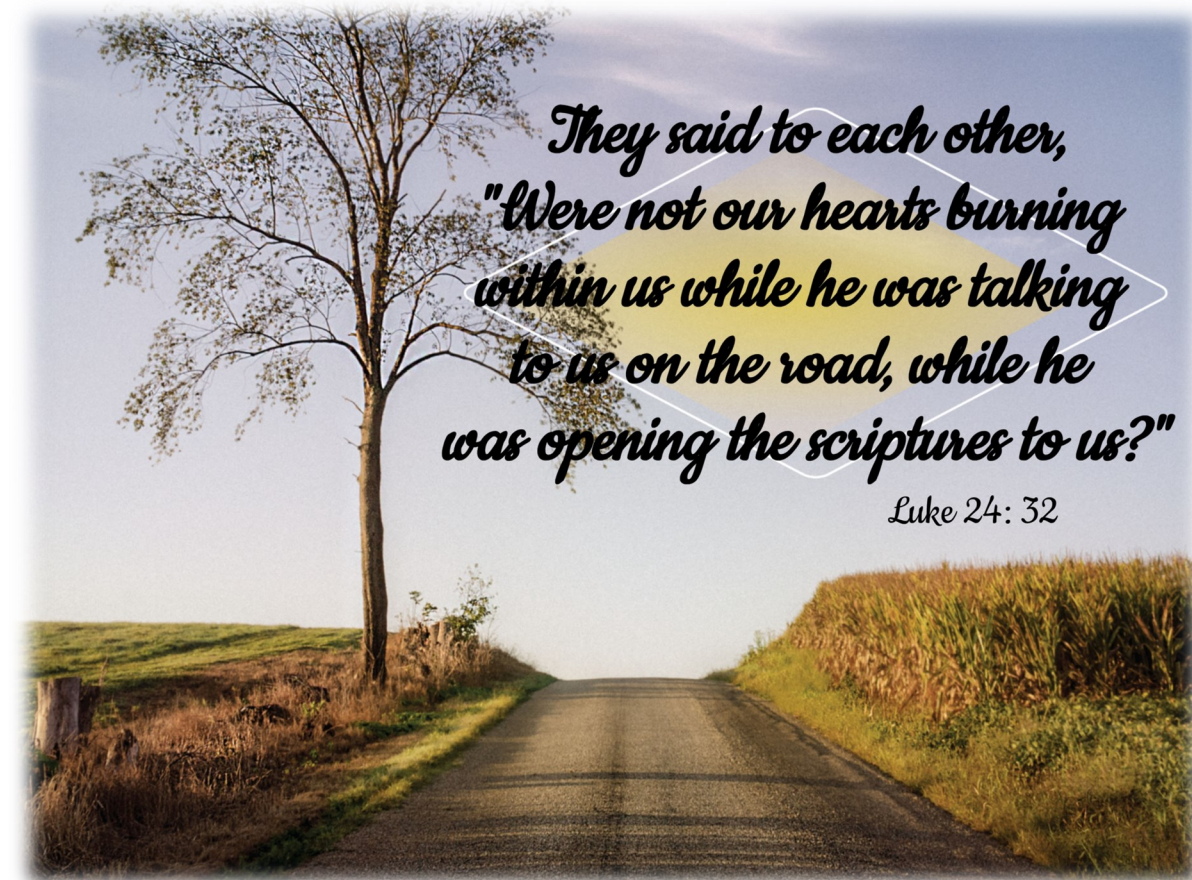


Laguna Niguel Presbyterian C H U R C H



Sunday Worship Service
April 21, 2024

Please silence your cell phone

Prelude

Jesus Loves Me
William Bradbury
Suk Choi, Organist

Hymns of Praise
(please stand if able)

Build Your Kingdom Here
Chris Llewellyn, Gareth Gilkeson, William Herron
Michael Smith, Worship Leader
Sho Fujieda, Drums

Welcome

Pastor Jim

*Come set Your rule and reign
In our hearts again
Increase in us we pray
Unveil why we're made
Come set our hearts ablaze with hope
Like wildfire in our very souls
Holy Spirit come invade us now
We are Your church
We need Your pow'r in us*

*Build Your kingdom here
Let the darkness fear
Show Your mighty hand
Heal our streets and land
Set Your church on fire
Win this nation back
Change the atmosphere
Build Your kingdom here we pray*

Call to Worship

Leader: This is the good news which we proclaim to you.
People: *Jesus Christ is raised from the dead!*
Leader: Walk in the light of his love.
People: *Live in the light of his teachings and healing mercies.*
Leader: Come, let us worship the One who overcame death.
People: *Let us celebrate the triumph of our Lord. Amen.*

*We seek Your kingdom first
We hunger and we thirst
Refuse to waste our lives
For You're our joy and prize
To see the captives' hearts released
The hurt the sick the poor at peace
We lay down our lives for heaven's cause
We are Your church
We pray revive this earth*

*Unleash Your kingdom's pow'r
Reaching the near and far
No force of hell can stop
Your beauty changing hearts
You made us for much more than this
Awake the kingdom seed in us
Fill us with the strength and love of Christ
We are Your church
We are the hope on earth*

Opening Prayer

Lord Jesus, you come into our midst in the most mundane of circumstances. So, how much more do you reveal your presence and call on our lives when we put aside our desires and make ourselves available to your direction during this hour? Bless us who have gathered here this morning. Let us again hear your words of comfort, acceptance and call. Let us be changed for your purpose this hour. Amen.

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Praise

Brandon Lake, Chandler Moore, Chris Brown,
Cody Carnes, Pat Barrett, & Steven Furtick

*Praise the Lord oh my soul
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*

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

*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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Prayer of Confession

Lani Colley

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 us Lord as we confess our transgressions against you and our neighbor from the silence of our hearts.

Silent Prayer

Amen.

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

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

Luke 24: 13 - 24
Pew Bible p. 90

¹³ Now on that same day two of them were going to a village called Emmaus, about seven miles from Jerusalem, ¹⁴ and talking with each other about all these things that had happened. ¹⁵ While they were talking and discussing, Jesus himself came near and went with them, ¹⁶ but their eyes were kept from recognizing him. ¹⁷ And he said to them, "What are you discussing with each other while you walk along?" They stood still, looking sad. ¹⁸ Then one of them, whose name was Cleopas, answered him, "Are you the only stranger in Jerusalem who does not know the things that have taken place there in these days?" ¹⁹ He asked them, "What things?" They replied, "The things about Jesus of Nazareth, who was a prophet mighty in deed and word before God and all the people, ²⁰ and how our chief priests and leaders handed him over to be condemned to death and crucified him. ²¹ But we had hoped that he was the one to redeem Israel. Yes, and besides all this, it is now the third day since these things took place. ²² Moreover, some women of our group astounded us. They were at the tomb early this morning, ²³ and when they did not find his body there, they came back and told us that they had indeed seen a vision of angels who said that he was alive. ²⁴ Some of those who were with us went to the tomb and found it just as the women had said; but they did not see him."

Hymn of Preparation

(please stand if able)

*Christ is alive! Let Christians sing.
The cross stands empty to the sky.
Let streets and homes with praises ring.
Love, drowned in death, shall never die.*

*Christ is alive, and comes to bring
Good news to this and every age,
Till earth and sky and ocean ring
With joy, with justice, love, and praise.*

Second Scripture Reading

Luke 24: 25 - 35
Pew Bible p. 90

²⁵ Then he said to them, "Oh, how foolish you are, and how slow of heart to believe all that the prophets have declared! ²⁶ Was it not necessary that the Messiah should suffer these things and then enter into his glory?" ²⁷ Then beginning with Moses and all the prophets, he interpreted to them the things about himself in all the scriptures. ²⁸ As they came near the village to which they were going, he walked ahead as if he were going on. ²⁹ But they urged him strongly, saying, "Stay with us, because it is almost evening and the day is now nearly over." So he went in to stay with them. ³⁰ When he was at the table with them, he took bread, blessed and broke it, and gave it to them. ³¹ Then their eyes were opened, and they recognized him; and he vanished from their sight. ³² They said to each other, "Were not our hearts burning within us while he was talking to us on the road, while he was opening the scriptures to us?" ³³ That same hour they got up and returned to Jerusalem; and they found the eleven and their companions gathered together. ³⁴ They were saying, "The Lord has risen indeed, and he has appeared to Simon!" ³⁵ Then they told what had happened on the road, and how he had been made known to them in the breaking of the bread.

Sermon

As Long As It Takes

Time of Reflection

Blessing of Our Tithes and Offerings

Offertory

Lord, prepare me to be a sanctuary,
Pure and holy, tried and true;
With thanksgiving,
I'll be a living sanctuary for you.

Lord, prepare me to be a sanctuary,
Pure and holy, tried and true;
With thanksgiving,
I'll be a living sanctuary for you.

I am a temple, God's holy temple,
For his Spirit lives in me;
Created as a sacred dwelling
Of the most High God!

Lord, prepare me to be a sanctuary,
Pure and holy, tried and true;
With thanksgiving, I'll be a living sanctuary for you.

Lord, prepare me to be a sanctuary,
Pure and holy, tried and true;
With thanksgiving,
I'll be a living sanctuary for you.
With thanksgiving,
I'll be a living sanctuary for you.

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.

Sanctuary Arr. By Lloyd Larson LNPC Chancel Choir

Hymn of Response

*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

Choral Response

Prayer for the Road

SERMON NOTES

*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.*

[Please be seated for the Congregational Meeting immediately following the service. Thank you.]

*Today's Chancel flowers are given by Sara and Katie McCurdy
in loving memory of Jim McCurdy's birthday.*

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Prayer Concerns

LNPC Members

Claire Burrill
Joe and Carolyn Ditto
John Flannery
Steve Foster
C.M. Hourigan
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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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

- ◆ **Red Cross Blood Drive Today!:** Don't have an appointment? Stop in Gard A after the Congregational Meeting to see if they are taking walk-ups.
- ◆ **The Chosen, Season 4:** Wednesday evenings at 7:00 pm in Gard A. Join us as we watch together this captivating television series that brings the Gospel story alive. Engage in wonderful faith conversation and reflection while enjoying some light refreshments.
- ◆ **LNPC Youth:** Angels Baseball Game, Friday, April 26th, 5:00 pm to 10:00pm. Enjoy some great ballpark snacks as you and your friends root for the home team! Register on the app or at lnpc.org.
- ◆ **Men's Ministry BBQ & Cornhole:** Guys, come on out for some delicious BBQ and friendly Cornhole competition on Saturday, May 4th, at 3:00 pm, right here at LNPC. You bring your own meat and we'll supply the sides and beverages. Register on the app or website.

THIS WEEK at LNPC

April	21	SUNDAY	April	24	WEDNESDAY
7:30 am	Blood Drive	Gard A	6:00 pm	AA Mixed	Gard B
10:00 am	Sunday Worship	Sanctuary / Livestream	7:00 pm	The Chosen	Gard A
11:00 am	Congregational Mtg.	Sanctuary / Livestream	April	25	THURSDAY
11:15 am	Congregational Life	Conference Rm.	12:30pm	FAM Training	Gard B
4:00 pm	The Journey	Gard A	4:00 pm	Holy Yoga Chair	Gard C
6:00 pm	Youth Group	The Garage	5:00 pm	Holy Yoga	Gard C
			6:30 pm	Choir Rehearsal	Sanctuary
April	22	MONDAY	April	26	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.	2:00 pm	Art Contest Set-Up	Gard A
6:00 pm	Session	Work Room	5:00 pm	Angels BB Game - YTH	Stadium
6:30 pm	Col. de Cap. HOA	Conference Rm.	April	27	SATURDAY
8:00 pm	AA Mixed	Gard B	2:00 pm	Art Contest	Gard A
April	23	TUESDAY	April	28	SUNDAY
9:30 am	Al-Anon Mixed	Gard B	10:00 am	Sunday Worship	Sanctuary / Livestream
10:30 am	Pastor's Bible Study	Conference Room	11:15 am	Adult Min. Mtg.	Christian Ed. Rm.
1:00 pm	PEO Book Club	Library	4:00 pm	The Journey	Gard A
5:00 pm	Holy Yoga	Gard C	6:00 pm	Youth Group	The Garage

Prayer Concerns

Family & Friends (Church Contact)

Claro Alfonso (Imfeld)	Marge Molyneaux (Shelton)	Jim Wagner (Ehlers)
Linda Anderson (Stocksdale)	Mike Moore (Flannery)	Dr. Mark Watters Family (Troester)
Judy Baker (Baker)	Samia Najm (Wakim)	Ted Wells (Wells)
Natalia Bergman (Wright)	Marie Neis (Borg)	Wilson Family (Coleman)
Amy Lechner Bolls (Lechner)	Ann Oliphant (Galloway)	
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)	
<i>Lucy Marechal*</i>	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)	
	Lynnette Swickard (Baker)	

*(*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**