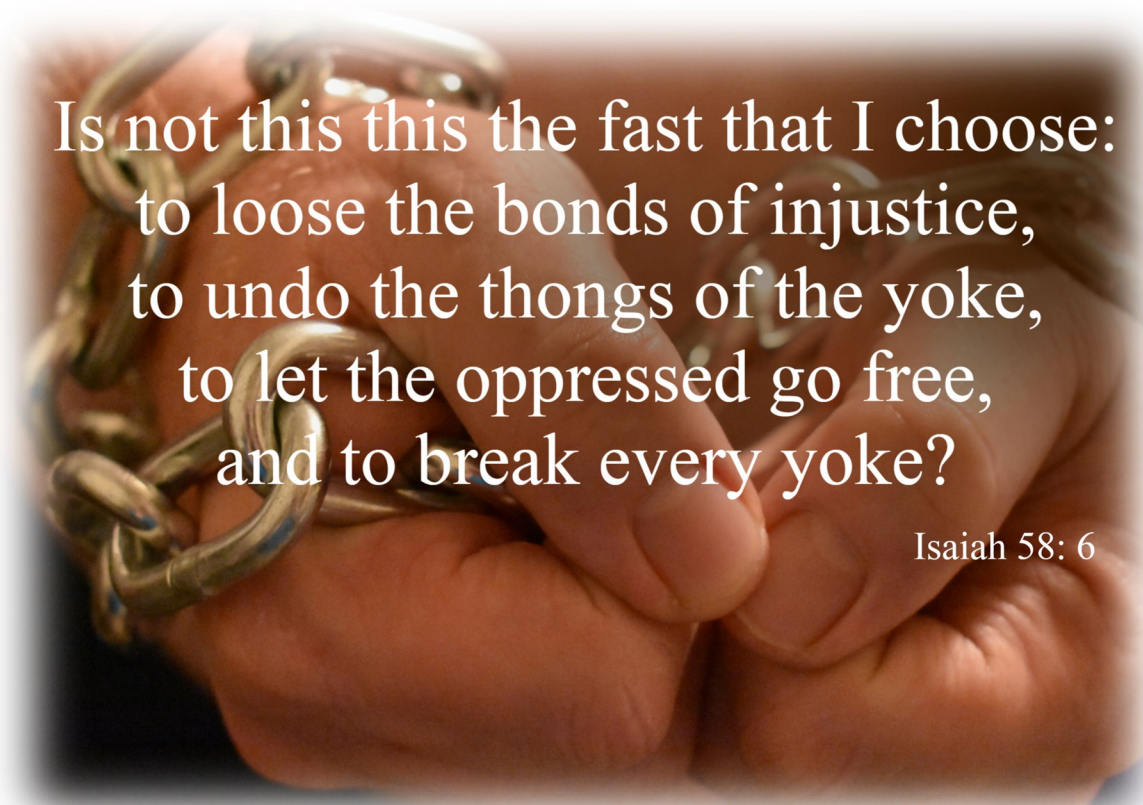


Laguna Niguel Presbyterian C H U R C H



Is not this the fast that I choose:
to loose the bonds of injustice,
to undo the thongs of the yoke,
to let the oppressed go free,
and to break every yoke?

Isaiah 58: 6

Fifth Sunday in Lent
March 17, 2024

Please silence your cell phone

Prelude

Prelude No.2 Op.37
Felix Mendelssohn
Suk Choi, Organist

Hymns of Praise
(please stand if able)

Glorious Day
Jason Ingram, Jonathan Smith, Kristian Stanfill, & Sean Curran
Logan Altman, Worship Leader
Sho Fujieda, Drums

Welcome

Pastor Jim

*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*

Call to Worship

Leader: We gather as God's people in a world divided and distressed.

People: *Yet we gather as one people, united by God.*

Leader: We gather as God's people, journeying to Jerusalem.

People: *Yet we gather as one people, steadfastly traveling forward together.*

Leader: We gather as God's people, frightened by whirlpools of worry which spin us out of control.

All: *Yet we gather as one people following in the unfailing steps of Jesus the Christ, whose name we praise.*

*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
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Out of the darkness into Your glorious day
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Out of the darkness into Your glorious day*

Opening Prayer

As we progress through Lent, our Father, enable us to deepen our spiritual lives. Teach us to pray rightly that we may know the blessing of being rooted and grounded in your Spirit. Focus our minds upon Christ, for it is in him that we see the pattern we are to follow. Thus, it is in his name we pray. Amen.

I Believe

Chris Davenport, Jonathan Smith, & Phil Wickham

*I believe there is one salvation
One doorway that leads to life
One redemption one confession
I believe in the name of Jesus Christ*

*I believe in the crucifixion
By His blood I have been set free
I believe in the resurrection
Hallelujah His life is death's defeat*

*All praise to God the Father
All praise to Christ the Son
All praise to the Holy Spirit
Our God has overcome
The King who was and is
and evermore will be
In Jesus' mighty name I believe*

*I believe in the hope of heaven
He's preparing a place for me
Far beyond what hearts imagine
Ears have heard or eyes have seen*

*I believe that day is coming
He's returning to claim His bride
Light the altar keep it burning
See the Lamb who rose a roaring Lion*

*All praise to God the Father
All praise to Christ the Son
All praise to the Holy Spirit
Our God has overcome
The King who was and is
and evermore will be
In Jesus' mighty name I believe*

*No I'll never be ashamed
Of the gospel of Jesus Christ
How could I ever walk away
From the One who saved my life*

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Prayer of Confession

Ann Boscardin

Lord God, we bow our heads before you in humble confession of the wrongs we have done, as well as the acts of love and mercy we have not done. We have bent the truth to serve our own purposes. We have been slow to apologize and swift to condemn. We have refused to make allowances for others while demanding others make allowances for us. We have coveted things we do not need. We have spoken more than we have listened, getting carried away by our own self-importance. We have been slow to serve, but quick to demand service of others. We arrogantly imagine we can manage the lives of other people when we have not yet learned to manage our own with righteousness. For Jesus' sake, forgive us these sins, as well as those particular wrongs we name in silence before you now.

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

Pastor Sara

Message for Young Disciples

Susie Hess

Children's Prayer Song

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

First Scripture Reading

⁶ Is not this the fast that I choose:
to loose the bonds of injustice,
to undo the thongs of the yoke,
to let the oppressed go free,
and to break every yoke?
⁷ Is it not to share your bread with the hungry,
and bring the homeless poor into your house;
when you see the naked, to cover them,
and not to hide yourself from your own kin?
⁸ Then your light shall break forth like the dawn,
and your healing shall spring up quickly;
your vindicator shall go before you,
the glory of the Lord shall be your rear guard.
⁹ Then you shall call, and the Lord will answer;
you shall cry for help, and he will say, Here I am.
If you remove the yoke from among you,
the pointing of the finger, the speaking of evil,
¹⁰ if you offer your food to the hungry
and satisfy the needs of the afflicted,
then your light shall rise in the darkness
and your gloom be like the noonday.
¹¹ The Lord will guide you continually,
and satisfy your needs in parched places,
and make your bones strong;
and you shall be like a watered garden,
like a spring of water,
whose waters never fail.

Isaiah 58: 6 - 11
Grace Hirakawa
Pew Bible p. 688

Hymn of Preparation

(please stand if able)

*Living for Jesus a life that is true,
Striving to please him in all that I do;
Yielding allegiance, glad hearted and free,
This is the pathway of blessing for me.*

*O Jesus, Lord and Savior,
I give myself to thee,
For thou in thy atonement,
Didst give thyself for me;
I own no other Master,
My heart shall be your throne;
My life I give, henceforth to live,
O Christ, for thee alone.*

Second Scripture Reading

¹⁴ What good is it, my brothers and sisters, if you say you have faith but do not have works? Can faith save you? ¹⁵ If a brother or sister is naked and lacks daily food, ¹⁶ and one of you says to them, "Go in peace; keep warm and eat your fill," and yet you do not supply their bodily needs, what is the good of that? ¹⁷ So faith by itself, if it has no works, is dead. ¹⁸ But someone will say, "You have faith and I have works." Show me your faith apart from your works, and I by my works will show you my faith. ¹⁹ You believe that God is one; you do well. Even the demons believe—and shudder. ²⁰ Do you want to be shown, you senseless person, that faith apart from works is barren? ²¹ Was not our ancestor Abraham justified by works when he offered his son Isaac on the altar? ²² You see that faith was active along with his works, and faith was brought to completion by the works. ²³ Thus the scripture was fulfilled that says, "Abraham believed God, and it was reckoned to him as righteousness," and he was called the friend of God. ²⁴ You see that a person is justified by works and not by faith alone. ²⁵ Likewise, was not Rahab the prostitute also justified by works when she welcomed the messengers and sent them out by another road? ²⁶ For just as the body without the spirit is dead, so faith without works is also dead.

Living for Jesus a Life That Is True
Thomas O. Chisholm
#569 (vv. 1, 2)

*Living for Jesus, who died in my place,
Bearing on Calvary my sin and disgrace;
Such love constrains me to answer his call,
Follow his leading, and give him my all.*

*O Jesus, Lord and Savior,
I give myself to thee,
For thou in thy atonement,
Didst give thyself for me;
I own no other Master,
My heart shall be your throne;
My life I give, henceforth to live,
O Christ, for thee alone.*

James 2: 14 - 26
Pew Bible p. 230

Sermon

Nurtured in Service

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.

Time of Reflection

Hymn of Response
(please stand if able)

Lord, Whose Love in Humble Service
Albert F. Bayly
#426 (vv. 1, 4)

Blessing of Our Tithes and Offerings

*Lord, who's love in humble service
Bore the weight of human need,
Who upon the cross, forsaken,
Worked your mercy's perfect deed:*

Offertory

Let Us Talents and Tongues Employ
Arr. By Bradley Ellingboe
LNPC Chancel Choir

*We, your servants, bring the worship
Not of voice alone, but heart,
Consecrating to your purpose
Every gift which you impart.*

Let us talents and tongues employ, reaching out with a shout of joy;
Bread is broken, the wine is poured, Christ is spoken and seen and heard.
Jesus lives again earth can breathe again pass the word around: loaves abound!

Christ is able to make us one, at the table he sets the tone.
Teaching people to live to bless, love in word and in deed express.
Jesus lives again earth can breathe again pass the word around: loaves abound!

Jesus calls us in, sends us out bearing fruit in a world of doubt,
Gives us love to tell, bread to share: God Immanuel everywhere!
Jesus lives again earth can breathe again pass the word around: loaves abound!
Jesus lives again earth can breathe again pass the word around: loaves abound!

*Called by worship to your service,
Forth in your dear name we go,
To the child, the youth, the aged,
Love in living deeds to show;*

*Hope and health, good will and comfort,
Counsel, aid and peace we give,
That your servants, Lord, in freedom
May your mercy know and live.*

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.*

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

Postlude

Trompette di Marcate
A. Corelli

*Today's Chancel flowers are given by Lani Colley
in celebration of Jaime Colley's birthday.*

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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
Jean Shelton
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)
Jane Carpenter & Family (Husband)

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 17, 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

- ◆ **Last Chance to Order an Easter Lily:** Please use the envelope included in the bulletin this morning and drop it in the basket in the Narthex. Lilies may also be purchased via the LNPC app or at lnpc.org. The cost is \$17.00 per lily. You are encouraged to take your lily with you after our Easter Celebration Service.
- ◆ **VBC Planning Meeting Today at 11:15 am, Gard A:** If you would like to be part of our **SCUBA** team to help plan and prepare for or to volunteer during VBC week, please join us. All are welcome!
- ◆ **Holy Week Begins Next Sunday:** Please share the enclosed Holy Week Schedule as an invitation for family, friends, and neighbors to join us as we journey through Jesus' Passion, death, and resurrection, concluding with our Easter Celebration Service. (No Sunday School on Easter Sunday.)
- ◆ **Men's Ministry Save the Date!:** 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.
- ◆ **Request for Docketed Time:** Please contact Pastor Jim if you would like to present something at the next Session meeting on Monday, March 25th.

THIS WEEK at LNPC

March	17	SUNDAY	March	21	THURSDAY
10:00 am	Sunday Worship	Sanctuary / Livestream	4:00 pm	Holy Yoga Chair	Gard C
11:15 am	VBC Planning Mtg.	Gard A	5:00 pm	Holy Yoga	Gard C
4:00 pm	The Journey	Gard A	6:30 pm	Choir Rehearsal	Sanctuary
6:00 pm	Youth Group	The Garage			
March	18	MONDAY	March	22	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 Room			
6:00 pm	Finance & Ops	Conference Room	March	23	SATURDAY
8:00 pm	AA Mixed	Gard B	9:00 am	Choir Rehearsal	Gard A
March	19	TUESDAY	March	24	SUNDAY
9:30 am	Al-Anon Mixed	Gard B	10:00 am	Palm Sunday	Sanctuary / Livestream
10:30 am	Pastor's Bible Study	Conference Room	11:15 am	Adult Ministry Mtg.	Christian Ed. Rm.
5:00 pm	Holy Yoga	Gard C	4:00 pm	The Journey	Gard A
March	20	WEDNESDAY	6:00 pm	Youth Group	The Garage
6:00 pm	AA Mixed	Gard B			
7:00 pm	Discipleship Class	Gard A			

Prayer Concerns

Family & Friends (Church Contact)

Claro Alfonso (Imfeld)	Samia Najm (Wakim)	Dr. Mark Watters Family (Troester)
Judy Baker (Baker)	Marie Neis (Borg)	Ted Wells (Wells)
Annie Coleman (Coleman)	Ann Oliphant (Galloway)	Lauren Williams (Shelton)
Gary Fong (Ehlers)	John Osth (Khalifa)	Wilson Family (Coleman)
Mike & Kathy Gessner (Galloway)	Linda Parker (Troester)	
Sandy Griffin (Stocksdale)	Maryann Pette (Shelton)	
Sherry Kerner (Ehlers)	Cindy Rhoades (Baker)	
Maria Kocerhova (Troester)	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**