

Laguna Niguel Presbyterian Church

A Service for the Worship of God

Sunday • January 24, 2010 • 10:00 am

*For those who are able, please stand.

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

“Why are you cast down, O my soul, and why are you disquieted within me?
Hope in God; for I shall again praise him, my help and my God.”

— *Psalm 42:11*

MORNING PRAISE

Majestic

by Lincoln Brewster

WELCOME

**SONGS OF DEVOTION AND PRAISE*

Indescribable

by Story & Reeves

How Great Thou Art

by Stuart Hine

Worship Ensemble and Congregation

**CALL TO WORSHIP*

Debbie Heath

Leader: Our souls are filled with longing and we gather to hear God's reassuring voice.

People: *Where two or three are gathered in God's name, God promises to be present.*

Leader: Let us receive God who is here with us. Let us open ourselves to God's saving truth.

People: *Our hope is in God and we shall rejoice because Christ lives in us!*

PRAYER OF ADORATION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (In Unison)

Loving God, we confess that we deny the cross and take up ourselves. We are impressed with ourselves and unable to grasp the full potential you have created for us. We blame you and others for our failures and envy the successes of our neighbors. Our faith has become pious phrases instead of trust in the living God, and Jesus Christ has become an oath instead of a Savior. Forgive and change us so that we can become instruments in sharing your love. 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 is gracious and keeps covenant with us even when we go our own way.

All: Let the forgiveness we have received transform us into forgiving 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*

MUSICAL OFFERING

Give Me Jesus

by Larry Shackley

Chancel Choir

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

Faris Potter & Becca Wendy

WORDS OF WELCOME AND CONGREGATIONAL LIFE

Please complete the yellow cards provided.

**HYMN OF PREPARATION #26*

Praise, My Soul, the King of Heaven

LAUDA ANIMA

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

Prelude

by C. Franck

**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

Psalm 42

Pew Bible, O. T. Page 515

SERMON

Theme: Psalms for the New Year

Dr. Randy Steele

“Psalm 42: When God Appears Distant”

One of the greatest blessings God can give us is to use the feeling of his absence to make us want him more than anything he can give us or do for us.

**HYMN OF COMMITMENT #103 (vs. 1,2,4) Ye Servants of God, Your Master HANOVER*

**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*

March from Richard the First
Suk Choi, Organ

by G. F. Handel

Today’s flowers are donated by Vannah and Ray Wells.
“In memory of our parents.”

Today’s Pastoral Deacons is: Marilyn Campman

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“Remember God loves you”

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