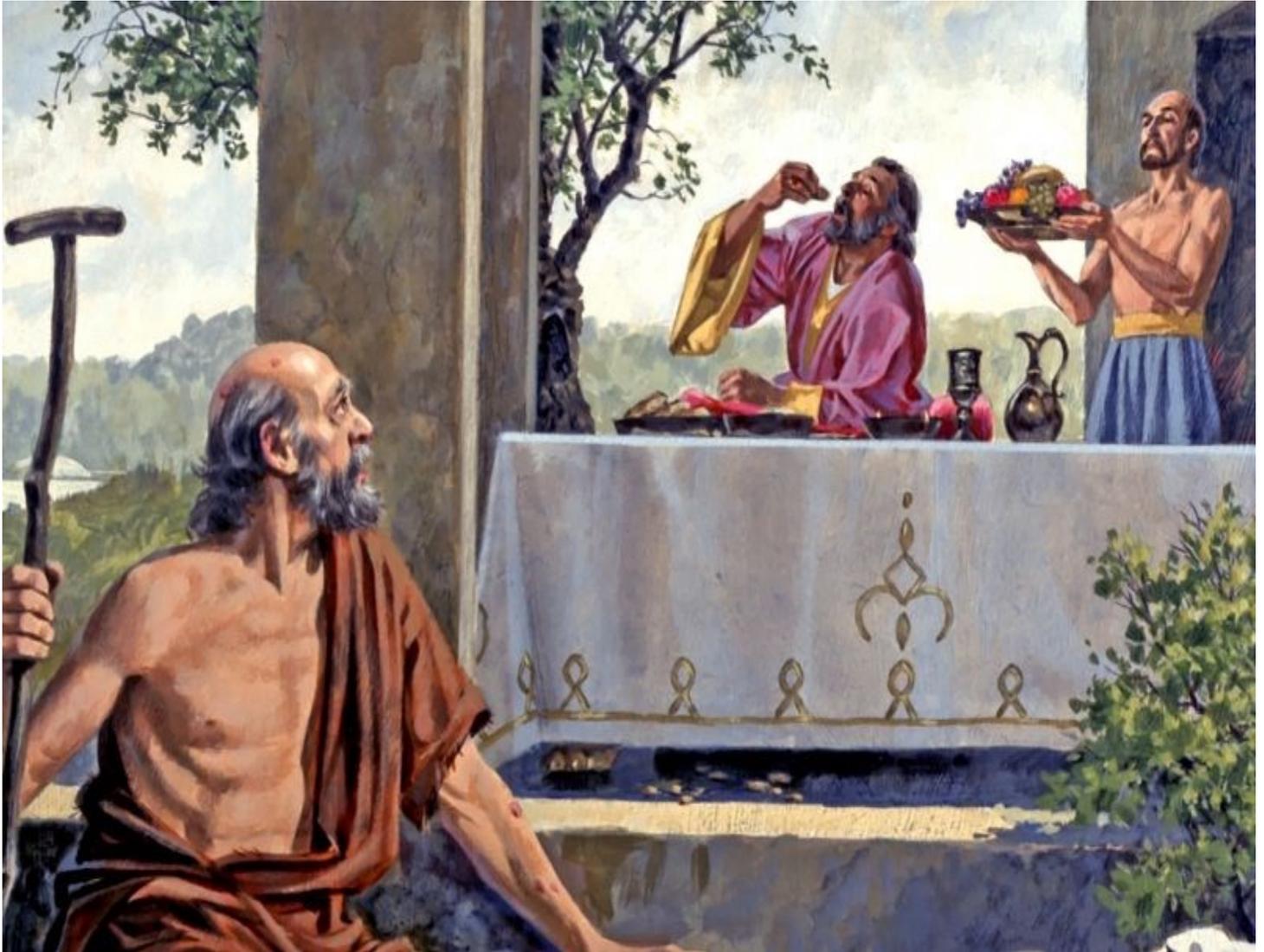


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Laguna Country
United Methodist Church



**Reaching Up, Reaching Out
Welcoming Everyone,
Serving in God's Love**

September 25th 2022
9:30 AM

Order of Worship

September 25, 2022

I will say of the Lord, "He is my refuge and my fortress, my God, in whom I trust."

Boldface type: The congregation speaks in unison

WELCOME

PRELUDE

Amazing Grace
David Atkins, Pianist

(arr. Hayes)

CALL TO WORSHIP

Those who dwell in the shelter of the Most High will abide in the shadow of the Almighty.

They will say of the Lord, "God is my refuge and fortress, the one in whom we trust."

Those who dwell in the shelter of the Most High will abide in the refuge of God's wings.

They will not fear the terror of the night nor the arrow that flies by day.

"Those who love me, I will deliver," says the Lord.

O Lord, we call to you now. Show us your salvation.

HYMN

I Am Thine, O Lord

#419 vs.1,2&4

1. I am thine, O Lord, I have heard thy voice, and it told thy love to me; but I long to rise in the arms of faith and be closer drawn to thee.

2. Consecrate me now to thy service, Lord, by the power of grace divine; let my soul look up with a steadfast hope, and my will be lost in thine.

Refrain: Draw me nearer, nearer, blessed Lord, to the cross where thou hast died. Draw me nearer, nearer, nearer, blessed Lord, to thy precious, bleeding side.

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4. There are depths of love that I cannot know till I cross the narrow sea; there are heights of joy that I may not reach till I rest in peace with thee.

Refrain: Draw me nearer, nearer, blessed Lord, to the cross where thou hast died. Draw me nearer, nearer, nearer, blessed Lord, to thy precious, bleeding side.

Almighty God, you create, redeem and sustain us, every moment of our lives. In you we place our trust. When we face illness, conflict, and fear, you are our steadfast protector. When we suffer setback and loss, you restore us through your love. When our lives prosper and we are comfortable, you move us to share our blessings with others. In times of hardship and plenty, you alone are the source of the life that really is life. Holy God, in love and trust, we live the power of your resurrection, through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

SPECIAL MUSIC

God is Always With Me (Weider/Althouse)
Sharon Holmes & Scott Bonhard

FIRST SCRIPTURE READING

Psalm 91:1-6, 14-16

Joy O'Connor

Assurance of God's Protection

You who live in the shelter of the Most High, who abide in the shadow of the Almighty, will say to the LORD, 'My refuge and my fortress; my God, in whom I trust.' For he will deliver you from the snare of the fowler and from the deadly pestilence; he will cover you with his pinions, and under his wings, you will find refuge; his faithfulness is a shield and buckler. You will not fear the terror of the night, or the arrow that flies by day, or the pestilence that stalks in darkness, or the destruction that wastes at noonday. Those who love me, I will deliver; I will protect those who know my name. When they call to me, I will answer them; I will be with them in trouble, I will rescue them and honor them. With long life, I will satisfy them, and show them my salvation.

HYMN**Take My Life and Let it Be**

#399 vs.1-3

1. Take my life, and let it be consecrated, Lord, to thee. Take my moments and my days; let them flow in ceaseless praise. Take my hands, and let them move at the impulse of thy love. Take my feet, and let them be swift and beautiful for thee.
2. Take my voice, and let me sing always, only, for my King. Take my lips, and let them be filled with messages from thee. Take my silver and my gold; not a mite would I withhold. Take my intellect, and use every power as thou shalt choose.
3. Take my will, and make it thine; it shall be no longer mine. Take my heart, it is thine own; it shall be thy royal throne. Take my love, my Lord, I pour at thy feet its treasure-store. Take myself, and I will be ever, only, all for thee.



The Rich Man and Lazarus

'There was a rich man who was dressed in purple and fine linen and who feasted sumptuously every day. And at his gate lay a poor man named Lazarus, covered with sores, who longed to satisfy his hunger with what fell from the rich man's table; even the dogs would come and lick his sores. The poor man died and was carried away by the angels to be with Abraham. The rich man also died and was buried. In Hades, where he was being tormented, he looked up and saw Abraham far away with Lazarus by his side. He called out, "Father Abraham, have mercy on me, and send Lazarus to dip the tip of his finger in water and cool my tongue; for I am in agony in these flames." But Abraham said, "Child, remember that during your lifetime you received your good things, and Lazarus in like manner evil things; but now he is comforted here, and you are in agony. Besides all this, between you and us a great chasm has been fixed, so that those who might want to pass from here to you cannot do so, and no one can cross from there to us." He said, "Then, father, I beg you to send him to my father's house—for I have five brothers—that he may warn them so that they will not also come into this place of torment." Abraham replied, "They have Moses and the prophets; they should listen to them." He said, "No, father Abraham; but if someone goes to them from the dead, they will repent." He said to him, "If they do not listen to Moses and the prophets, neither will they be convinced even if someone rises from the dead." '

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Eternal God, from the reading of the Scriptures, may your Word be heard; in the meditations of our hearts, may your Word be known; and in the faithfulness of our lives, may your Word be shown. Amen.

SERMON

Rev. Doug Williams

RESPONSE

Sweet Hour of Prayer

#496 vs.1

1. Sweet hour of prayer! sweet hour of prayer! That calls me from a world of care,
and bids me at my Father's throne make all my wants and wishes known. In seasons of
distress and grief, my soul has often found relief, and oft escaped the tempter's snare
by thy return, sweet hour of prayer.



LORDS PRAYER

PRESENTING OUR TITHES AND OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY PRAYER

Gracious God, you gave yourself to us in Jesus Christ, who taught us what it means to live in a new kind of community. Desiring to be part of the life he came to establish, we make a commitment to openness and concern for those dishonored by the world, the poor and needy at our door. Receive this tangible sign of our caring and help us to live according to the teaching and example of Christ. Amen.

HYMN **It's Me, It's Me O Lord** #352 vs. 1-3

1. Not my brother, not my sister, but it's me, O Lord, standing in the need of prayer.
Not my brother, not my sister, but it's me, O Lord, standing in the need of prayer.

Refrain: It's me, it's me, O Lord, standing in the need of prayer. It's me, it's me, O Lord, standing in the need of prayer.

3. Not my father, not my mother, but it's me, O Lord, standing in the need of prayer. Not my father, not my mother, but it's me, O Lord, standing in the need of prayer.

Refrain: It's me, it's me, O Lord, standing in the need of prayer. It's me, it's me, O Lord, standing in the need of prayer.

2. Not the preacher, not the deacon, but it's me, O Lord, standing in the need of prayer. Not the preacher, not the deacon, but it's me, O Lord, standing in the need of prayer.

Refrain: It's me, it's me, O Lord, standing in the need of prayer. It's me, it's me, O Lord, standing in the need of prayer.



PEOPLES RESPONSE **Surely the Presence of the Lord is in This Place**

#328

Surely the presence of the Lord is in this place, I can feel His mighty power and His grace, I can hear the brush of angel's wings, I see glory on each face surely the presence of the Lord is in this place

POSTLUDE

God of Grace
and God of Glory

(Manz)

Prayer Request

... from Terri Lancey, my daughter Anita is having surgery on Thursday, September 22nd.

... from Bob & Brenda Roa, please pray for our daughter Krista and our brother in-law David who are both undergoing Chemo.

... from Frank Bristol, for my cousin Shirley's mom who was hospitalized for pneumonia. Prayers for recovery and healing.

... from Glenn Miller, comfort for the family of Tracey Powell who passed away this Wednesday.



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