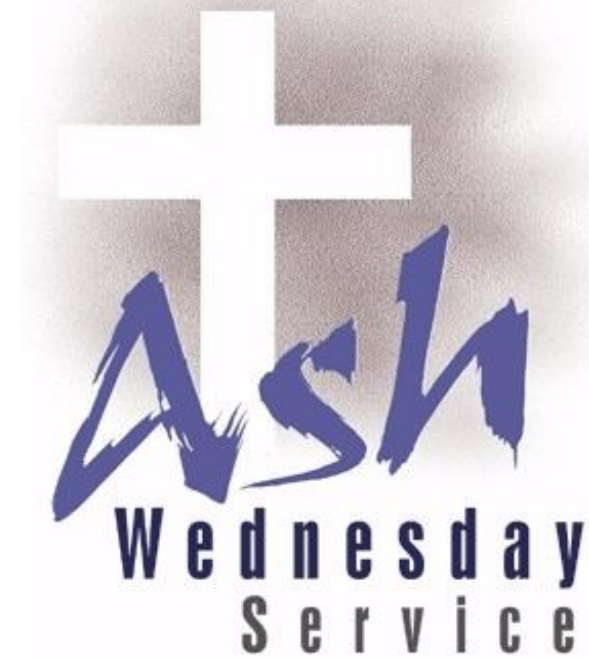


Laguna Niguel  
Presbyterian Church



7:00 pm  
February 14, 2024

**Please silence your cell phone**

**Welcome**

Pastor Jim

**Gathering Prayer**

**Hymn of Preparation**

***Come Just as You Are***  
Joseph Sabolick

*Come just as you are, hear the Spirit call.  
Come just as you are. Come and see, come receive,  
Come and live forever.  
Come just as you are, hear the Spirit call.  
Come just as you are. Come receive, Christ the King;  
Come and live forever.*

*Life everlasting, and strength for today;  
Taste the Living Water, and never thirst again.  
Come just as you are, hear the Spirit call.  
Come just as you are. Come and see, come receive,  
Come and live forever.*

*Life everlasting, and strength for today;  
Taste the Living Water, and never thirst again.  
Come just as you are, hear the Spirit call.  
Come just as you are. Come receive, Christ the King;  
Come and live forevermore.*

**Litany of Confession**

Leader: Lord Jesus, come and save us.

People: *We are but dust,  
We are like ashes,  
but you can touch our unclean souls.*

Leader: Lord Jesus hear us.

People: *Our hearts are heavy,  
Our burdens are great,  
Hear our silent prayers of confession:*

Leader: Lord Jesus forgive us

People: *We confess our brokenness,  
We seek your forgiveness.  
Cleanse us with the water of life.*

Leader: Jesus come and heal us.

People: *Restore our sight,  
Teach us truth,  
Speak to us words that bring us wholeness.*

Leader: Lord Jesus, touch us with your heart of love,

People: *Cleanse us with the water of life,  
Restore our sight that we may see,  
Teach us truth that we may lead Godly lives. Amen.*

**Assurance of Forgiveness**

**Musical Offering**

***Cleanse Me***  
Arr. by Mark Hayes  
LNPC Chancel Choir

Cleanse me, Lord, purify me, Holy Lord,  
Sanctify me, wash me, Lord,  
In the water of your Word.

By the power of your Spirit fill my mind.  
Put within it words of truth  
So I'll never be deceived.

Wash me in your Word.  
Try me now with fire.  
Pierce me with your sword  
So my blood flows with desire  
To be grounded in your Word.  
Take me, Lord, and ground me in your Word.  
Lord, ground me in your Word.  
And cleanse me.

Every trial, every battle, in your power  
I can handle, I can see  
That you're working for my good.

I will trust in your wisdom. Lord of all,  
Build your kingdom in my heart  
Till your glory shines on earth.

Wash me in your Word.  
Try me now with fire.  
Pierce me with your sword  
So my blood flows with desire  
To be grounded in your Word.  
Take me, Lord, and ground me in your Word.  
Lord, ground me in your Word.  
And cleanse me, cleanse me,  
Cleans me,  
Lord, cleanse me.

### First Scripture Reading - A Psalm of Confession

(Read Responsively)

### Psalm 51: 1-17

Pastor Sara

Pew Bible pgs. 520 - 521

Leader: <sup>1</sup> Have mercy on me, O God, according to your steadfast love;  
according to your abundant mercy blot out my transgressions. <sup>2</sup> Wash  
me thoroughly from my iniquity, and cleanse me from my sin.

All: <sup>3</sup> For I know my transgressions, and my sin is ever before me. <sup>4</sup> Against  
you, you alone, have I sinned, and done what is evil in your sight,

Leader: So that you are justified in your sentence and blameless when you  
pass judgment. <sup>5</sup> Indeed, I was born guilty, a sinner when my mother  
conceived me. <sup>6</sup> You desire truth in the inward being; therefore teach  
me wisdom in my secret heart.

All: <sup>7</sup> Purge me with hyssop, and I shall be clean; wash me, and I shall be  
whiter than snow. <sup>8</sup> Let me hear joy and gladness; let the bones that you  
have crushed rejoice.

Leader: <sup>9</sup> Hide your face from my sins, and blot out all my iniquities. <sup>10</sup> Create  
in me a clean heart, O God, and put a new and right spirit within me.

All: <sup>11</sup> Do not cast me away from your presence, and do not take your holy  
spirit from me. <sup>12</sup> Restore to me the joy of your salvation, and sustain in  
me a willing spirit. <sup>13</sup> Then I will teach transgressors your ways, and  
sinners will return to you.

Leader: <sup>14</sup> Deliver me from bloodshed, O God, O God of my salvation, and my  
tongue will sing aloud of your deliverance.

All: <sup>15</sup> O Lord, open my lips, and my mouth will declare your praise. <sup>16</sup> For  
you have no delight in sacrifice; if I were to give a burnt offering, you  
would not be pleased. <sup>17</sup> The sacrifice acceptable to God is a broken  
spirit; a broken and contrite heart, O God, you will not despise.

### Hymn of Commitment

### Just As I Am, Without One Plea

Charlottes Elliott

#455 (vv. 1, 5)

*Just as I am, without one plea  
But that thy blood was shed for me,  
And that thou bidd'st me come to thee,  
O Lamb of God, I come! I come!*

*Just as I am, thou wilt receive,  
Wilt welcome, pardon, cleanse, relieve;  
Because thy promise I believe,  
O Lamb of God, I come! I come!*

*O Lamb of God, I come.*

### Second Scripture Reading

### Matthew 6: 1 - 6 & 16 - 21

Pew Bible pgs. 5 - 6

<sup>1</sup> "Beware of practicing your piety before others in order to be seen by them, for then you  
have no reward from your Father in heaven. <sup>2</sup> "So whenever you give alms, do not sound a  
trumpet before you, as the hypocrites do in the synagogues and in the streets, so that they  
may be praised by others. Truly I tell you, they have received their reward. <sup>3</sup> But when you

give alms, do not let your left hand know what your right hand is doing, <sup>4</sup> so that your alms may be done in secret, and your Father who sees in secret will reward you. <sup>5</sup> “And whenever you pray, do not be like the hypocrites, for they love to stand and pray in the synagogues and at the street corners, so that they may be seen by others. Truly I tell you, they have received their reward. <sup>6</sup> But whenever you pray, go into your room and shut the door and pray to your Father who is in secret, and your Father who sees in secret will reward you. <sup>16</sup> “And whenever you fast, do not look dismal, like the hypocrites, for they disfigure their faces so as to show others that they are fasting. Truly I tell you, they have received their reward. <sup>17</sup> But when you fast, put oil on your head and wash your face, <sup>18</sup> so that your fasting may be seen not by others but by your Father who is in secret, and your Father who sees in secret will reward you. <sup>19</sup> “Do not store up for yourselves treasures on earth, where moth and rust consume and where thieves break in and steal, <sup>20</sup> but store up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where neither moth nor rust consumes and where thieves do not break in and steal. <sup>21</sup> For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.

## Homily

## Heart Work

## Time of Reflection

## Imposition of Ashes

Leader: Almighty God, you created us out of the dust of the ground.

All: *May these ashes remind us that we are dust and shall return to dust.*

Leader: May they also remind us

All: *of the cross of Christ by which we are given everlasting life; through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.*

## Meditation Music

## *Speak to Me in Ashes* Douglas Nolan

Speak to me in ashes.  
Speak to me in tears.  
Whisper to the silence in my souls.

Lord, I wait in stillness,  
Ready now to hear.  
Speak to me in ashes and in tears.

Speak to me in silence.  
Speak to me Your peace.  
Touch my heart and still my troubled mind.

Words of calm assurance,  
All my fears release.  
Speak to me in silence. Give me peace.

Lord, speak to me.  
My heart is open to receive Your grace.  
Lord, speak to me.  
Here in these shadows,  
Let me feel your sure embrace.

Speak to me with mercy.  
Speak to me in love.  
By Your Word, my spirit is reborn.

Echoes of compassion  
Sounding from above.  
Speak to me with mercy and in love.  
Speak to me in mercy and in love.

## Closing Prayer

## **Closing Hymn**

### ***Change My Heart, O God*** Eddie Espinosa

*Change my heart, O God. Make it ever true.  
Change my heart, O God. May I be like You.  
Change my heart, O God. Make it ever true.  
Change my heart, O God. May I be like You.*

*You are the potter. I am the clay.  
Mold me and make me. This is what I pray.  
Change my heart, O God. Make it ever true.  
Change my heart, O God. May I be like You.*

*You are the potter. I am the clay.  
Mold me and make me. This is what I pray.  
Change my heart, O God. Make it ever true.  
Change my heart, O God. May I be like You.*

## **Benediction**

***Thank you for departing in silence  
in respect for those who wish to remain in prayer.***

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