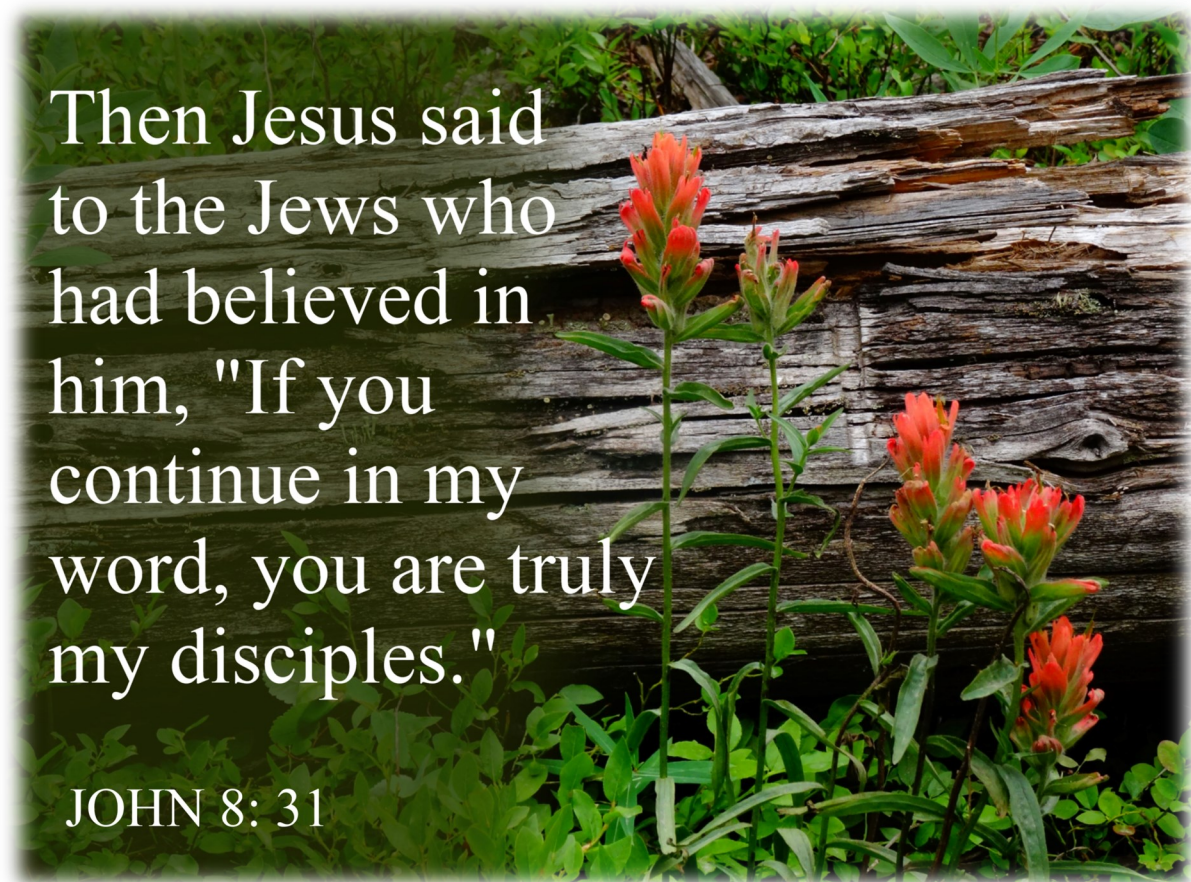


Laguna Niguel Presbyterian C H U R C H



Then Jesus said
to the Jews who
had believed in
him, "If you
continue in my
word, you are truly
my disciples."

JOHN 8: 31

Communion Sunday
March 10, 2024

Please silence your cell phone

Prelude

Prelude in Classic Style
G. Young
Suk Choi, Organist

Hymns of Praise

(please stand if able)

House of the Lord
Jonathan Smith & Phil Wickham
Lee Lee Truong-Sawicki, Worship Leader
Sho Fujieda, Drums

Welcome

Pastor Jim

*We worship the God who was.
We worship the God who is.
We worship the God who evermore will be.
He opened the prison doors.
He parted the raging sea.
My God He holds the victory, yeah.*

*There's joy in the house of the Lord.
Our God is surely in this place.
And we won't be quiet.
We shout out Your praise.*

Call to Worship

Leader: On these days of Lenten journey,

People: *Christ goes with us side by side.*

Leader: While we gather here for worship,

People: *May our lives be focused with praise and care.*

Leader: As we sing, pray and listen,

People: *May God's Spirit deep within us come alive.*

Leader: And may this time of worship,

People: *Be for us a constant guide.*

Leader: Now let us sing with joy and vigor,

People: *As we learn how to serve Christ more fully.*

*There's joy in the house of the Lord.
There's joy in the house of the Lord today.
And we won't be quiet.
We shout out Your praise.
There's joy in the house of the Lord.
Our God is surely in this place.
And we won't be quiet.
We shout out Your praise.*

*We were the beggars.
Now we're royalty.
We were the prisoners.
Now we're running free.
We are forgiven, accepted,
Redeemed by His grace.
Let the house of the Lord sing praise.*

*We sing to the God who heals.
We sing to the God who saves.
We sing to the God who always makes a way.
'Cause He hung up on that cross.
Then He rose up from that grave.
My God's still rolling stones away.*

*We were the beggars.
Now we're royalty.
We were the prisoners.
Now we're running free.
We are forgiven, accepted,
Redeemed by His grace.
Let the house of the Lord sing praise.*

*There's joy in the house of the Lord.
There's joy in the house of the Lord today.
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We shout out Your praise.*

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There's joy in the house of the Lord today.
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We shout out Your praise.
There's joy in the house of the Lord.
Our God is surely in this place.
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We shout out Your praise.*

Opening Prayer

Gracious God, the journey is long and the cross is heavy. We come today to this place of worship tired -- tired of responsibility, tired of turning the other cheek, tired of returning good for evil and tired of serving you unnoticed. We wish someone else could bear our burdens for us. We long for an oasis in our wilderness. In the quietness of these moments, help us to turn our eyes upon one who has taken responsibility, who has turned the other cheek, who has returned good for evil, who has borne our burdens for us. Enable us to enjoy our lightened load, to continue our Lenten journey, to find the oasis of your love and to drink the waters of mercy and compassion. Amen.

Living Waters
Ed Cash & Kristyn Getty

*There's a river that flows
With mercy and love,
Bringing joy to the city of our God;
There our hope is secure,
Do not fear anymore,
Praise the Lord of living waters.*

*Are you thirsty? Are you empty?
Come and drink these living waters.
Tired and broken, peace unspoken,
Rest beside these living waters.*

*Christ is calling, Find refreshing,
At the cross of living waters.
Lay your life down
All the old gone,
Rise up in these living waters.*

*There's a river that flows
With mercy and love,
Bringing joy to the city of our God;
There our hope is secure,
Do not fear anymore,
Praise the Lord of living waters.*

*Spirit moving, Mercy washing;
Healing in these living waters.
Lead your children
To the shoreline,
Life is in these living waters.*

*There's a river that flows
With mercy and love,
Bringing joy to the city of our God;
There our hope is secure,
Do not fear anymore,
Praise the Lord of living waters.*

*Ooh Ooh Ooh
Ooh Ooh Ooh*

*Are you thirsty? Are you empty?
Come and drink these living waters.*

*Love, forgiveness,
Vast and boundless,
Christ He is our living waters.*

*There's a river that flows
With mercy and love,
Bringing joy to the city of our God;
There our hope is secure,
Do not fear anymore,
Praise the Lord of living waters.*

*There our hope is secure,
Do not fear anymore,
Praise the Lord of living waters.*

Prayer of Confession

Mark Imfeld

We want to believe, O God, that we bring our whole selves, our whole hearts, to you — but we don't. You ask us to deny ourselves and follow you, but we don't. You ask us to share the good news of the gospel — but we don't. You ask us to put your concerns above our worldly concerns — but we don't. Forgive us for all those times when we fall short, when we doubt, when we experience temptation that would draw us from you. Help us to stand before you with our whole selves — trusting that it is you who makes us whole. Longing for that wholeness, trusting in your mercy, we confess our waywardness before you now in the silence of this place.

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

Jaime & Lani Colley

Children's Prayer Song

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

First Scripture Reading

Proverbs 2: 1 - 10

Sydney Malone
Pew Bible p. 585

¹ My child, if you accept my words
and treasure up my commandments within you,
² making your ear attentive to wisdom
and inclining your heart to understanding;
³ if you indeed cry out for insight,
and raise your voice for understanding;
⁴ if you seek it like silver,
and search for it as for hidden treasures—
⁵ then you will understand the fear of the Lord
and find the knowledge of God.
⁶ For the Lord gives wisdom;
from his mouth come knowledge and understanding;
⁷ he stores up sound wisdom for the upright;
he is a shield to those who walk blamelessly,
⁸ guarding the paths of justice
and preserving the way of his faithful ones.
⁹ Then you will understand righteousness and justice
and equity, every good path;
¹⁰ for wisdom will come into your heart,
and knowledge will be pleasant to your soul;

Hymn of Preparation

(please stand if able)

Mary E. Byrne, Translator & Eleanor H. Hull, Versifier
Be Thou My Vision
#532 (vv. 1, 2)

*Be thou my Vision, O Lord of my heart;
Naught be all else to me, save that thou art--
Thou my best thought, by day or by night,
Waking or sleeping, thy presence my light.*

*Be thou my Wisdom, and thou my true Word,
I ever with thee and thou with me, Lord;
Thou and thou only, first in my heart,
High King of heaven, my Treasure thou art.*

Second Scripture Reading

John 8: 31, 32

Pew Bible p. 101

³¹ Then Jesus said to the Jews who had believed in him, "If you continue in my word, you are truly my disciples; ³² and you will know the truth, and the truth will make you free."

Sermon

Bathed in Study

Time of Reflection

Blessing of Our Tithes and Offerings

Offertory

Teach me Your way, O Lord,
Teach me Your way.
Your guiding grace afford,
Teach me Your way.

Help me to walk aright,
More by faith and less by sight;
Lead me in heav'nly light,
Teach me Your way.

When I am sad at heart,
Teach me Your way.
When earthly joys depart,
Teach me Your way.

In hours of loneliness,
In times of Yes dire distress,
In failure or success,
Teach me Your way!

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.

Teach Me Your Way, O Lord Lloyd Larson LNPC Chancel Choir

When doubts and fears arise,
Teach me Your way.
When storm clouds fill the skies,
Teach me Your way.

Shine through the wind and rain,
Through sorrow, grief, and pain,
Make now my pathway plan.

Long as my life shall last,
Teach me Your way.
Where'er my lot is cast,
Teach me Your way.

Until the race is run,
Until the journey's done,
Until the crown is won,
Teach me Your Way.

Lord teach me your way.

Hymn of Response (please stand if able)

*Lord, dismiss us with your blessing;
Fill our hearts with joy and peace;
Let us each, your love possessing,
Triumph in redeeming grace;
O direct us and protect us
Traveling through this wilderness.*

*Thanks we give and adoration
For your gospel's joyous sound;
May the fruits of your salvation
In our hearts and lives abound;
Ever faithful, ever faithful,
To your truth may we be found.*

Charge and Benediction

Choral Response

*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 remain seated until the Postlude is over before exiting the Sanctuary. Thank you.]

Postlude

The Lily of the Valley
W. Hayes

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Lord, Dismiss Us with Your Blessing Attributed to John Fawcett #834 (vv. 1, 2)



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

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 10, 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. Lilies may also be donated via the LNPC app or at lnpc.org. Suggested donation is \$17.00 per lily. You are encouraged to take the lily with you after our Easter Celebration Service.
- ◆ **Women's 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.
- ◆ **Youth Camping Overnighter: This Friday, March 15th!** Experience an unforgettable night under the stars. You bring your sleeping bag and we'll provide the tents and the marshmallows for roasting. Register on the LNPC app or at lnpc.org. Contact Ben Roebuck for more information at ben@lnpc.org.
- ◆ **Many thanks to all those who participated in the All Church Work Day yesterday!** Your efforts continue to help reduce maintenance and repair costs, and your faithful service is deeply appreciated.

THIS WEEK at LNPC

March 10	SUNDAY	March 14	THURSDAY
10:00 am	Sunday Worship Sanctuary / Livestream	1:00 pm	FAM Food Dist. LNPC Parking Lot
11:30 am	Congregational Life Conference Room	4:00 pm	Holy Yoga Chair Gard C
12:00 pm	Youth - Curb Painting LNPC	5:00 pm	Holy Yoga Gard C
4:00 pm	The Journey Gard A	5:30 pm	Worship & Music Conference Room
		6:30 pm	Choir Rehearsal Sanctuary
March 11	MONDAY	March 15	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	1:00 pm	Canasta Gard A
7:00 pm	Personnel Conference Room	7:00 pm	Youth Group LNPC
8:00 pm	AA Mixed Gard B		Overnighter
March 12	TUESDAY	March 16	SATURDAY
9:30 am	Al-Anon Mixed Gard B	8:30 am	Women's Mini Retreat Gard A
10:30 am	Pastor's Bible Study Conference Room		
5:00 pm	Holy Yoga Gard C		
March 13	WEDNESDAY	March 17	SUNDAY
6:00 pm	AA Mixed Gard B	10:00 am	Sunday Worship Sanctuary / Livestream
7:00 pm	Discipleship Class Gard A	11:00 am	Session Workshop Gard A
		4:00 pm	The Journey Gard A
		6:00 pm	Youth Group The Garage

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