

Laguna Niguel Presbyterian Church

A Service for the Worship of God
Sunday • May 31, 2009 • 10:30 am

*For those who are able, please stand.

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

“Only, live your life in a manner worthy of the gospel of Christ, so that, whether I come and see you or am absent and hear about you, I will know that you are standing firm in one spirit, striving side by side with one mind for the faith of the gospel.”

— *Philippians 1:27*

PRELUDE

Ancient of Days
Suk Choi, Organist

by P. Taylor

CHORAL INTROIT

African Spirit Song (Come, Holy Spirit)
Michael Wachs, Percussion

arr. Hal H. Hopson

**HYMN OF PRAISE 108*

Come, Christians, Join to Sing
Chancel Choir and Congregation

MADRID

**CALL TO WORSHIP*

Paula Mathews

Leader: In Christ and through the power of the Holy Spirit, God summons us back to full participation in life.

People: *It is hard to reorder our priorities and to give God first place in our lives.*

Leader: There is good news here of new possibilities and resources to meet all life's challenges.

People: *We come to listen for God's active, living word, and open ourselves to the One who knows us best.*

PRAYER OF ADORATION

Sunday

MUSICAL OFFERING

African Psalm

by Patrick M. Liebergen

Quin Thornburg, Flute; Michael Wachs, Percussion

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (In Unison)

Gracious God, we confess to the doubts mixed in with our faith. You have brought us a long way through life, but there have been many hard times when you seem to have forgotten us. We have doubted your word, denied your love, and violated the promises we have made to you. Lift us out of the narrow circles of self-concern that imprison us, limit our vision, and impair our wisdom. Confront us with grace powerful enough to change us. Hear now our silent confession as we acknowledge our shortcomings and failures...Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Leader: Friends, believe the good news of the Gospel.

People: *In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven!*

Leader: God gives us new opportunities every day to start fresh and new.

All: *Through God's Spirit we are empowered to celebrate life fully. Let us now embrace the new life that is ours.*

**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 MUSICAL OFFERING

God Did

arr. Kyle Hill

LNPC Children's Choir

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

Janice Ehlers and Stacy Podres

- *Please complete the yellow cards provided.*
 - Children and Adults begin together in the Sanctuary for worship.
 - Children (parents welcome also) come forward to the steps during Children's Message.
 - After the Children's Message: Sunday School classes are held in the McCullen Center Building (out the main sanctuary doors to your left).
 - *Preschool and Kindergarten age* will meet in the *Pre-K/Kindergarten Room (Sunshine Room)* located on the 1st floor.
 - *Grades 1-2* will meet in *Classroom #204 (The Forest)* (2nd floor).
 - *Grades 3-5* will meet in *Classroom #202 (The Ocean)* (2nd floor).
 - *Youth* will meet in the 2nd floor *Youth Room* (10:30 service only).
 - *Parents must pick up and sign their children out from their respective classrooms.*
 - *A quiet room is available in the rear of the Sanctuary for those with infants and toddlers.*

WORDS OF WELCOME AND CONGREGATIONAL LIFE

LNPC MINUTE FOR MISSION

Prentice Park

*HYMN OF PREPARATION 297

Spirit of the Living God

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

O for a Thousand Tongues

arr. T. Smith and D. Hustad

*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)

*Come, O Spirit of God
And make within us your dwelling place and home.
May our darkness be dispelled by your light,
And our troubles calmed by your peace;
May all evils be redeemed by your love,
All pain transformed through the suffering of Christ,
And all dying glorified by his risen life. Amen.*

SCRIPTURE READING

Philippians 1:27-30

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SERMON

"Journey into Joy – Picking the Right Battle"

Dr. Randy Steele

It's great to fight a battle knowing that we will win. The reason for Paul's fearlessness is that he believes God won the victory over the three real enemies of humankind: sin, sickness, and death. Therefore we fight our battles knowing that victory is sure.

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (In Unison)

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.*

**HYMN OF COMMITMENT 669*

God of Grace and God of Glory

CWM RHONDDA

**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*

Sing to God with Heart and Voice

by M. Williams

Today's flowers are donated by Kathy & Amin Khalifa and family.
"For all of God's blessings to us, and in honor of Lauren's 20th birthday celebrated this week."

Today's Pastoral Deacons are Claudia Vitalich (9:00),
Chuck Campman and Cheryl Kelsey (10:30).

"Remember, God loves you"

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