

Laguna Niguel Presbyterian Church

A Service for the Worship of God Sunday • January 27, 2008 • 10:30 am

*For those who are able, please stand.

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

“Then Jonah prayed to the LORD his God from the belly of the fish, saying, ‘I called to the LORD out of my distress, and he answered me.’”

— *Jonah 2:1-2a*

PRELUDE

Trio No. 6

by J. Rheinberger

Suk Choi, Organist

**CALL TO WORSHIP*

John Bare

Leader: Come; let us worship the One who grants us life eternal. Gather in the name of Christ who is present with us.

People: *We trust the ways of God and respond to the Spirit moving among us.*

Leader: God's ways are known in all the earth; God's saving power is available to all.

People: *Let us take courage in God's promise and open our hearts for the strength God offers as we worship together.*

**HYMN OF PRAISE 2*

Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty

NICAEA

PRAYER OF ADORATION

MUSICAL OFFERING

Look At the World

by John Rutter

Lee Lee Truong, Conductor; Suk Choi, Piano

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

Kristen Spalding

- *Please sign and pass the Friendship Pads.*

WORDS OF WELCOME AND CONGREGATIONAL LIFE

Dr. Randy Steele

**HYMN OF REFLECTION 45 Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing*

NETTLETON

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (In Unison)

Loving God, we confess that we often turn away from your direction and purpose. Despite our good intentions, we have broken trust with you and with one another. Forgive us for closing our ears to your call and give us the courage to follow after you. 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 at work in you, enabling you both to will and to work for God's good pleasure.

All: *Let us now live as forgiven 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*

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

Voluntary No. 6 Allegro

by J. Stanley

**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

Jonah 2:1-10

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SERMON

“Prayers from the Belly”

Dr. Randy Steele

Sometimes you discover that your life has been headed in the wrong direction.
When that happens, the will of God is not a mystery. What you should do is turn around.
But for that, you will need help.

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (In Unison)

The Confession of 1967 (Line 9.56)

*“Now to him who by the power within us is able to do far more
abundantly than all we ask or think, to him be glory in the
church and in Christ Jesus to all generations, forever and ever.
Amen.”*

**HYMN OF COMMITMENT 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*

Allegro on Gregorian Theme

by J. Latzelsberger

Today’s Pastoral Deacons are Jill Bone (08:50)
Bob Pierson (10:30)

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“Remember, God loves you”

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