \$5 suggested donation per class goes to the Missions Ministry at LNPC. Contact Susie or the church office for the summer schedule.
- ◆ **Save the Dates: Choir Retreat**, Saturday, September 19th, 8:30 am to 1:30 pm, LNPC
Men's Ministry Mini Golf, Saturday, September 26th, Boomers in Irvine -
Meet at LNPC at 2:00 pm to carpool to Irvine.

THIS WEEK at LNPC

August 23	SUNDAY	August 26	WEDNESDAY
10:00 am	Sunday Worship	11:00 am	Staff Meeting
		6:00 pm	AA Mixed
4:00 pm	The Journey		Conference Room
			Gard B
August 24	MONDAY	August 27	THURSDAY
7:00 am	AA Men's	1:00 pm	FAM Food Dist.
10:30 am	AA Women's	7:00 pm	Men's AA
5:30 pm	Colinas de Cap. HOA		LNPC Parking Lot
6:00 pm	Session		Gard C
6:00 pm	Men's AA		
8:00 pm	AA Mixed		
August 25	TUESDAY	August 28	FRIDAY
9:30 am	Al-Anon Mixed	7:00 am	AA Men's
		10:30 am	AA Women's
			Gard C
August 30	SUNDAY	August 30	SUNDAY
		10:00 am	Sunday Worship
			Sanctuary /
			Livestream
		4:00 pm	The Journey
			Patio

Prayer Concerns

Family & Friends (Church Contact)

Marcy Bisson (Jenkins)	Theresa Mays (Nunnikhoven)
Shelby Borg (Borg)	Brigitte Mir (Hampsten)
John Bouffard* (Troester)	Dave Moore (Borg)
Ginny Bowman (Heath)	Sophia Truong and Elaine
John Carruth (Ehlers)	Phan & Family (Lee Lee)
Annie Coleman (Coleman)	Bobby Pilkerton (LeBlanc)
Dr. Harvey Fair (Fair)	Rene (Woody)
Robyn Fong (Ehlers)	George Rihovsky
Jon Galloway (Galloway)	Robert Ruiz, Jr. (Pasco)
Lyle & Janet Hamilton	Bob Strickler (Ditto)
(Troester)	Dave Tuma (Troester)
Phil Hermismeyer (Muck)	Lindsey Yanez (Nunnikhoven)
Darlene Hester (Mays)	Joseph Yanez—Military De-
Blake Hourigan (Hourigan)	ployment, Nunnikhoven)
Rex Mays (Nunnikhoven)	

(*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