

Laguna Niguel Presbyterian Church

A Service for the Worship of God

Sunday • September 20, 2009 • 10:00 am

*For those who are able, please stand.

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

“Very truly, I tell you, no one can enter the kingdom of God without being born of water and Spirit. What is born of the flesh is flesh, and what is born of the Spirit is spirit. Do not be astonished that I said to you, ‘You must be born from above.’”

— *John 3:5-7*

MORNING PRAISE

Lord, I Lift Your Name on High

by Rick Founds

WELCOME

**SONGS OF DEVOTION AND PRAISE*

Blessed Be Your Name

by Beth and Matt Redman

Enough

by Chris Tomlin

Worship Ensemble and Congregation

**CALL TO WORSHIP*

Lani Colley

Leader: Come to enjoy the mighty works of God. Be still and know that God is God.

People: We rejoice that God is with us in the midst of confusion and change.

Leader: The abundant grace of God is offered to all of us in Christ Jesus.

People: We marvel that God knows us and cares for us. We come in awe that God calls us together.

PRAYER OF ADORATION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (In Unison)

Gracious God, we confess that we sought to live life our own way. We are tempted to play God with our own lives and those of others. We have confused freedom with self-indulgence. We have put down others to gain status for ourselves. Forgive us and equip us for clear thinking, honest response, and loving service. 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*

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

Susie Hess

MUSICAL OFFERING

To Love Our Lord
Chancel Choir

by Mark Hayes

WORDS OF WELCOME AND CONGREGATIONAL LIFE

Please complete the yellow cards provided.

LNPC MINUTE FOR MISSION

Bill Lee

**HYMN OF PREPARATION 498*

I Love to Tell the Story

HANKEY

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

Hosanna

by Hillsong

**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

John 3:1-10

Pew Bible, N. T. Page 93

SERMON

“Good Guys on the Wrong Side of the Gospel”

Dr. Randy Steele

Typically the Pharisees are seen as difficult people in the New Testament. Actually, they are really good guys who end up on the wrong side of the Gospel. How does that happen today?

How do good people end up in conflict with Jesus Christ?

**HYMN OF COMMITMENT 532*

Be Thou My Vision

SLANE

**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*

Lord God, Now Be Glorified

by J. S. Bach

Suk Choi, Organ

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“Remember God loves you”

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