

Laguna Niguel Presbyterian Church

A Service for the Worship of God
Sunday • January 25, 2008 • 10:30 am

*For those who are able, please stand.

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

“If we say that we have fellowship with him while we are walking in darkness, we lie and do not do what is true; but if we walk in the light as he himself is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus his Son cleanses us from all sin.”

— *1 John 1:6-7*

PRELUDE

Ancient of Days
Suk Choi, Organist

by Paul Taylor

**HYMN OF PRAISE 20*

Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee
Chancel Choir and Congregation

ODE TO JOY

**CALL TO WORSHIP*

Mal Black

Leader: Come, children of God; sing a new song. Clap your hands and shout your praise.

People: *Jesus is our good news, our joy, and our salvation.*

Leader: God calls us into partnership with Christ Jesus and bids us walk in the light.

People: *How good and pleasant it is when we all dwell in unity. Let us worship God together.*

PRAYER OF ADORATION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (In Unison)

God of Light, you have called us into partnership, but we have chosen instead to go our own way. You have given us light and we have preferred to walk in the shadows. You call us to the truth while we try to fool others and deceive ourselves. Come to us in our confusion and sin to forgive us and make us whole. Hear us now in 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: *As we follow Christ, we find our true identity.*

**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*

CHORAL ANTHEM

Follow Me!

arr. John Carter

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

Carl Hess

• *Please sign and pass the Friendship Pads.*

- Children and Adults begin together in the Sanctuary for worship.
- Children (parents welcome also) come forward to the steps during Children's Message.
- After the Children's Message: Sunday School classes are held in the McCullen Center Building (out the main sanctuary 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 for families with infants and small children is available in the rear of the Sanctuary across from the nursery.*

WORDS OF WELCOME AND CONGREGATIONAL LIFE

**HYMN OF PREPARATION 130 (verses 1, 2, 3, 5) O for a Thousand Tongues to Sing AZMON*

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

Pass Me Not

by W. H. Doane

**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

Ephesians 4:25-32

Pew Bible N. T. Page 194

SERMON

"Walking in the Light: Speech, Temper, Work, Relating"

Dr. Randy Steele

We need to listen and hear, to sense and understand, especially in the place where we are best known and our lives are most intricately intertwined.

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (In Unison)

A Brief Statement of Faith (Lines 7-18)

*We trust in Jesus Christ,
fully human, fully God.
Jesus proclaimed the reign of God:
preaching good news to the poor
and release to the captives,
teaching by word and deed
and blessing the children,
healing the sick
and binding up the brokenhearted,
eating with outcasts,
forgiving sinners,
and calling all to repent and believe the gospel.*

**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*

Jesus, My Joy, My Heart’s Desire

by J. S. Bach

Today’s flowers are donated by Doyle and Pat Knirk.
“In memory of Dr. Harold Knirk.”

Today’s Pastoral Deacon’s are Jill Bone, (9:00),
Christie Phillips and Shirley Byers (10:30)

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“Remember, God loves you”

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