

# Laguna Niguel Presbyterian C H U R C H

Above all, clothe yourselves with love,  
which binds everything together in  
perfect harmony.

Colossians 3: 14

**Communion Sunday**  
**September 8, 2024**

**Please silence your cell phone**

**Prelude**

*How Firm a Foundation*  
Traditional American Melody  
Suk Choi, Organist

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

*Only King Forever*  
Brown, Brock, Furtick, & Joye  
Logan Altman, Worship Leader  
Sho Fujieda, Drums

**Welcome**

Pastor Jim

*Our God and firm foundation  
Our Rock the only solid ground  
The nations rise and fall  
Kingdoms once strong now shaken  
We trust forever in Your name  
The name of Jesus*

*You are the only King forever  
Almighty God we lift You higher  
You are the only King forever  
Forevermore You are victorious*

**Call to Worship**

*We trust in the name of Jesus*

*We lift our banner high  
We lift the name of Jesus  
From age to age You reign  
Your kingdom has no end*

Leader: We gather for worship as children of God.

*You are the only King forever  
Almighty God we lift You higher  
You are the only King forever  
Forevermore You are victorious*

*We lift our banner high  
We lift the name of Jesus  
From age to age You reign  
Your kingdom has no end*

People: We come to remember who and whose we are.

*Unmatched in all Your wisdom  
In love and justice You will reign  
And ev'ry knee will bow  
We bring our expectations  
Our hope is anchored in Your name  
The name of Jesus*

*You are the only King forever  
Almighty God we lift You higher  
You are the only King forever  
Forevermore You are victorious*

Leader: We gather for worship to be renewed in our faith.

People: We come with hearts open to receive God's love.

Leader: We gather for worship to catch a vision of what might be.

People: We come ready to change what is.

Leader: We gather for worship in gratitude for all we have been given.

*Oh we trust the name of Jesus*

*You are the only King forever  
Almighty God we lift You higher  
You are the only King forever  
Forevermore You are victorious*

All: With thanksgiving, we lift our voices in songs of praise.

**Opening Prayer**

Christ Jesus, through your Spirit, touch us in this time of celebration, we pray. Infuse our lives and our spirits, and move our ministries and our moods. Strengthen our faith, amazing Spirit, and renew our hope in the future. Help us through this time of worship to live as holy people, whose faith has made us well. Amen.

*He became sin who knew no sin  
That we might become His righteousness  
He humbled Himself and carried the cross  
Love so amazing love so amazing*

*Jesus Messiah Name above all names  
Blessed Redeemer Emmanuel  
The Rescue for sinners  
The Ransom from heaven  
Jesus Messiah Lord of all*

*His body the bread His blood the wine  
Broken and poured out all for love  
The whole earth trembled and the veil was torn  
Love so amazing love so amazing*

*Jesus Messiah Name above all names  
Blessed Redeemer Emmanuel  
The Rescue for sinners  
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### **Prayer of Confession**

*Loving God, we thank you for your patience with us. Day after day we make mistakes. We lose patience with the state of the world around us, we grow tired with the waiting. Meanwhile, we fail to look within ourselves. It seems as though we never measure up. Please give us patience with others as you have been patient with us. Lord God, hear our prayers as we offer to you our confession in the silence of our hearts.*

Silent Prayer

*Amen.*

### **Declaration of Forgiveness**

### **Jesus Messiah** Tomlin, Carson, Cash, & Reeves

*All our hope is in You  
All our hope is in You  
All the glory to You God  
The Light of the world*

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Nancy LeBlanc

### **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.*

### **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**

**Ephesians 2: 19 - 22**

Pew Bible p. 193

<sup>19</sup> So then you are no longer strangers and aliens, but you are citizens with the saints and also members of the household of God, <sup>20</sup> built upon the foundation of the apostles and prophets, with Christ Jesus himself as the cornerstone. <sup>21</sup> In him the whole structure is joined together and grows into a holy temple in the Lord; <sup>22</sup> in whom you also are built together spiritually into a dwelling place for God.

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

*We are God's people, the chosen of the Lord,  
Born of his Spirit, established by his Word;  
Our cornerstone is Christ alone,  
And strong in him we stand:  
O let us live transparently,  
And walk heart to heart and hand in hand.*

*We are the Body of which the Lord is Head,  
Called to obey him, now risen from the dead;  
He wills us be a family,  
Diverse yet truly one:  
O let us give our gifts to God,  
And so shall his work on earth be done.*

**Second Scripture Lesson**

<sup>12</sup> As God's chosen ones, holy and beloved, clothe yourselves with compassion, kindness, humility, meekness, and patience. <sup>13</sup> Bear with one another and, if anyone has a complaint against another, forgive each other; just as the Lord has forgiven you, so you also must forgive. <sup>14</sup> Above all, clothe yourselves with love, which binds everything together in perfect harmony.

**Sermon**

**Time of Reflection**

**Blessing of Our Tithes & Offerings**

***We Are God's People***  
Bryan Jeffery Leech  
#700 (vv. 1, 3)

**Colossians 3: 12 - 14**  
Pew Bible p. 201

***Good News: We Are Family!***

**Offertory**

He broke the bread for us.  
His body bled for us.  
These words He said for us:  
"Remember Me."

His cup was filled to us,  
His blood was spilled for us.  
He shared His will for us:  
"Remember Me."

"Remember Me. Remember Me.  
Each word that you say,  
Each prayer that you pray,  
Each moment this day,  
Remember Me."

His meal He shares for us,  
His cross He bears for us;  
His tender prayer for us:  
"Remember Me."

**The Sacrament of Holy Communion**

**The Invitation** (Bread is gluten-free.)

**The Prayer of Consecration**

**The Celebration of Communion**

**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.*

***Remember Me***  
Arr. by Russell Mauldin & Robert Sterling  
LNPC Chancel Choir

He kneels to cry for us,  
He goes to die for us;  
With this reply for us:  
"Remember Me."

"Remember Me. Remember Me.  
Each word that you say,  
Each prayer that you pray,  
Each moment this day,

Remember Me. Remember Me.  
Each word that you say,  
Each prayer that you pray,  
Each moment this day,  
Remember Me, remember Me,  
Remember Me, Remember Me."

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

*We are one in the bond of love;  
We are one in the bond of love.  
We have joined our spirit with the Spirit of God;  
We are one in the bond of love.*

*Let us sing now, everyone;  
Let us feel God's love begun.  
Let us join our hands that the world will know  
We are on in the bond of love.*

**The Bond of Love**  
Otis Skillings  
#696 (vv. 1, 2)

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

**Postlude**

***When in Our Music God Is Glorified***  
Charles Stanford

**Charge and Benediction**  
(please remain standing)

Today's Chancel flowers are given by Pat and Dan Kun  
in appreciation of our Music Ministry.

**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.*

**SERMON NOTES**

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## Prayer Concerns

### LNPC Members

Steve Foster  
Jody Fristoe-Schnitzer  
Mary Gay  
Ellen Hampsten  
C.M. Hourigan  
Linda Klein  
Pat Kun  
Nancy LeBlanc  
Louanna Robeson  
Kathleen Roebuck  
Linda Schmidt  
Karen Vassey

### Peace & Comfort

Family of Doris Black  
Family of Claire Burrill  
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)  
*Marilyn Odgers & Family\* (Husband)*

### *Ellen Pearce & Family\**

*(Husband)*  
Cecil Spearman & Family (Son)  
Sistie Stevens & Family (Husband)  
Sandy & Bob Walden (Sandy's Sister)

## LNPC STAFF

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Sunday, September 8, 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

- ◆ **Pastor's Bible Study:** Tuesday mornings, starting September 10th, at 10:30 am in the Conference Room. We continue our deep dive into the Gospel of Matthew, beginning with the parable of the Sower. This class "moves at the pace of the Holy Spirit," with room for conversation, laughter, and fellowship. Join us!
- ◆ **Becoming - A Wednesday Evening Class:** Starts this Wednesday, September 11th, at 7:00 pm in Gard A, and continues for 8 weeks (no class on 10/9). We will discuss, reflect, and pray over God's plans for our church as we move into a new season of faithfulness. Light refreshments will be offered.
- ◆ **Worship & Music Refocus Retreat:** Saturday, September 14th, 8:30 am - 1:00 pm, in the Sanctuary and Gard Hall. Open to all interested in joining LNPC's Worship & Music Ministry. Join us for our retreat as we sharpen our focus for fall and beyond. Light snacks and lunch will be provided. Register on the app or at [lnpc.org](http://lnpc.org).
- ◆ **Grief Share:** Find hope and healing after the death of a loved one. Tuesday Evenings in the Prayer Alcove from 5:00 - 7:30 pm, starting September 17th. 13 weeks. Register online. For more information contact Pastor Sara.
- ◆ **Women's Kick Off Breakfast & Study:** Saturday, September 21st, 8:30 - 10:30 am in Gard Hall. Enjoy a light breakfast, fellowship, music, and the introduction to our study by Max Lucado, "Before Amen, The Power of Simple Prayer." Please register on the app or at [lnpc.org](http://lnpc.org).
- ◆ **Men's Frisbee Golf Challenge:** Saturday, September 21st. Meet at LNPC at 9:00 am and we will carpool to the Frisbee Golf Course. Invite a friend - All abilities welcome! Register on the app or at [lnpc.org](http://lnpc.org).
- ◆ **Request for Docketed Time:** Please contact Pastor Jim if you would like to present something to Session on Monday, September 23rd.

## THIS WEEK at LNPC

Sept.	8	SUNDAY	Sept.	12	THURSDAY
10:00 am	Communion Sunday	Sanctuary / Livestream	1:00 pm	FAM Food Distribution	LNPC Parking Lot
11:15 am	Fall Kick Off Rally	Patio	4:00 pm	Holy Yoga Chair	Patio
11:30 am	Congregational Life	Conference Room	5:00 pm	Holy Yoga	Lawn
4:00 pm	The Journey	Gard A	5:45 pm	Worship & Music	Conference Room
			6:30 pm	Choir Rehearsal	Sanctuary
Sept.	9	MONDAY	Sept.	13	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			
5:30 pm	Middle School	The Garage			
7:00 pm	High School	The Garage			
7:00 pm	Personnel	Conference Room			
8:00 pm	AA Mixed	Gard B			
Sept.	10	TUESDAY	Sept.	14	SATURDAY
9:30 am	Al-Anon Mixed	Gard B	9:00 am	Buildings & Grounds	Conference Room
10:30 am	Pastor's Bible Study	Conference Room	9:00 am	Bag Ladies	LNPC Kitchen
5:00 pm	Holy Yoga	Lawn	9:00 am	Choir Retreat	Gard Hall / Sanctuary
Sept.	11	WEDNESDAY	Sept.	15	SUNDAY
12:00 pm	Noon Prayer	Prayer Alcove	10:00 am	Sunday Worship	Sanctuary / Livestream
6:00 pm	AA Mixed	Gard B	11:15 am	Spirit of Aloha	Conference Room
7:00 pm	Becoming	Gard A	4:00 pm	The Journey	Gard A
			5:00 pm	YTH Kick Off	Aliso Beach

# Prayer Concerns

## Family & Friends (Church Contact)

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

(\*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](mailto:office@lnpc.org) or 949.249.1218