

# Laguna Niguel Presbyterian C H U R C H

He said further, "I am the God of your father, the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob." And Moses hid his face, for he was afraid to look at God.

Exodus 3: 6

**Communion Sunday**

**May 12, 2024**

**Please silence your cell phone**

## Prelude

*Prelude in G BWV 568*  
J. S. Bach  
Suk Choi, Organist

## Hymns of Praise

(please stand if able)

**Only King Forever**  
Chris Brown, Mack Brock, Steven Furtick, & Wade Joye  
Sydney Malone, Worship Singer  
Lee Lee Truong-Sawicki, Keyboard & Sho Fujieda, Drums

## Welcome

Pastor Sara

## Call to Worship

Leader: Come and see what God has done.

People: *Here is the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world.*

Leader: Come and see what God has done.

People: *We have found the Messiah, the anointed one of God.*

## Opening Prayer

Gracious God, in your eternal and divine wisdom you made us for relationship, and we celebrate the people you have brought into our lives, especially today women who nurtured, loved, and cared for us. For all those who teach us to love, we praise you. For those who inspire us to be generous, just and kind, we thank you. For those who nurture our relationship with you, we rejoice. In all our relationships may we live the truth of your love for us which knows no bounds. Amen.

*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.  
We trust in 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.*

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*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,  
We trust the name of Jesus.*

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

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### **High Praise**

Dante Brown, Brandon Lake, & Melodie Wagner

*Give him high praise.  
Give him high praise.*

*Come now run,  
Daughters and Sons,  
All tribes and tongues,  
Let's start singing.*

*No sweeter sound  
Than freedom found.  
It may get loud,  
But let's start singing.*

*Celebrate the King seated on the throne;  
The glory is Yours forevermore.  
Celebrate the Son, look at what He's done:  
The blood of the Lamb has overcome.  
The greatest days are still ahead.  
Oh, He's just getting started.*

*Mountains quake,  
Strongholds breaks,  
Over every grave  
Hear us singing.*

*Celebrate the King seated on the throne;  
The glory is Yours forevermore.  
Celebrate the Son, look at what He's done:  
The blood of the Lamb has overcome.*

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Give him high praise.*

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The blood of the Lamb has overcome.*

*The greatest days are still ahead.  
Oh, He's just getting started.*

*Our lips will raise the loudest praise.  
Oh, we're just getting started.*

### **Prayer of Confession**

Mark Imfeld

*Great and glorious God, we are tired of thinking small. When we look for you in all the wrong places remind us that your Spirit resides within. When we shy away in shame and regret, helps us sense the fullness of your grace. Speak to us once more, Lord of life, when we mistake your call or dismiss it as a dream. Hear us now as we pray our personal and silent prayers of confession. In this time of silence speak to us once more.*

Silent Prayer

*Amen.*

### **Declaration of Forgiveness**

**Leader:** God's promises are sure. The promise of forgiveness, grace and love are true. In Christ's love and grace, we are forgiven and made new. Friends, believe the good news of the gospel.

**People:** *In Jesus Christ we are forgiven!*

### **Response of Thanksgiving**

(please stand if able)

**Gloria Patri**

*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 Jim

## **Anthem**

Before you close your eyes to sleep  
I have a promise still to keep  
As I hold you in my arms.

I pray your little frame grows strong  
And that faith takes hold  
while you are young,  
This is my prayer for you.

Hold my hand,  
I'll teach you the Way to go.  
Through the joys, through the tears,  
The journey of these years,  
May you trust Him till the end.  
May you trust Him in the end.

## **Message for Young Disciples**

## **Children's Prayer Song**

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

## ***A Mother's Prayer***

Arr. By Tom Fettke and Thomas Grassi  
LNPC Chancel Choir  
Tingwei Tan, Violin

This world is not as it should be,  
But the Savior opens eyes to see  
All that's beautiful and true.

Oh, may His light fill all you are  
And the jewel of wisdom  
crown your heart:  
This is my prayer for you.

Take His hand  
And go where He calls you to.  
And whatever comes,  
Seek Him with all your heart.  
This will be my prayer for you.

Father, hear my ceaseless prayer.  
Oh, keep this child in Your care.

## **First Scripture Reading**

<sup>1</sup> Moses was keeping the flock of his father-in-law Jethro, the priest of Midian; he led his flock beyond the wilderness, and came to Horeb, the mountain of God. <sup>2</sup> There the angel of the Lord appeared to him in a flame of fire out of a bush; he looked, and the bush was blazing, yet it was not consumed. <sup>3</sup> Then Moses said, "I must turn aside and look at this great sight, and see why the bush is not burned up." <sup>4</sup> When the Lord saw that he had turned aside to see, God called to him out of the bush, "Moses, Moses!" And he said, "Here I am." <sup>5</sup> Then he said, "Come no closer! Remove the sandals from your feet, for the place on which you are standing is holy ground." <sup>6</sup> He said further, "I am the God of your father, the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob." And Moses hid his face, for he was afraid to look at God. <sup>7</sup> Then the Lord said, "I have observed the misery of my people who are in Egypt; I have heard their cry on account of their taskmasters. Indeed, I know their sufferings, <sup>8</sup> and I have come down to deliver them from the Egyptians, and to bring them up out of that land to a good and broad land, a land flowing with milk and honey, to the country of the Canaanites, the Hittites, the Amorites, the Perizzites, the Hivites, and the Jebusites. <sup>9</sup> The cry of the Israelites has now come to me; I have also seen how the Egyptians oppress them. <sup>10</sup> So come, I will send you to Pharaoh to bring my people, the Israelites, out of Egypt." <sup>11</sup> But Moses said to God, "Who am I that I should go to Pharaoh, and bring the Israelites out of Egypt?" <sup>12</sup> He said, "I will be with you; and this shall be the sign for you that it is I who sent you: when you have brought the people out of Egypt, you shall worship God on this mountain."

## **Exodus 3: 1 - 12**

Pew Bible p. 50

## **Hymn of Preparation**

(please stand if able)

## ***Open My Eyes, That I May See***

Clara H. Scott  
#577(vv. 1,2,3)

*Open my eyes, that I may see  
Glimpses of truth thou hast for me;  
Place in my hands the wonderful key  
That shall unclasp and set me free.*

*Silently now I wait for thee,  
Ready, my God, thy will to see;  
Open my eyes, illumine me,  
Spirit divine!*

*Open my ears, that I may hear  
Voices of truth thou sendest clear,  
And while the wave notes fall on my ear,  
Everything false will disappear.*

*Silently now I wait for thee,  
Ready, my God, thy will to see;  
Open my ears, illumine me,  
Spirit divine!*

*Open my mouth, and let me bear  
Gladly the warm truth everywhere;  
Open my heart, and let me prepare  
Love with thy children thus to share.*

*Silently now I wait for thee,  
Ready, my God, thy will to see;  
Open my heart, illumine me,  
Spirit divine!*

## **Second Scripture Reading**

**John 1: 35 - 39**  
Pew Bible p. 92

<sup>35</sup> The next day John again was standing with two of his disciples, <sup>36</sup> and as he watched Jesus walk by, he exclaimed, "Look, here is the Lamb of God!" <sup>37</sup> The two disciples heard him say this, and they followed Jesus. <sup>38</sup> When Jesus turned and saw them following, he said to them, "What are you looking for?" They said to him, "Rabbi" (which translated means Teacher), "where are you staying?" <sup>39</sup> He said to them, "Come and see." They came and saw where he was staying, and they remained with him that day. It was about four o'clock in the afternoon.

## **Sermon**

***Women and Men of Faith***

## **Time of Reflection**

## **Mother's Day Recognition**

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

### **Offertory**

***A Woman of Faith***  
Laura Hall

I look into my niece's eyes, and I see her looking up to me  
I know she's learning every day, and I feel that responsibility

She looks to me for guidance, together we are striving  
When she looks at me, I hope to God she'll see

A woman of faith, a woman of hope  
A woman who loves with all her heart, but still knows how to let go  
A woman who understands that God's the one who gives her all of her strength  
Let her see, a woman of faith

I helped her learn to walk, knowing she would learn by falling down  
And someday I'll have to let her go, knowing that's it's hard out on her own  
So I plant these seeds of faith, knowing she can take them anyplace  
I've given her the best of me, and I pray one day she'll be

A woman of faith, a woman of hope  
A woman who loves with all her heart, but still knows how to let go  
A woman who understands that God's the one who gives her all of her strength  
Let her be, a woman of faith

When I hold her hand in mine, I feel the presence of the divine  
It's something I can't define, we are part of God's design  
Lord let her know that I'm

A woman of faith, a woman of hope  
A woman who loves with all her heart, but still knows how to let go  
A woman who understands that God's the one who gives her all of her strength  
Let her be, a woman of faith  
Let her see, a woman of faith  
Let her be, a woman of faith

## 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.*

## Hymn of Response

(please stand if able)

### ***My Faith Looks Up to Thee***

Ray Palmer

#552 (vv. 1, 3, 2)

*My faith looks up to thee,  
Thou Lamb of Calvary,  
Savior divine!  
Now hear me while I pray,  
Take all my guilt away;  
O let me from this day  
Be wholly thine!*

*While life's dark maze I tread,  
And griefs around me spread,  
Be thou my guide;  
Bid darkness turn to day,  
Wipe sorrow's tears away,  
Nor let me ever stray  
From thee aside.*

*May thy rich grace impart  
Strength to my fainting heart,  
My zeal inspire;  
As thou hast died for me,  
O may my love to thee  
Pure, warm, and changeless be,  
A living fire!*

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## 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

### ***Toccata Giocosa*** Gilbert Martin

*Today's Chancel flowers are given by Sara and Katie McCurdy  
in loving memory of Jim and Sara McCurdy's 50th Wedding Anniversary  
&  
by Jim and Becky Szeyller  
in honor of their mothers.*

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

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## 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

Farnaz Achak & Family (Father-in-Law)  
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)

## LNPC STAFF

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Sunday, May 12, 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

- ◆ **LNPC YTH:** Pack your Mickey ears and prepare for an unforgettable time with your church youth group at Disneyland on Saturday, May 18th. Register on the church app or at LNPC.org.
- ◆ **SCUBA - VBC 2024:** June 17th - 24th, 9:00 am - 12:00 pm. Kids ages 4 - 11 are invited to dive into this amazing undersea adventure where they will experience God's ever-flowing, never-ending love for them and discover what living water is really all about. \$30/child (scholarships are available). Register on the LNPC app, website, or call the church office at 949-249-1218.
- ◆ **Save the Date!: Men's Ministry Breakfast & Devotional** on Saturday, June 1st, at 8:00 am in Gard A & **Congregational Life Movie Night**, Friday, June 14th, at 7:30 on the lawn.
- ◆ **Request for Docketed Time:** Please contact Pastor Jim if you would like to present something when Session meets next on Monday, May 27th, at 6:00 pm.

## THIS WEEK at LNPC

May	12	SUNDAY	May	16	THURSDAY
10:00 am	Communion Sunday	Sanctuary / Livestream	1:30pm	FAM Food Distribution	Parking Lot
11:30 am	Congregational Life	Conference Rm.	4:00 pm	Holy Yoga Chair	Gard C
4:00 pm	The Journey	Gard A	5:00 pm	Holy Yoga	Gard C
			6:30 pm	Choir Rehearsal	Sanctuary
May	13	MONDAY	May	17	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 Rm.	1:00 pm	Canasta	Gard A
7:00 pm	Personnel Meeting	Conference Rm.			
8:00 pm	AA Mixed	Gard B	May	18	SATURDAY
			8:00 am	Youth—Disneyland	Meet in the LNPC Parking Lot
			8:30 am	Women's Min. Mtg.	Szeyller Home
			1:00 pm	Recital	Sanctuary
May	14	TUESDAY	May	19	SUNDAY
9:30 am	Al-Anon Mixed	Gard B	10:00 am	Pentecost Sunday	Sanctuary / Livestream
10:30 am	Pastor's Bible Study	Conference Room	11:15 am	VBC Meeting	Gard A
5:00 pm	Holy Yoga	Gard C	4:00 pm	The Journey	Gard A
May	15	WEDNESDAY	6:00 pm	Youth Group	The Garage
6:00 pm	AA Mixed	Gard B			

# Prayer Concerns

## Family & Friends (Church Contact)

Claro Alfonso (Imfeld)	Barry McPeak (Ehlers)	Lynnette Swickard (Baker)
Linda Anderson (Stocksdale)	Ray McPeak (Ehlers)	Jim Wagner (Ehlers)
Judy Baker (Baker)	Marge Molyneaux (Shelton)	Dr. Mark Watters Family (Troester)
Natalia Bergman (Wright)	Samia Najm (Wakim)	Ted Wells (Wells)
Amy Bolls & Peyton Agne* (Lechner)	Marie Neis (Borg)	Wilson Family (Coleman)
Annie Coleman (Coleman)	Ann Oliphant (Galloway)	
Gary Fong (Ehlers)	John Osth (Khalifa)	
Mike & Kathy Gessner (Galloway)	Linda Parker (Troester)	
Sandy Griffin (Stocksdale)	Maryann Pette (Shelton)	
Connie Hutchinson	Cindy Rhoades (Baker)	
Sherry Kerner (Ehlers)	Megan Shelton (Shelton)	
Lucy Marechal	Amy Sinkeldam (Ehlers)	
Rossana Madrid (Ondryas)	Kyoko Smith (Wright)	
Don McBurney (Arter)	Carolyn Strick (Troester)	
Joni McGlynn (Baker)	Kevin Strick (Troester)	
	John Stritch (Ehlers)	
	Michael Summers (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 or 949.249.1218**