

# Laguna Niguel Presbyterian C H U R C H



He also said,  
"The kingdom  
of God is as if  
someone would  
scatter seed on  
the ground..."

Mark 4: 26

**Father's Day  
Sunday, June 16, 2024**

**Please silence your cell phone**

## Prelude

*It Is Good to Sing Thy Praises*  
Arr. by S. Martin  
Suk Choi, Organist

## Welcome

Pastor Sara

## Call to Worship

Leader: The kingdom of God is like a mustard seed which is the smallest of seeds on earth.

People: *It grows up and becomes the greatest of shrubs, and the birds of the air make nests in its shade.*

Leader: Give thanks to God, whose promised reign is coming.

All: *Thanks be to God!*

## Opening Prayer

God, you are the gardener of all creation. You planted this world with the seeds of your love and grow them with your faithfulness. We are your harvest; we find our meaning and sustenance in you. May our minds listen to you calling, may our hearts be attuned to your will, may our feet follow you in the world, through Jesus, the Word becomes flesh. Amen.

**Hymns of Praise**  
(please stand if able)

**Build Your Kingdom Here**  
Chris Llewellyn, Gareth Gilkeson, & William Herron  
Sydney Malone, Worship Singer  
Lee Lee Trong-Sawicki, Keyboard & Sho Fujieda, Drums

*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, revive us now.  
We are Your church;  
We need Your pow'r in us.*

*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.*

*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!*

*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.*

*Build Your kingdom here.  
Let the darkness fear.  
Show Your mighty hand.  
Heal our streets and land.*

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**Let Your Kingdom Come**  
Bob Kauflin

*Let Your kingdom come,  
Let Your will be done,  
So that ev'ryone might know Your Name.*

*Let Your song be heard ev'rywhere on earth,  
Till Your sov'reign work on earth is done.  
Let Your kingdom come.*

*Your glorious cause, O God,  
Engages our hearts.  
May Jesus Christ be known  
Wherever we are.*

*We ask not for ourselves,  
But for Your renown.  
The cross has saved us so we pray,  
"Your kingdom come."*

*Let Your kingdom come,  
Let Your will be done,  
So that ev'ryone might know Your Name.*

*Let Your song be heard ev'rywhere on earth,  
Till Your sov'reign work on earth is done.  
Let Your kingdom come.*

*Give us Your strength, O God,  
And courage to speak.  
Perform Your wondrous deeds  
Through those who are weak.*

*Lord, use us as You want,  
Whatever the test.  
By grace we'll preach Your Gospel till  
Our dying breath.*

*Let Your kingdom come,  
Let Your will be done,  
So that ev'ryone might know Your Name.*

*Let Your song be heard ev'rywhere on earth,  
Till Your sov'reign work on earth is done.  
Let Your kingdom come.*

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Let Your will be done,  
So that ev'ryone might know Your Name.*

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Till Your sov'reign work on earth is done.*

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Till Your sov'reign work on earth is done.  
Let Your kingdom come.*

## Prayer of Confession

Jill Fitzpatrick

*Holy God, the parable of the mustard seed teaches us that a little faith can produce great work in your kingdom. Yet we are too timid to bear the fruit of your righteousness, for we walk by sight and not by faith. Forgive us, Lord; we do not uphold the poor and the oppressed. We do not advocate for the powerless or the voiceless. We do not sacrifice for the needs of our neighbors. Renew us with the love of Christ so that we live no longer for ourselves, but for Christ who became the need of your righteousness in us.*

Silent Prayer

*Amen.*

## 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.*

***Gloria Patri***

## Passing of the Joy & Peace of Christ

## Message for Young Disciples

Jaime & Lani Colley

## Children's Prayer Song

*God is always near me,  
God will always hear me,  
When I pray.*

## First Scripture Reading

**Ezekiel 17: 22- 24**

Pew Bible p. 784

<sup>22</sup> Thus says the Lord God:  
I myself will take a sprig  
from the lofty top of a cedar;  
I will set it out.  
I will break off a tender one  
from the topmost of its young twigs;  
I myself will plant it  
on a high and lofty mountain.  
<sup>23</sup> On the mountain height of Israel  
I will plant it,  
in order that it may produce boughs and bear fruit,  
and become a noble cedar.  
Under it every kind of bird will live;  
in the shade of its branches will nest  
winged creatures of every kind.  
<sup>24</sup> All the trees of the field shall know  
that I am the Lord.  
I bring low the high tree,  
I make high the low tree;  
I dry up the green tree  
and make the dry tree flourish.  
I the Lord have spoken;  
I will accomplish it.

## Hymn of Preparation

(please stand if able)

***All Things Bright and Beautiful***

Cecil F Alexander

#57 (vv. 1, 2)

*All things bright and beautiful,  
All creatures great and small,  
All things wise and wonderful;  
The Lord God made them all.*

*Each little flower that opens,  
each little bird that sings,  
he made their glowing colors,  
he made their tiny wings.*

*All things bright and beautiful,  
All creatures great and small,  
All things wise and wonderful;  
The Lord God made them all.*

*The purple-headed mountain,  
The river running by,  
The sunset, and the morning  
That brightens up the sky.*

*All things bright and beautiful,  
All creatures great and small,  
All things wise and wonderful;  
The Lord God made them all.*

## **Second Scripture Reading**

**Mark 4:26 - 34**  
Pew Bible pp. 38 - 39

<sup>26</sup> He also said, "The kingdom of God is as if someone would scatter seed on the ground, <sup>27</sup> and would sleep and rise night and day, and the seed would sprout and grow, he does not know how. <sup>28</sup> The earth produces of itself, first the stalk, then the head, then the full grain in the head. <sup>29</sup> But when the grain is ripe, at once he goes in with his sickle, because the harvest has come." <sup>30</sup> He also said, "With what can we compare the kingdom of God, or what parable will we use for it? <sup>31</sup> It is like a mustard seed, which, when sown upon the ground, is the smallest of all the seeds on earth; <sup>32</sup> yet when it is sown it grows up and becomes the greatest of all shrubs, and puts forth large branches, so that the birds of the air can make nests in its shade." <sup>33</sup> With many such parables he spoke the word to them, as they were able to hear it; <sup>34</sup> he did not speak to them except in parables, but he explained everything in private to his disciples.

## **Sermon**

*Something Old – Something New*

## **Time of Reflection**

## **Blessing of the Tithes and Offerings**

## **Offertory**

Thank you, God, for fam'ly,  
For those we call our own,  
Forgiving to each other  
A place to call our home.

For sisters and for brothers,  
For loved ones all alone,  
We thank you, God, for family,  
Our family, of love.

We are one in God's Son.  
We are one, a family of love.  
We are always together,  
Whether we're near or apart;  
All united together,  
A family of love.

## **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.*

***A Family of Love***  
Mary McDonald  
LNPC Chancel Choir  
Sydney Malone, Soloist

Thank you, God, for children  
You are trusting us to raise,  
And for the ones who raised us,  
We give to you the praise.

Each one, part of you,  
Father extensions from above.  
We thank you for our family,  
Our family of love.

We are always together,  
Whether we're near or apart;  
All united together,  
Together in our heart.

We are joined by your Spirit,  
Coming or when we depart,  
All of us joining together,  
A family of love,  
A family of love.

**Hymn of Response**  
(please stand if able)

**For the Fruit of All Creation**  
Fred Pratt Green  
#379 (vv. 1, 2)

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

*For the fruit of all creation,  
Thanks be to God.  
For the gifts to every nation,  
Thanks be to God.*

*For the plowing, sowing, reaping,  
Silent growth while we are sleeping,  
Future needs in earth's safekeeping,  
Thanks be to God.*

*In the just reward of labor,  
God's will is done.  
In the help we give our neighbor,  
God's will is done.*

*In our worldwide task of caring  
For the hungry and despairing,  
In the harvests we are sharing,  
God's will is done.*

**Postlude**

***Come, Ye Thankful People, Come***  
Arr. by A. L. Page

*Today's Chancel flowers are given by Bill Futa  
in celebration of our 60th wedding anniversary.*

**Charge and Benediction**

**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.*

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SERMON NOTES





## Prayer Concerns

### LNPC Members

Claire Burrill  
Joe and Carolyn Ditto\*  
Steve Foster  
Jody Fristoe-Schnitzer  
C.M. Hourigan  
Linda Klein  
Richard Odgers  
Ron Pearce  
Louanne Robeson  
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  
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, June 16, 2024  
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

- ◆ **The Chosen - Season 4, Episode 5:** Wednesday, June 19th, at 7:00 pm in Gard A. Experience the life of Jesus through the eyes of those who knew Him. Enjoy light refreshments and engage in wonderful faith conversation and reflection as we watch this powerful series together.
- ◆ **SCO Food Drive: Next Sunday!** South County Outreach needs our help to stock their pantry shelves with breakfast and sandwich items: Cereal, Oatmeal, Granola Bars, and Peanut Butter & Jelly. Please drop off your food donations at LNPC on Sunday, June 23rd, and Sunday, June 30th. Flyers are available at the Missions Cart. Thank you for your generous donations to help meet the needs of the community.
- ◆ **Congregational Meeting:** Sunday, June 23rd, immediately following Worship.
- ◆ **YTH Missions Days:** June 25th - 27th, 9:30 am - 5:00 pm, at LNPC. Contact the church office or Ben Roebuck for more information.
- ◆ **Request for Docketed Time:** Please contact Pastor Jim if you would like to present something when Session meets next on Monday, June 24th, at 6:00 pm, in the Work Room.

## THIS WEEK at LNPC

<b>June 16</b>	<b>SUNDAY</b>	
<i>HAPPY FATHER'S DAY!</i>		
10:00 am	Sunday WORSHIP	Sanctuary / Livestream
4:00 pm	The Journey	Gard A
<b>June 17</b>	<b>MONDAY</b>	
9:00 am	VBC	Gard Hall
1:00 pm	Staff Meeting	Conference Room
6:30 pm	Finance & Ops	Conference Room
<b>June 18</b>	<b>TUESDAY</b>	
9:00 am	VBC	Gard Hall
5:00 pm	Holy Yoga	Gard C
<b>June 19</b>	<b>WEDNESDAY</b>	
9:00 am	VBC	Gard Hall
7:00 pm	The Chosen	Gard A
<b>June 20</b>	<b>THURSDAY</b>	
9:00 am	VBC	Gard Hall
1:00 pm	FAM Food Distribution	Parking Lot
4:00 pm	Holy Yoga Chair	Gard C
5:00 pm	Holy Yoga	Gard C

<b>June 21</b>	<b>FRIDAY</b>	
9:00 am	VBC	Gard Hall
<b>June 22</b>	<b>SATURDAY</b>	
10:00 am	New Deacon Training	Conference Room
4:00 pm	Muallem-Wakim Wedding	Sanctuary
<b>June 23</b>	<b>SUNDAY</b>	
<i>SCO Food Drive!</i>		
10:00 am	Sunday WORSHIP	Sanctuary / Livestream
11:00 am	Congregational Mtg.	Sanctuary / Livestream
11:15 am	Adult Min. Mtg.	Christian Ed. Room
11:30 am	New Elder Training	Conference Room
4:00 pm	The Journey	Gard A

## Prayer Concerns

### Family & Friends (Church Contact)

Claro Alfonso (Imfeld)	Don McBurney (Arter)	Michael Summers (Troester)
Linda Anderson (Stocksdale)	Joni McGlynn (Baker)	Lynnette Swickard (Baker)
Judy Baker (Baker)	Barry McPeak (Ehlers)	Jim Wagner (Ehlers)
Natalia Bergman (Wright)	Ray McPeak (Ehlers)	Dr. Mark Watters Family (Troester)
Dan Chambers (Hampsten)	Marge Molyneaux (Shelton)	Ted Wells (Wells)
Annie Coleman (Coleman)	Samia Najm (Wakim)	Bob Whitman (Knutson)
Rene Darnel (Ransdale)	Marie Neis (Borg)	Wilson Family (Coleman)
Mike Fair	Ann Oliphant (Galloway)	
Gary Fong (Ehlers)	John Osth (Khalifa)	
Mike & Kathy Gessner (Galloway)	Linda Parker (Troester)	
Lena Grassmeyer (Imfeld)	Cindy Rhoades (Baker)	
Sandy Griffin (Stocksdale)	Megan Shelton (Shelton)	
Connie Hutchinson	Amy Sinkeldam (Ehlers)	
Sherry Kerner (Ehlers)	Kyoko Smith (Wright)	
Lucy Marechal	Carolyn Strick (Troester)	
Rossana Madrid (Ondryas)	Kevin Strick (Troester)	
	John Strich (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**