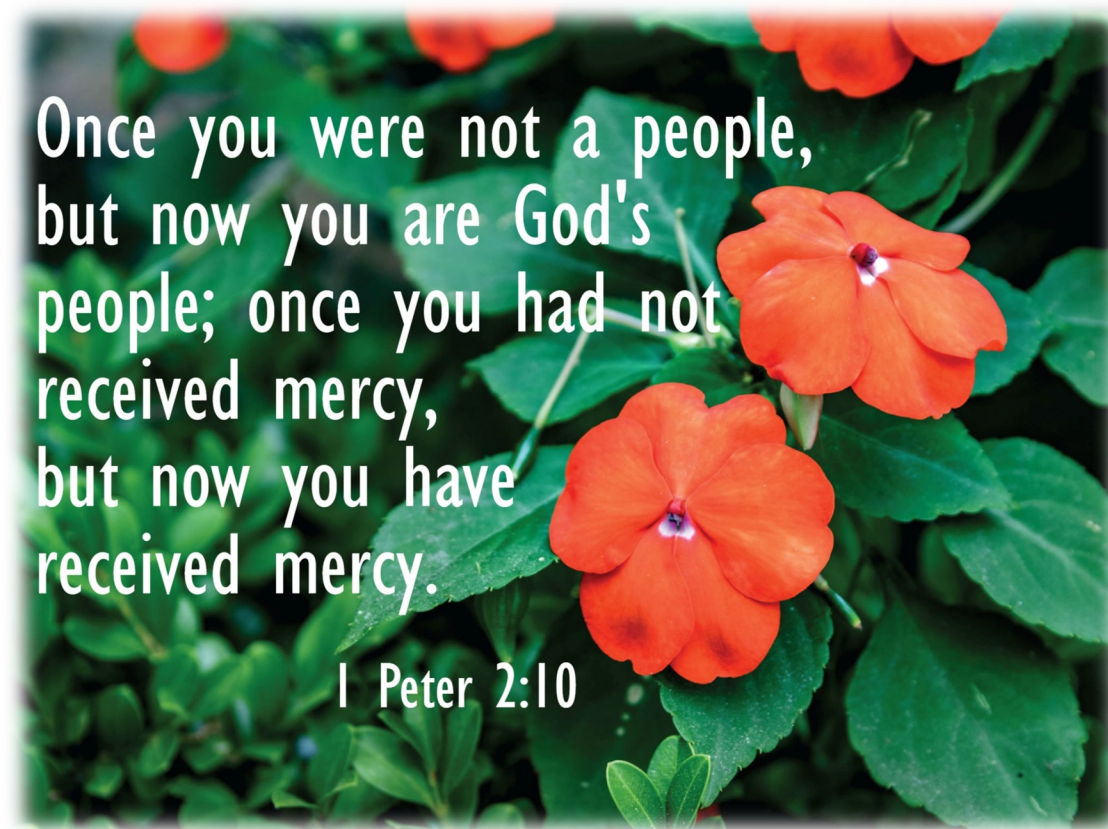


Laguna Niguel Presbyterian C H U R C H



Once you were not a people,
but now you are God's
people; once you had not
received mercy,
but now you have
received mercy.

1 Peter 2:10

Sunday, August 18, 2024

Please silence your cell phone

Prelude

Praise to the Lord, the Almighty
Arr. by Jason Payne
Suk Choi, Organist

Hymns of Praise
(please stand if able)

God Is On The Move
Cliff Williams, Ian Eskelin, Mikey Howard, & Tony Wood
Michael Smith, Worship Leader
Sho Fujieda, Drums

Welcome

Pastor Jim

*Anytime a heart turns from darkness to light
Anytime temptation comes and someone stands to fight
Anytime somebody lives to serve and not be served
I know I know I know I know*

*God is on the move on the move hallelujah
God is on the move in many mighty ways
God is on the move on the move hallelujah
God is on the move on the move today*

Call to Worship

Leader: We are the community of faith that has been created by the love of God.

People: *We are the people who have been set free by the word of forgiveness in Jesus Christ.*

Leader: We have come not to parade our own goodness but to praise the holiness of God.

People: *We have come not to boast of what we have done but to proclaim the redeeming work of Jesus Christ.*

All: *With all our being, we will praise you, O God, and tell of all your kindness toward us. Amen.*

*Anytime in weakness someone falls upon their knees
Or dares to speak the truth that sets men free
Anytime the choice is made to stand upon the Word
I know I know I know I know*

*God is on the move on the move hallelujah
God is on the move in many mighty ways
God is on the move on the move hallelujah
God is on the move on the move today*

*I see a generation standing on the truth
In each and ev'ry nation God is on the move*

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In each and ev'ry nation God is on the move*

*Anytime the Gospel stirs a searching soul
And someone says send me here I go
I know I know I know I know*

Opening Prayer

Holy Creator, we greet you with joy as we gather for worship, grateful to be in your presence and in fellowship with one another. We assemble as your covenant people to cast before you our adoration, confession, thanksgiving and supplication. We lift up our voices in praise, we desire to know you in truth, and we open ourselves to the work of your Holy Spirit in us and in our common life. You alone are worthy of our worship, for yours is the greatness, the power, the glory, the victory and the majesty. Amen.

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God is on the move in many mighty ways
God is on the move on the move hallelujah
God is on the move on the move today*

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God is on the move in many mighty ways
God is on the move on the move hallelujah
God is on the move on the move today*

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*

*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*

*'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*

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

*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*

*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*

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

*You are You are You are my freedom
We lift You higher
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You are You are You are my freedom
We lift You higher lift You higher*

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

Prayer of Confession

Jill Fitzpatrick

Holy God, as we remember your Son's triumphal entry into Jerusalem, we confess that all too often we have been part of the crowd. When things go our way, we believe our lives are good because we worked hard. When things do not go our way, we blame others for our troubles. God, help us to take responsibility, not only for our own lives, but for the lives of our neighbors. Forgive us when we have forgotten your commandments and have failed to love our neighbors as ourselves, but instead have judged others, believing them not worthy of our help or our compassion. Forgive us of our faults, and renew in us a sense of your love, justice and mercy. Guide us in ways we might live out your commandments more fully in our lives. Help us to seek Christ in the suffering in this world, and guide us as the body of Christ to be your hands and feet. Forgive us Lord, as we confess our brokenness before you now in the silence of our hearts.

Silent Prayer

Amen.

Declaration of Forgiveness

Response of Thanksgiving

(please stand if able)

Gloria Patri

*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

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 Lesson

1 Peter 2: 9 - 10
Pew Bible p. 233

⁹ But you are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, God's own people, in order that you may proclaim the mighty acts of him who called you out of darkness into his marvelous light. ¹⁰ Once you were not a people, but now you are God's people; once you had not received mercy, but now you have received mercy.

Hymn of Preparation

(please stand if able)

*God is here! As we His people
Meet to offer praise and prayer,
May we find in fuller measure
What it is in Christ we share:
Here, as in the world around us,
All our varied skills and arts
Wait the coming of His Spirit
Into open minds and hearts.*

God is Here!
Fred Pratt Green and John Zundel
#701 (vv. 1, 4)

*Lord of all of Church and Kingdom,
In an age of change and doubt,
Keep us faithful to the gospel,
Help us work Your purpose out;
Here in this day's dedication,
All we have to give, receive;
We who cannot live without You,
We adore You! We believe.*

Second Scripture Lesson

Ephesians 1: 1 - 6
Pew Bible pp. 191 - 192

¹ Paul, an apostle of Christ Jesus by the will of God, To the saints who are in Ephesus and are faithful in Christ Jesus: ² Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ. ³ Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us in Christ with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly places, ⁴ just as he chose us in Christ before the foundation of the world to be holy and blameless before him in love. ⁵ He destined us for adoption as his children through Jesus Christ, according to the good pleasure of his will, ⁶ to the praise of his glorious grace that he freely bestowed on us in the Beloved.

Sermon

Good News: We Are Called!

Time of Reflection

Blessing of Our Tithes & Offerings

Offertory

You Make Everything Beautiful
Arr. by Jeff Tincher
Jaime & Lani Colley, Duet

Grant me serenity to accept things
The things I cannot change

Grant me the courage, Lord, to change what I can
Wisdom to know the difference

In my weakness You can shine
In Your strength I can fly
And You make everything, everything beautiful
You make everything, everything new
You make everything, everything beautiful
In its time, in Your time
It's beautiful

Grant me serenity, Lord, and patience
For things will take time

Grant me freedom to walk a new path
And let me feel Your love

In my weakness You can shine
In Your strength I can fly
And You make everything, everything beautiful
You make everything, everything new
You make everything, everything beautiful
In its time, in Your time
It's beautiful

Lifting open hands to You my Savior
Beautify my soul
Knowing You redeem my pain and failure
Purify my soul
Beautify my soul

And You make everything, everything beautiful
You make everything, everything new
You make everything, everything beautiful
In its time, in Your time
It's beautiful

Hmmm
It's beautiful

Hmmm
It's beautiful

Hmmm
In its time, in Your time
It's beautiful

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.

Hymn of Response (please stand if able)

We Are Called to Be God's People
Thomas A. Jackson
#710 (vv. 1, 2)

*We are called to be God's people,
Showing by our lives his grace,
One in heart and one in spirit,
Sign of hope for all the race.*

*Let us show how he has changed us,
And remade us as his own,
Let us share our life together
As we shall around his throne.*

*We are called to be God's servants,
Working in his world today;
Taking his own task upon us,
All his sacred words obey.*

*Let us rise, then to his summons,
Dedicate to him our all.
That we may be faithful servants,
Quick to answer now his call.*

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.*

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

Today's Chancel flowers are given by Lois Ann Wright
in celebration of her husband Gary's birthday,
her son's 50th birthday, and their granddaughters' 7th birthday.

Postlude

Voluntary in D minor Op.5
John Stanley

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Prayer Concerns

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Claire Burrill
Steve Foster
Jody Fristoe-Schnitzer
C.M. Hourigan
Linda Klein
Pat Kun
Nancy LeBlanc*
Richard Odgers
Ron Pearce
Louanna Robeson
Kathleen Roebuck
Linda Schmidt
Karen Vassey

Peace & Comfort

Family of Doris Black
The Carpenter Family (Jane & Hal)
Jaime & Lani Colley and Family (Jaime's Father)
Family of Marilyn Campman
Carolyn Ditto & Family (Husband)
Family of Jim McCurdy
Brian Mangan & Family (Wife)
Cecil Spearman & Family (Son)

Sistie Stevens & 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

- ◆ **Sea Country Festival Volunteers Needed:** We need volunteers to staff the LNPC booth at the Sea Country Festival Friday, August 23rd, through Sunday, August 25th. This is a wonderful opportunity to celebrate who we are as a church family and to share the Faith opportunities we have to offer. Sign up for a time-slot on the patio after Worship today.
- ◆ **Memorial Service for Joe Ditto:** Saturday, August 24th, at 11:00 am, in the Sanctuary. There will be a reception in Gard Hall immediately following the service. This service will be livestreamed.
- ◆ **Fall is Just Around the Corner:** Be sure to join us on the patio after Worship on Sunday, September 8th, for our annual Fall Kick-Off Rally. Enjoy some refreshments and discover what LNPC has to offer this fall.
- ◆ **Spirit of Aloha: Save the Date!** 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. Register on our app or at LNPC.org. Please contact John Flannery or Carolyn Knutson if you wish to donate items for the silent and/or live auctions.
- ◆ **Request for Docketed Time:** Please contact Pastor Jim if you would like to present something when Session meets next on Monday, August 26th, at 6:00 pm, in the Work Room.

THIS WEEK at LNPC

August 18	SUNDAY	August 22	THURSDAY
10:00 am Sunday Worship	Sanctuary / Livestream	1:00 pm FAM Food Distribution	LNPC Parking Lot
11:30 am Spirit of Aloha Mtg.	Conference Room	4:00 pm Holy Yoga Chair	LNPC Patio
4:00 pm The Journey	Gard A	5:00 pm Holy Yoga	LNPC Lawn
		6:30 pm Vocal Rehearsal	Sanctuary
August 19	MONDAY	August 23	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	7:00 am AA Women's	Gard C
1:00 pm Staff Meeting	Conference Room	5:00 pm Sea Country Festival	Off Site
6:30 pm Finance & Ops	Conference Room		
8:00 pm AA Mixed	Gard B	August 24	SATURDAY
		11:00 am Memorial Service for Joe Ditto	Sanctuary / Livestream
August 20	TUESDAY	2:00 pm Sea Country Festival	Off Site
9:30 am Al-Anon Mixed	Gard B		
5:00 pm Holy Yoga	LNPC Lawn	August 25	SUNDAY
		10:00 am Communion Sunday	Sanctuary / Livestream
August 21	WEDNESDAY	11:15 am Adult Ministry	Christian Ed. Room
6:00 pm AA Mixed	Gard B	2:00 pm Sea Country Festival	Off Site
		4:00 pm The Journey	Gard A

Prayer Concerns

Family & Friends (Church Contact)

Linda Anderson (Stocksdale)	Lena Grassmeyer (Imfeld)	Carolyn Strick (Troester)
Natalia Bergman (Wright)	Connie Hutchinson	Michael Summers (Troester)
Mick Buchanan (Borg)	(Nunnikhoven)	Baby Taff (Parry)
Dan Chambers (Hampsten)	Lucy Marechal	Bob Whitman (Knutson)
Annie Coleman (Coleman)	Don McBurney (Arter)	Wilson Family (Coleman)
Rene Darnel (Ransdale)	Carol Roane (Troester)	
Mike Fair	Megan Shelton (Shelton)	

*(*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**