

Laguna Niguel Presbyterian Church

A Service for the Worship of God
Sunday • August 17, 2008 • 10:00 am

*For those who are able, please stand.

Please turn your cell phones off prior to entering the Worship Service.

“Then [Jesus] ordered the crowds to sit down on the grass. Taking the five loaves and the two fish, he looked up to heaven, and blessed and broke the loaves, and gave them to the disciples, and the disciples gave them to the crowds.”

— *Matthew 14:19*

PRELUDE

This Is My Father's World by Sheppard/Bonan
Quin Thornburg, Flute; Suk Choi, Piano

**CALL TO WORSHIP*

Mal Black

Leader: Come, let our ears be attentive and our hearts open to the presence of Christ.

People: We are gathered with others responding in faith, seeking to know Christ in our midst.

Leader: The promises God made to the faithful before us are meant also for us today.

People: We have come to hear this good news and to prepare ourselves to share it with others.

**HYMN OF PRAISE 26*

Praise, My Soul, the King of Heaven
Summer Choir and Congregation

LAUDA ANIMA

PRAYER OF ADORATION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (In Unison)

Gracious God, we come before you knowing we have judged others by our own standards, not yours, and we have lived by our own designs, pretending we are faithful. We have deserted your way to follow our own pursuits. Save us from our poor choices and forgive us as we offer our personal prayers of confession. . . . Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Leader: Friends, believe the good news of the Gospel.

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

Leader: God receives and forgives us where we are and transforms and empowers us to move toward who we can be.

All: *Let us live as forgiven people.*

**PRAISE TO GOD (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.*

**AFFIRMING GOD'S GRACE*

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM Administered to Connor Pierce O'Neill
Son of Amy and Rob O'Neill

Child of Blessing, Child of Promise by John Wyeth
*Child of blessing, child of promise, baptized with the Spirit's sign;
with this water, God has sealed you, unto love and grace divine.*

*Child of God, your loving parent, learn to listen to God's call.
Grow to laugh and sing and worship, trust and love God more than all.*

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

Margaret Valian

- *Please sign and pass the Friendship Pads.*

MUSICAL OFFERING

Let Us Talents and Tongues Employ
Summer Choir; Quin Thornburg, flute

by Bradley Ellingboe

WORDS OF WELCOME AND CONGREGATIONAL LIFE

**HYMN OF PREPARATION 60 (verses 1 & 2)*

Great Is Thy Faithfulness

FAITHFULNESS

MORNING PRAYERS AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

Rev. Fred Davis

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.

OFFERING OF OUR LIVES AND GIFTS

OFFERTORY

When I Lift My Hands to You in Praise by David Stearman
Hanni Do-Vu, Lee Lee Truong and Elizabeth Huynh

**DOXOLOGY*

*Praise God from whom all blessings flow;
Praise God all creatures here below;
Praise God above, ye heavenly host;
Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen.*

**PRAYER OF DEDICATION*

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION (In Unison)

*O God,
By your spirit tell us what we need to hear,
And show us what we ought to do,
To obey Jesus Christ our Savior.
Amen.*

SCRIPTURE READING

Matthew 14:13-21

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SERMON

"Called to Share What We Have Already!"

Dr. Randy Steele

Just as the disciples had to take on Jesus' challenge "you give them something to eat" and work to find a solution to the problem of a scarcity of resources (five loaves and two fish), so we have to take on the challenges of our day with our own scarcities and brokenness even as we trust that God will take care of the outcome.

**HYMN OF COMMITMENT 710*

We Are Called to Be God's People

AUSTRIAN HYMN

**BENEDICTION*

(THE PRAYER TEAM IS AVAILABLE AFTER TODAY'S SERVICE BY THE STAINED GLASS WINDOW ON THE RIGHT SIDE OF THE SANCTUARY.)

**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. Amen, Amen*

**POSTLUDE*

*Joy based on Ode to Joy
Suk Choi, Organist*

by H. Hopson

Today's flowers are donated by Edie Sholtz
"With great appreciation for the prayers, phone calls, flowers, food and cards after my fall.
God bless you all for your caring."

Today's Pastoral Deacons are Claudia Vitalich, Margaret Lee and Cheryl Kelsey

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"Remember, God loves you"

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