

Laguna Niguel Presbyterian Church

A Service for the Worship of God
Sunday • August 30, 2009 • 10:00 am

*For those who are able, please stand.
Please turn your cell phones off prior to entering the Worship Service.

“My mother and my brothers are those who hear the word of God and do it.”

— *Luke 8:21*

MORNING PRAISE

Indescribable

by Laura Story

WELCOME

**SONGS OF DEVOTION & PRAISE*

Sing a Song

by Mac Powel and Third Day

I Love You Lord

by Laurie Klein

Worship Ensemble and Congregation

**CALL TO WORSHIP*

Mal Black

Leader: Come with undivided attention to meet our God who calls us away from old routines. Let us look not just to things that are seen, but to realities that are unseen.

People: *For things that are seen are transient, but things that are unseen are eternal.*

Leader: Give thanks to God for all God's blessings. Give praise to God for God's presence with us this morning.

People: *God's steadfast love and faithfulness lift us up and save us. Let us worship God!*

PRAYER OF ADORATION

MUSICAL OFFERING

Revelation 19

by Jeffery LaValley

August Choir

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (In Unison)

Loving God, in our worst moments we deceive ourselves. We know what is right, but we fail to do it. We are easily distracted by other voices. We confess our fascination with pastimes that have no substance and pursuits that have no merit. Forgive us and 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: 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*

**SONG OF RESPONSE*

You Are My King

by Billy James Foote

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

Carl Hess

WORDS OF WELCOME AND CONGREGATIONAL LIFE

Please complete the yellow cards provided.

LNPC MINUTE FOR MISSION

Deacon

ORDINATION & INSTALLATION OF LNPC OFFICERS

**HYMN OF PREPARATION #262 vs. 1,2,3*

Rejoice, the Lord Is King

DARWALL

MORNING PRAYERS AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

Rev. Emily McColl

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

Draw Me Close to You

by Kelly Carpenter

**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)

*Living God, help us so to hear your holy Word that we may truly understand;
that, understanding, we may believe, and, believing, we may follow in all
faithfulness and obedience, seeking your honor and glory in all that we do;
through Christ our Lord. Amen.*

SCRIPTURE READING

Matthew 21:28-32

Pew Bible, N. T. Page 23

SERMON

“The Distance Between Hearing and Doing”

Dr. Randy Steele

There is a gap between hearing and doing.
Our Lord preserves it in the way he ends his sermon on the mountain.
“Those who hear my words and do them.”
So, there is a period of time between hearing and doing.

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

A Brief Statement of Faith Lines 72–80

*In gratitude to God, empowered by the Spirit,
we strive to serve Christ in our daily tasks
and to live holy and joyful lives,
even as we watch for God's new heaven and new earth,
praying, Come, Lord Jesus!
With believers in every time and place,
we rejoice that nothing in life or in death
can separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.
Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit. Amen.*

**CLOSING HYMN #20*

Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee

ODE TO JOY

**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*

Finale from Sonata in D Minor
Suk Choi, Organ

by F. Mendelssohn

Today's Pastoral Deacon is: Judy Grant

Ken and Donna McCullen, our founding pastor and his wife, have just moved from Desert Hot Springs to Minnesota to be near their daughter Loree. It recently came to our attention that, in addition to Ken's ongoing case of shingles, some financial hardships have incurred. If you would like to contribute in order that we honor Ken and Donna with a love gift for the purpose of assisting with the move and medical expenses, it may be addressed to:

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30071 Ivy Glenn Dr
Laguna Niguel, CA 92677

Of course, you may send a personally addressed gift directly to Ken and Donna McCullen.

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“Remember God loves you”

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