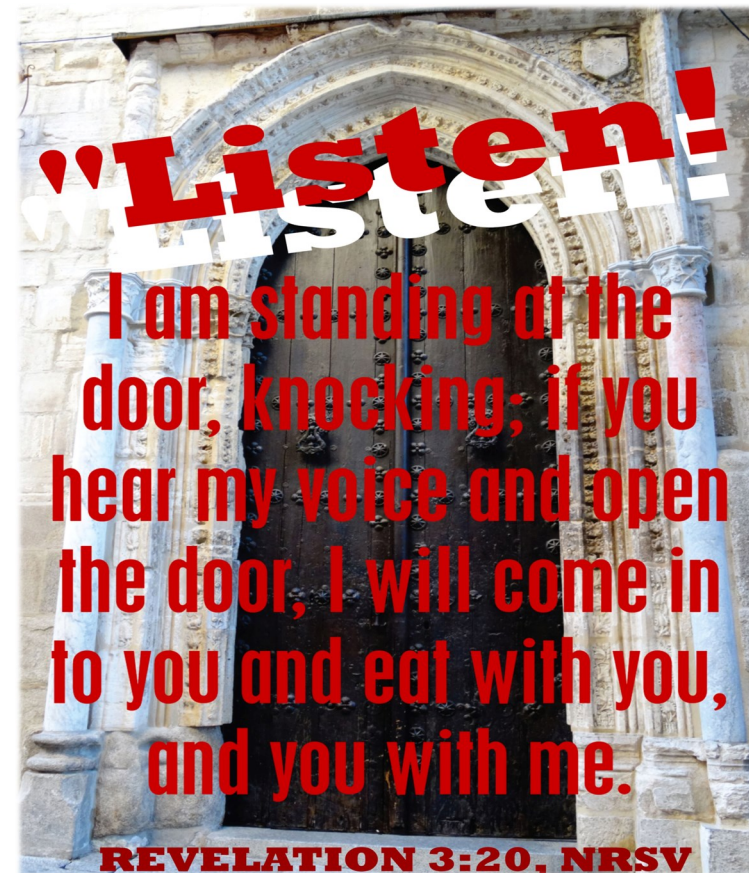


# Laguna Niguel Presbyterian C H U R C H



Second Sunday in Lent  
February 25, 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)

**Hear the Sound**

Henry Seeley  
Sydney Malone, Worship Singer  
Lee Lee Truong-Sawicki, Keyboard & Sho Fujieda, Drums

**Welcome**

Pastor Jim

*Can you hear the sound  
Of heaven in this place?  
Hear it all around  
As the earth resounds in praise.*

*I can hear You calling out to me,  
And I can feel You reaching out to me.  
Whoa.*

*I can hear You calling out to me,  
And I can feel You reaching out to me.  
Whoa.*

*All for You, God, we'll praise You now.  
Hear the sound, our voices crying out.  
All across the world we'll stand  
With hearts as one.*

**Call to Worship**

Leader: Gather round, we have come for worship.

People: *We may have come as dry and thirsty souls longing for refreshment  
and hope.*

Leader: Lord Jesus, may the Holy Spirit come upon us now.

People: *In our worship, may we be blessed and may we find the joy of eternal  
life.*

*All for You, God, we'll praise You now.  
Hear the sound, our voices crying out.  
All across the world we'll stand  
With hearts as one.  
And bring the praise to You,  
All the praise to You.*

*And bring the praise to You,  
All the praise to You.*

*All glory, all power.  
Forever we will praise Your Name.  
All glory, all power.  
Forever we will sing.*

*Can you hear the sound  
Of heaven in this place?  
Hear it all around  
As the earth resounds in praise.*

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Forever we will sing.*

**Opening Prayer**

Lord God, in these forty days you lead us into the desert of repentance that in this pilgrimage of prayer we might learn to be your people once more. In fasting and service, you bring us back to your heart. You open our eyes to your presence in the world and you free our hands to lead others to the radiant splendor of your mercy. Be with us in these journey days, for without you we are lost and will perish. To you alone be dominion and glory, forever and ever. Amen.

*All for You, God, we'll praise You now.  
Hear the sound, our voices crying out.  
All across the world we'll stand  
With hearts as one.  
And bring the praise to You,  
All the praise to You.*

### ***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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In Jesus' mighty name I believe*

### **Prayer of Confession**

Susie Hess

*Gracious God, we bow before you. We confess our hurry, our busyness, our rushing about. We fight against stillness, against quiet, against waiting. In this day and age, waiting is an inconvenience and stirs in us anger and frustration. Yet, what we need is to wait on you. You have asked us to wait – to be still, to listen, to quiet ourselves, to wait. It is in those moments when we sit in waiting that we are able to hear you, to feel you, to experience your sweet presence. Slow us down, God. Help us to relish stillness, to love quiet, and to embrace waiting. Slow us down Lord and help us to be mindful and to confess those times when we have disappointed you and ourselves.*

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**

Howard Hirakawa

### **Children's Prayer Song**

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

## First Scripture Reading

<sup>1</sup> The Lord is my shepherd, I shall not want.  
<sup>2</sup> He makes me lie down in green pastures;  
he leads me beside still waters;  
<sup>3</sup> he restores my soul.  
He leads me in right paths  
for his name's sake.  
<sup>4</sup> Even though I walk through the darkest valley,  
I fear no evil;  
for you are with me;  
your rod and your staff—  
they comfort me.  
<sup>5</sup> You prepare a table before me  
in the presence of my enemies;  
you anoint my head with oil;  
my cup overflows.  
<sup>6</sup> Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me  
all the days of my life,  
and I shall dwell in the house of the Lord  
my whole life long.

## Hymn of Preparation

(please stand if able)

*He leadeth me, O blessed thought,  
O words with heavenly comfort fraught!  
Whate'er I do, where'er I be,  
Still 'tis God's hand that leadeth me.*

*He leadeth me, he leadeth me,  
By his own hand he leadeth me!  
His faithful follower I would be,  
For by his hand he leadeth me.*

**Psalm 23**  
Sienna Hourigan  
Pew Bible p. 501

## *He Leadeth Me, O Blessed Thought*

Joseph Gilmore  
#635 (vv. 1, 2)

*Lord, I would clasp thy hand in mine,  
Nor ever murmur nor repine,  
Content, whatever lot I see,  
Since 'tis my God that leadeth me.*

*He leadeth me, he leadeth me,  
By his own hand he leadeth me!  
His faithful follower I would be,  
For by his hand he leadeth me.*

## Second Scripture Reading

<sup>14</sup>“And to the angel of the church in Laodicea write: The words of the Amen, the faithful and true witness, the origin of God's creation: <sup>15</sup>“I know your works; you are neither cold nor hot. I wish that you were either cold or hot. <sup>16</sup> So, because you are lukewarm, and neither cold nor hot, I am about to spit you out of my mouth. <sup>17</sup> For you say, ‘I am rich, I have prospered, and I need nothing.’ You do not realize that you are wretched, pitiable, poor, blind, and naked. <sup>18</sup> Therefore I counsel you to buy from me gold refined by fire so that you may be rich; and white robes to clothe you and to keep the shame of your nakedness from being seen; and salve to anoint your eyes so that you may see. <sup>19</sup> I reprove and discipline those whom I love. Be earnest, therefore, and repent. <sup>20</sup> Listen! I am standing at the door, knocking; if you hear my voice and open the door, I will come in to you and eat with you, and you with me. <sup>21</sup> To the one who conquers I will give a place with me on my throne, just as I myself conquered and sat down with my Father on his throne. <sup>22</sup> Let any one who has an ear listen to what the Spirit is saying to the churches.”

## Sermon

## *The Reason For A Garden*

## Time of Reflection

## Blessing of Our Tithes and Offerings

## Offertory

*I Hear God's Music*  
Don Besig  
LNPC Chancel Choir

In the stillness of the morning when the sun begins to rise;  
In the robin's song at daybreak as it echoes through the sky;  
In the whisper of the trees swaying gently in the breeze,  
I hear music, I hear God's music.

In the rhythm of the raindrops as they fall upon the ground,  
In the rolling of the thunder when the storm clouds gather round;  
In the mighty oceans' roar, beating hard against the shore,  
I hear music, I hear God's music.

Alleluia! I can feel my heart rejoice.  
Alleluia! You can hear it in my voice.  
With adoration, in celebration,  
I will share God's music with my song.

You hear the beauty of God's melody around you,  
And find it fills your life with joy and calms your soul.  
Let its harmony and rhythm set your spirit free,  
And the song within your heart will start to grow.

In the power of the Scriptures that we share within this place;  
In the quiet prayers we offer as we seek our Savior's grace;  
In the joyful hymns we raise giving thanks and singing praise,  
We hear music. We hear God's music.

Alleluia! We can feel our hearts rejoice.  
Alleluia! Let us sing in one strong voice.  
With adoration, in celebration,  
We will share God's music, God's glorious music.  
Hear God's music in our song.

## 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)

*In the Garden*  
C. Austin Miles  
#242 (vv. 1, 2)

*I come to the garden alone,  
While the dew is still on the roses;  
And the voice I hear falling on my ear,  
The Son of God discloses.*

*And he walks with me, and he talks with me,  
And he tells me I am his own,  
And the joy we share, as we tarry there,  
None other has ever known.*

*He speaks, and the sound of his voice,  
Is so sweet the birds hush their singing,  
And the melody that he gave to me  
Within my heart is ringing.*

*And he walks with me, and he talks with me,  
And he tells me I am his own,  
And the joy we share, as we tarry there,  
None other has ever known.*

**Charge and Benediction**

**SERMON NOTES**

**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.*

*[Please remain seated in the Sanctuary for the Congregational Meeting immediately following the service. Thank you.]*

*\*\*\*Music used by permission CCLI 504316\*\*\**



## Prayer Concerns

### LNPC Members

Claire Burrill  
Joe and Carolyn Ditto  
John Flannery  
Steve Foster  
C.M. Hourigan  
Joanne Jannard  
Cheryl Kelsey  
Nancy LeBlanc  
Kathleen Lechner  
Richard Odgers  
Ron Pearce  
Louanne Robeson  
Kathleen Roebuck  
Linda Schmidt

Jody Schnitzer  
Jean Shelton  
Bill Stevens  
Karen Vassey  
John and Lina Wakim

### Peace & Comfort

Family of Doris Black  
Jane Carpenter & Family  
(Husband)  
Family of Marilyn Campman  
Family of Jim McCurdy  
Brian Mangan & Family (Wife)  
Cecil Spearman & Family  
(Wife)  
Sandy & Bob Walden (Sandy's  
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Sunday, February 25, 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

- ◆ **Easter Lilies:** Our Sanctuary will be adorned with beautiful Easter lilies on Easter Sunday. To order a lily, please use the envelope included in the bulletin this morning and drop it in the basket in the Narthex. Suggested donation is \$17.00 per lily. You are encouraged to take the lily with you after the service.
- ◆ **Church Work Day:** Saturday, March 9th, starting at 8:00 am. There are many items on the to-do list, so all ages and abilities are welcomed and encouraged to participate. We have a job for everyone, so put on those overalls and tool belts and come ready to have some fun while we fellowship together caring for our beautiful church and grounds.
- ◆ **LNPC Women - Save the Date:** Winter Mini Retreat, Saturday, March 16th, 8:30 - 10:30 am in Gard A. As we continue on our Journey of Faith in 2024, come refresh with Holy Yoga Chair, music, breakfast, art, and an inspiring message from Rev. Dee Hazen. Register on the LNPC app or at [lnpc.org](http://lnpc.org).
- ◆ **Youth Camping Overnighter:** Experience an unforgettable night under the stars. You bring your sleeping bag and we'll provide the tents and the marshmallows for roasting. Friday, March 15th, at LNPC.

## THIS WEEK at LNPC

February 25	SUNDAY	February 28	WEDNESDAY
10:00 am	Sunday Worship Sanctuary / Livestream	6:00 pm	AA Mixed Gard B
11:00 am	Congregational Mtg. Sanctuary / Livestream	7:00 pm	Discipleship Class Gard A
4:00 pm	The Journey Gard A	February 29	THURSDAY
6:00 pm	Youth Group The Garage	1:00 pm	FAM Food Dist. LNPC Parking Lot
February 26	MONDAY	4:00 pm	Holy Yoga Chair Gard C
7:00 am	AA Men's Gard B	5:00 pm	Holy Yoga Gard C
10:30 am	AA Women's Gard B	6:30 pm	Choir Rehearsal Sanctuary
1:00 pm	Staff Meeting Conference Room	March 1	FRIDAY
6:00 pm	Session Work Room	7:00 am	AA Men's Gard B
6:30 pm	Colinas de Cap. HOA Conference Room	10:30 am	AA Women's Gard C
8:00 pm	AA Mixed Gard B	March 3	SUNDAY
February 27	TUESDAY	10:00 am	Sunday Worship Sanctuary / Livestream
9:30 am	Al-Anon Mixed Gard B	11:15 am	Men's Ministry. Christian Ed. Room
10:30 am	Pastor's Bible Study Conference Room	11:15 am	Missions Meeting Gard A
5:00 pm	Holy Yoga Gard C	4:00 pm	The Journey Gard A
		6:00 pm	Youth Group The Garage

# Prayer Concerns

## Family & Friends (Church Contact)

Claro Alfonso (Imfeld)	Marie Neis (Borg)	Dr. Mark Watters Family (Troester)
Judy Baker (Baker)	Ann Oliphant (Galloway)	Ted Wells (Wells)
Annie Coleman (Coleman)	John Osth (Khalifa)	Lauren Williams (Shelton)
Gary Fong (Ehlers)	Linda Parker (Troester)	Wilson Family (Coleman)
Mike & Kathy Gessner (Galloway)	Maryann Pette (Shelton)	
Sandy Griffin (Stocksdale)	Cindy Rhoades (Baker)	
Sherry Kerner (Ehlers)	Megan Shelton(Shelton)	
Maria Kocerhova (Troester)	Ken Simonson (Borg)	
Amy Lechner Bolls (Lechner)	Amy Sinkeldam (Ehlers)	
Rossana Madrid (Ondryas)	Kyoko Smith (Wright)	
Joni McGlynn (Baker)	Carolyn Strick (Troester)	
Barry McPeak (Ehlers)	Kevin Strick (Troester)	
Ray McPeak (Ehlers)	John Stritch (Ehlers)	
Marge Molyneaux (Shelton)	Michael Summers (Troester)	
Mike Moore (Flannery)	Lynnette Swickard (Baker)	
Samia Najm (Wakim)	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:  
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