

# Laguna Niguel Presbyterian Church

A Service for the Worship of God  
Sunday • August 16, 2009 • 10:00 am

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

“You have heard of this hope before in the word of the truth, the gospel that has come to you. Just as it is bearing fruit and growing in the whole world, so it has been bearing fruit among yourselves from the day you heard it and truly comprehended the grace of God.”

— *Colossians 1:5-6*

*MORNING PRAISE*

*I Lift My Eyes Up (Psalms 121)*

by Brian Doerksen

*WELCOME*

*\*SONGS OF DEVOTION AND PRAISE*

*My Hope is You*

by Third Day

*Solid Rock*

Worship Ensemble and Congregation

*\*CALL TO WORSHIP*

John Bare

Leader: God's promise is to be with those whose hope is in God's steadfast love.  
God's grace abides in all who live by faith.

*People: We wait in expectation for God's revelation. Our hearts are glad for we trust in God's holy name.*

Leader: In our worship together God shows us a new way. God blesses us that we may be a blessing to others.

*All: We have come to know God more fully. We are here to join our voices in worship and praise.*

*PRAYER OF ADORATION*

*MUSICAL OFFERING*

*Upon This Rock*

by Pepper Choplin

August Choir and Carol Stocksdale, Soloist

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION (In Unison)*

*Gracious God, you have forgiven us many times. Still we wander away from you, living as if there is no accounting for our words or deeds. We depend on our own cunning rather than on your direction. We flex our muscles instead of relying on your mercy. Change our attitudes and behavior as we seek your forgiveness again. Hear us now as we offer our silent 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 the renewal of our faith and gives to us new life.  
All: *Let us celebrate our new, restored 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*

*CHILDREN'S MUSICAL OFFERING*      *Somebody Up There*      arr. Hal Wright  
Huong Ly and Cat Ly Do, Duet

*CHILDREN'S MESSAGE*      Valerie Weber

*CONGREGATIONAL LIFE*

*Please complete the yellow cards provided.*

*LNPC MINUTE FOR MISSION*      Prentice Park

*\*HYMN OF PREPARATION #239 (vs. 1, 3, 4) I Know That My Redeemer Lives*      DUKE STREET

*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*      *Voice of Truth*  
Dawn Orr

*\*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 AND ILLUMINATION (In Unison)*

*Lord, open our hearts and minds  
By the power of your Holy Spirit,  
That as the scriptures are read  
And your Word is proclaimed,  
we may hear with joy what you say to us today.  
Amen.*

*SCRIPTURE READING*

Colossians 1:1-8

Pew Bible, N. T. Page 199

*SERMON*

*“The Power of Hope”*

Dr. Randy Steele

Paul is confident of the hope we have in Christ. In fact, Paul’s whole life, ministry, and future are grounded in this hope. His desire is that this hope will impact others and that their lives will continue to show the world what is possible through Christ.

*\*CLOSING HYMN #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*

*Sing to God with Heart and Voice*

by M. Williams

Suk Choi, Organ

Today’s Pastoral Deacons is: Margaret Lee

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**“Remember God loves you”**

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