

Laguna Niguel Presbyterian Church

A Service for the Worship of God Communion Sunday • May 11, 2008 • 10:30 am

*For those who are able, please stand.

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

“And suddenly from heaven there came a sound like the rush of a violent wind, and it filled the entire house where they were sitting.”

— *Luke 2:2*

PRELUDE

**CALL TO WORSHIP*

Leader: The day has come, and we are together; let us face bravely into the winds of God.

People: *We are listening for the sounds from heaven; we hear the rush of a violent wind.*

Leader: Surely God is in this place! Let us receive the gift of God's Spirit.

People: *The Spirit of God fills us with amazement. God sets us afire with wonder and awe!*

**HYMN OF PRAISE 669*

Chancel Choir and Congregation

PRAYER OF ADORATION

MUSICAL OFFERING

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

- *Please sign and pass the Friendship Pads.*

WORDS OF WELCOME AND CONGREGATIONAL LIFE

LNPC MINUTE FOR MISSION

**HYMN OF REFLECTION 297*

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (In Unison)

Gracious God, we confess that we fail to recognize you in our lives. We walk through life without discerning Christ's presence beside us. We live as if no God watched over us, and make decisions without acknowledging our eternal connections. We have obeyed human demands and ignored your commands. Forgive our foolish choices, our dull conformity to this world, and our lack of sensitivity and compassion. We want to wake up and live! Hear us now 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: We are now delivered from our past to begin life anew.

All: *Let us walk with Christ, and experience life with new strength.*

**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*

OFFERING OF OUR LIVES AND GIFTS

OFFERTORY

**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)

Prepare our hearts, O God, to accept your Word.

*Silence in us any voice but your own,
that, hearing, we may also obey your will;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.*

Amen.

SCRIPTURE READING

Luke 2:1-6

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SERMON

“God’s Creative Spirit”

Dr. Randy Steele

There is a dangerous side to God. It has nothing to do with judgment and everything to do with his creativity. At Pentecost we remember God’s passion for blowing away our safe plans.

THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

Rev. Duncan McColl

The Invitation

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.

The Bread and The Cup

(As a sign of our unity in Christ, worshipers are asked to hold the bread until all have been served. As a sign of our individual commitment to Christ, you may take the cup after personal reflection when you are prepared to do so.)

Communion Prayer

COMMUNION SONG

**HYMN OF COMMITMENT 721*

**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*

Today's flowers are donated by Judy Ruddiman
"In memory of my father, Merle Simpson "

Today's Pastoral Deacons are Ana Seligman (08:50)
Ed and Carol Smith (10:30)

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"Remember, God loves you"

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