

Laguna Niguel Presbyterian Church

A Service for the Worship of God
Sunday • March 7, 2010 • 10:00 am

*For those who are able, please stand.

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

“[Jesus] cried with a loud voice, ‘Lazarus, come out!’ The dead man came out, his hands and feet bound with strips of cloth, and his face wrapped in a cloth. Jesus said to them, ‘Unbind him, and let him go.’”

— *John 11:43-44*

MORNING PRAISE

Let It Rise

by Holland Davis

WELCOME

**SONGS OF DEVOTION AND PRAISE*

Indescribable

by Laura Story

I Lift My Eyes Up (Psalm 121)

by Brian Doerkson

Worship Ensemble and Congregation

**CALL TO WORSHIP*

Paula Mathews

Leader: Today God calls us out of our tombs of fear and rejection.

People: *We rejoice that God is with us in the midst of new life and change.*

Leader: Let us be strengthened by all the power of God's salvation.

People: *We marvel that God makes all things new. Let us live as God's own people, forever and ever!*

PRAYER OF ADORATION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (In Unison)

Loving God, we confess that we sought to live life our own way. We have deceived ourselves and other people. Our words and actions have imprisoned others rather than setting them free, and we ourselves are bound by our prejudices and inhumanity. Forgive us; for we cannot live in our deceit and unfaithfulness. Hear us now as we offer our personal prayers of confession . . . Amen.

**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)

*Lord, open our hearts and minds
By the power of your Holy Spirit,
That as the scriptures are read
And your Word is proclaimed,
we may hear with joy what you say to us today.
Amen.*

SCRIPTURE READING

John 11:38-44

Pew Bible, N. T. Page 105

SERMON

“Leaving our Tombs Behind”

Dr. Randy Steele

No one has enough faith to leave a comfortable tomb by themselves. To walk in new life we need to lean on the faith of others.

**HYMN OF COMMITMENT #710*

We Are Called to Be God’s People

AUSTRIAN 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*

*Voluntary in D Flat Major
Suk Choi, Organ*

by D. N. Johnson

Today's Worship Leader is: Alissa Miller

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“Remember God loves you”

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