

# Laguna Niguel Presbyterian Church

## A Service for the Worship of God Sunday • March 30, 2008 • 10:30 am

\*For those who are able, please stand.

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

The hero is one who kindles a great light in the world, who sets up blazing torches in the dark streets of life for men to see by. The saint is the man who walks through the dark paths of the world, himself a light.

— *Felix Adler*

### *PRELUDE*

*Processional in D*  
Suk Choi, Organist

by D. Johnson

### *\*CALL TO WORSHIP*

Leader: God's mighty acts among us are well-known.

*People: We are a people of history.*

Leader: God's redemptive acts were epitomized in Christ Jesus.

*People: We are a people of faith.*

Leader: God's salvation gives us hope and courage to affect history.

*People: We are a people of vision.*

Leader: God cherishes fellowship with us in worship.

*People: We are a people of prayer and praise.*

*All: May our lives magnify what we have been given, what we are and what, by God's grace, we may become. Amen.*

Karen Vassey

### *\*HYMN OF PRAISE 248*

*He Lives*

ACKLEY

Chancel Choir and Congregation

*PRAYER OF ADORATION*

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION (In Unison)*

*Eternal and gracious God, we know that in raising Jesus from the dead, you shattered the power of sin and fear. Yet we remain captive to old habits and doubt. We do not live in the joy of new life together. Help us to trust your power and love one another. Change our lives and make us new through the power of your Holy Spirit. (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: What then are we to say about these things? If God is for us, who is against us?

All: *No, in all these things we are more than conquerors through Christ who loved us. (Romans 8:31, 37)*

*\*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*

*WORDS OF WELCOME AND CONGREGATIONAL LIFE*

*MINUTE FOR MISSION*

JoAnn Renning

*MUSICAL OFFERING*

*When I Survey the Wondrous Cross*  
Sylvie Do-Vu, Soloist

arr. Tom Fettke

*SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM*

Administered to Sydney Kiyomi Malone  
Daughter of Mike & Stacy Malone

*Child of Blessing, Child of Promise* by John Wyeth  
*Child of blessing, child of promise, baptized with the Spirit's sign;  
with this water, God has sealed you, unto love and grace divine.*

*Child of God, your loving parent, learn to listen to God's call.  
Grow to laugh and sing and worship, trust and love God more than all.*

*CHILDREN'S MESSAGE*

Lee Lee Truong

- *Please sign and pass the Friendship Pads.*

*\*HYMN OF PREPARATION 496*

*Give Thanks with a Grateful Heart*

GIVE THANKS

*RECOGNITION OF SERVICE*

Lorelei Amador

*MORNING PRAYERS AND THE LORD'S PRAYER*

Dr. Randy Steele

*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*

*The Holy Heart*  
Chancel Choir

by Barbour and Skidmore

*\*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)*

*Guide us, O God, by your Word and Spirit, that in your light we may see light,  
in your truth find freedom, and in your will discover your peace; through  
Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.*

*SCRIPTURE READING* 1 Cor. 15:1-11 & Hebrews 12: 1-3 Pew Bible N.T. Pages 176 & 226

*SERMON*

Rev. Duncan McColl

*The Invisible Crowd*

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (In Unison)*

The Confession of 1967 9.22

*The new life in Christ takes shape in a community in which people know that  
God loves and accepts them in spite of what they are. They therefore accept  
themselves and love others, knowing that no one has any ground on which to  
stand, except God's grace.*

*\*HYMN OF COMMITMENT 743*

*Christ for the World! We Sing*

ITALIAN HYMN

*\*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*

*Christ Lay in Death's Fetters*

by J. S. Bach

Mississippi team commissioned at the 8:50 service:

Don Boyd	William Kappen	Carlos Saenz
Marissa Columbus	Carl Knutson, Jr.	John Schultz
Joe Ditto	Andy Logan	Wendy Tapia
Colleen Dodge	Ann Mauger	Claudia Vitalich
Alanna Eilenberg	Jerry McCloskey	Mark Wintermute
Sally Kappen	Jim Perkins	

Today's flowers are donated by Edie Sholtz.  
"In memory of my son, Mark, on his birthday."

Today's Pastoral Deacons are Shirley Byers (08:50)  
Chuck Campman and Jean Shelton (10:30)

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**"Remember, God loves you"**

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