



# Laguna Niguel Presbyterian Church

“Always, love is a choice. You come up against scores of opportunities every day to love or not to love. You encounter hundreds of small chances to please your friends, delight your Lord and encourage your family. That’s why love and obedience are intimately linked—you can’t have one without the other.”

— *Joni Eareckson Tada*

**January 28, 2007  
4<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time  
Traditional Service  
10:30 AM**

Laguna Niguel Presbyterian Church  
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#### **PARTNERS IN MINISTRY**

The Congregation.....Ministers  
Dr. Randall Steele.....Pastor  
The Rev. Duncan McColl .....Assoc. Pastor  
Dr. H. Kenneth McCullen .....Pastor Emeritus  
Mary Ann McConahey.....Admin. Assistant  
Jeff Crotty.....Youth Ministries  
Dr. Binh Vu .....Music Ministries  
Suk Choi .....Organist  
Janice Ehlers .....Children’s Ministries  
Stacy Podres .....Children’s Ministries  
Lee Lee Truong .....Assist. Music Minister  
Claudia Vitalich.....Office Assistant  
Nacho Calata .....Sexton

*“Remember God loves you”*

**PRELUDE**

*March from Richard the First*

**Suk Choi, Organist**  
*by G. F. Handel*

**WELCOME**

**Dr. Randy Steele**

**\*OPENING HYMN**

*Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee*

**Hymnal #20**

**\*CALL TO WORSHIP**

**Steve Galloway**

Leader: The God of steadfast love calls us together. We are gifted by God's promised presence.

People: **We come to hear God's promises once more; we dare to seek the new life Christ offers.**

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

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

**PRAYER OF ADORATION**

**PRAYER OF CONFESSION (In Unison)**

**Gracious God, it is so easy to stray from the best we know. Before we realize it, we are lost in our fears, dominated by life's shadows, preoccupied with our own stress. We complain of our lot, even though our cups overflow with your goodness and mercy. We are reluctant givers and ineffective followers. Forgive us and hear us now as we offer our personal prayers of confession. (Continue in the silence.) . . . Amen.**

**ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

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

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

Leader: Christ welcomes the renewal of our faith and restores us to full relationship with God.

All: **Let us live as whole people, forgiven and forgiving.**

**\*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**

*Look at the World*

**Chancel Choir**  
*by John Rutter*

## CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

Rev. Duncan McColl

- *Please sign and pass the Friendship Pads*

Children (parents welcome also) come forward to the steps.

After the Children's Message: Sunday School classes are held in the McCullen Center Building. (out the main 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 at the rear of the Sanctuary.*

## \*HYMN

Hymnal #568

*Take My Life and Let It Be Consecrated*

## OFFERING OF OUR LIVES AND GIFTS

## OFFERTORY

*I Love You, Lord*

by L. Klein

## \*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

**Philippians 2:12-18**

**Pew Bible N.T. Page 197**

## SERMON

**Dr. Randy Steele**

*"Partners in the Gospel: A Ministry of Obedience"*

The hardest thing to grasp about the grace of God is that it turns our understanding of rules and obedience upside down. Here we learn to work hard at obeying God, not in order to be acceptable, but because by grace we have already been accepted.

**AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (In Unison)**

The Confession of 1967 (9.21)

**The reconciling work of Jesus was the supreme crisis in the life of humankind. His cross and resurrection become personal crisis and present hope for women and men when the gospel is proclaimed and believed. In this experience, the Spirit brings God’s forgiveness to all, moves people to respond in faith, repentance, and obedience, and initiates the new life in Christ.**

**\*CLOSING HYMN OF PRAISE**

**Hymnal # 710**

*We Are Called to Be God’s People*

**\*INVITATIONS TO CONGREGATIONAL LIFE**

**\*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**

*Trio in E Major*

*by J. Rheinberger*

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Today’s flowers are donated by Paula Mathews.  
“In loving remembrance of Mother and Daddy, Margaret and John Mathews.”

Today’s Pastoral Deacons are Linda Schmidt (08:50) Lorena and Kurt Neufeld (10:30)

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