

Laguna Niguel Presbyterian Church

A Service for the Worship of God

Sunday • September 6, 2009 • 10:00 am

*For those who are able, please stand.

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

“We declare to you what was from the beginning, what we have heard, what we have seen with our eyes, what we have looked at and touched with our hands, concerning the word of life . . . we declare to you what we have seen and heard so that you also may have fellowship with us; and truly our fellowship is with the Father and with his Son Jesus Christ.”

— *1 John 1:1-3 (selected)*

MORNING PRAISE

How Great Thou Art

by Stuart K. Hine

WELCOME

**SONGS OF DEVOTION & PRAISE* *How Great is Our God*

by Chris Tomlin

Here I Am to Worship

by Tim Hughes

Worship Ensemble and Congregation

**CALL TO WORSHIP*

Debbie Heath

Leader: Come, children of God, to sing a new song; lift your voice and shout your praise!

People: *Jesus Christ is our good news, our joy, and our salvation!*

Leader: In steadfast love and faithfulness God has done marvelous things.

People: *Christ is alive and at work among us. Let us worship God!*

PRAYER OF ADORATION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (In Unison)

Gracious God, you have called us into partnership, but we have chosen instead to go our own way. You have given us light and we have preferred to walk in the shadows. You call us to truth while we make up our own stories. We try to fool others and end up deceiving ourselves. Come to us in our confusion and forgive us. 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 welcomes us to eternal life in which we are partners with God.
All: Let us walk in the way God has shown us.

**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*

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

Stacy Podres

MUSICAL OFFERING

Ascribe to the Lord

by Rosephanye Powell

WORDS OF WELCOME AND CONGREGATIONAL LIFE

Please complete the yellow cards provided.

LNPC MINUTE FOR MISSION

Bill Lee

**HYMN OF PREPARATION #98*

Majesty, Worship His Majesty

MAJESTY

MORNING PRAYERS 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.

OFFERING OF OUR LIVES AND GIFTS

OFFERTORY

*"Amazing Grace" Southern Harmony, 1854
Charlotte Hsieh, Organ*

arr. Wilbur Held

**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)

*Guide us, O God, by your Word and Spirit, that in your light we may see light,
in your truth find freedom, and in your will discover your peace;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen*

SCRIPTURE READING

John 20:24-29

Pew Bible, N. T. Page 115

1 John 1:1-4

Pew Bible, N. T. Page 238

SERMON

“Doubters Welcome”

Dr. Randy Steele

“We’ve seen the Lord,” and this is that witness that Thomas doubts. Thomas just wants to make sure that the Jesus of History and the Christ of Faith are the same person.

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

A Brief Statement of Faith, Lines 7–18

*We trust in Jesus Christ,
fully human, fully God.
Jesus proclaimed the reign of God:
preaching good news to the poor
and release to the captives,
teaching by word and deed
and blessing the children,
healing the sick
and binding up the brokenhearted,
eating with outcasts,
forgiving sinners,
and calling all to repent and believe the gospel.*

**CLOSING HYMN #99*

When Morning Gilds the Skies

LAUDES DOMINI

**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*

Alleluia, Sing to Jesus
Charlotte Hsieh, Organ

arr. Wilbut Held

Our guest Worship Leader is Stan Pepek

Today's Pastoral Deacons is Joyce Ireland

Today's flowers are donated by Patricia Kun
"In memory of my beloved parents, Vondetta and Norman Pedersen."

and

Martha Richardson and family
"In memory of Lawrence Richardson's birthday."

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"Remember God loves you"

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