

Laguna Niguel Presbyterian Church

A Service for the Worship of God

Sunday • September 27, 2009 • 10:00 am

*For those who are able, please stand.

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

“No one can receive anything except what has been given from heaven . . . I am not the Messiah, but I have been sent ahead of him. He who has the bride is the bridegroom. The friend of the bridegroom, who stands and hears him, rejoices greatly at the bridegroom’s voice. For this reason my joy has been fulfilled. He must increase, but I must decrease.”

— John the Baptist (John 3:27-30)

MORNING PRAISE

Immanuel

by Hutchins and White

WELCOME

**SONGS PRAISE*

Sing

by Israel Houghton

Let It Rise

by Holland Davis

Worship Ensemble and Congregation

**CALL TO WORSHIP*

Randy Free

Leader: Blessed are those who come to God’s house singing praises and presenting their best.

People: A day in God’s presence is better than ten thousand elsewhere.

Leader: Let us give praise for all that God has done as we ready ourselves for what God has yet to accomplish through us.

People: God’s creative work continues among us; let us unite our voices in joy and thanksgiving.

PRAYER OF ADORATION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (In Unison)

Loving God, whose attention and favor we cannot win by mighty efforts, we confess our preoccupation with our own narrow concerns. We have lost sight of your creative love for us and through us toward others. You have called us into partnership for eternal purposes and we have not lived up to our part. Forgive us and help us to know the joy of full participation in your way. 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: With God, nothing is impossible. The worst you have done and the good you have avoided are swept up in God's forgiving love.

All: With renewed commitment we are ready to give ourselves anew to God's purposes. Let us walk today in newness of life.

**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*

MUSICAL OFFERING

Revelation 19

Arr. by Jack Schrader

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

Rev. Emily McColl

WORDS OF WELCOME AND CONGREGATIONAL LIFE

Please complete the yellow cards provided.

LNPC MINUTE FOR MISSION

Sam Johnson

**HYMN OF PREPARATION #72*

To God Be the Glory

TRADITIONAL

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

There's a Song in the Air
Suk Choi, Organ

by W. 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)

*O Lord our God,
Your Word is a lamp to our feet
And a light to our path.
Give us grace to receive your truth in faith and love,
That we may be obedient to your will
And live always for your glory;
Through Jesus Christ our Savior.
Amen.*

SCRIPTURE READING

John 3:22-30

Pew Bible, N. T. Page 94

SERMON

“Finding Your Place Next to Jesus”

Dr. Randy Steele

All of life, every common day, is made joyful by the presence of a Savior with us.

**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.)

**CLOSING SONG OF PRAISE*

When the Saints Go Marching In

Today’s Pastoral Deacon is Paula Mathews

A big thank you to Chinetta Goodjoin, Pastor; Reggie Goodjoin, Music Director;
Kathryn Bailey Cunningham, Choir Director and the Worship Ensemble of
New Hope Presbyterian Church in Orange for leading us in praise and worship today.

“Remember, God Loves You”

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MORTGAGE BURNING CELEBRATION

WELCOME

OPENING PRAYER (Unison)

Almighty God, we are humbled by your goodness and grace to us. We thank you for this occasion in which we acknowledge your kindness in providing for us this building as a means of sharing your love with others. Bless us with your presence as we celebrate together your abundant provision for the work of Christ through this church. Amen.

SPEAKERS

MORTGAGE BURNING LITNAY

Leader: Praise God for God's mighty acts.

People: *Let everything that has breath praise the Lord.*

Leader: God has prospered us in the lifting of the burden of debt from this church into mission and ministry.

People: *Let us give praise to God as this mortgage is transformed into the incense of prayer and thanksgiving.*

Leader: With love for our church and in reverent memory of all who by their faithful service and sacrifice through the years have given to us our spiritual heritage and physical property, we give thanks.

People: *With grateful appreciation for the generosity and faithfulness of members and friends, for their earnest labors and the untiring leadership of the officers of our church, we give thanks.*

Leader: May God continue to guide us, bless us with a spirit of unity, and inspire us to use our property, our gifts and talents, and all that we have for the glory of God.

People: *Let us rededicate ourselves to the work and support of this church in advancing the Kingdom of God through Jesus Christ throughout our community, our nation, and the world.*

Leader: In recognition of God's sovereign will for us as people of faith, we now burn this mortgage in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

People: *Praise be to God!*

BURNING OF THE MORTGAGE "TO GOD BE THE GLORY"

*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 THANKSGIVING AND BENEDICTION

*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*