

# Laguna Niguel Presbyterian Church



Ash Wednesday Service  
7:00 pm, February 18, 2026

**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.  
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Come and live forever.*

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Come just as you are. Come receive, Christ the King;  
Come and live forevermore.*

***Kyrie Eleison***

Chris Tomlin, Jason Ingram, Matt Maher, & Matt Redman

*Lord, have mercy,  
Christ, have mercy.  
Hear our cry and heal our land.  
Let kindness lead us to repentance;  
Bring us back again.*

*For Your name is great,  
And Your heart is grace;  
Kyrie Eleison!*

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*Over all, You reign.  
You alone can save;  
Kyrie Eleison!  
Lord, have mercy ;  
Christ, have mercy on us now.*

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### **Litany of Confession**

**Leader:** Most holy and merciful God: We confess to you and to one another, and to the whole communion of saints in heaven and on earth, that we have sinned by our own fault in thought, word, and deed; by what we have done, and by what we have left undone.

**People:** *We have not loved you with our whole heart, and mind, and strength. We have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We have not forgiven others, as we have been forgiven. Have mercy on us, Lord.*

**Leader:** We have been deaf to your call to serve, as Christ served us. We have not been true to the mind of Christ. We have grieved your Holy Spirit.

**People:** *We confess to you, Lord, all our past unfaithfulness: the pride, hypocrisy, and impatience of our lives, our self-indulgent appetites and ways, and our exploitation of other people, our anger at our own frustration, and our envy of those more fortunate than ourselves, our intemperate love of worldly goods and comforts, and our dishonesty in daily life and work, we confess to you, Lord.*

**Leader:** Accept our repentance, Lord, for the wrongs we have done: for our blindness to human need and suffering, and our indifference to injustice and cruelty, accept our repentance, Lord.

**People:** *For all false judgments, for uncharitable thoughts toward our neighbors, and for our prejudice and contempt toward those who differ from us, accept our repentance, Lord.*

**Leader:** Restore us, good Lord, and let your anger depart from us; favorably hear us, for your mercy is great.

**All:** *Accomplish in us the work of your salvation, that we may show forth your glory in the world.*

### **Assurance of Forgiveness**

#### **Musical Offering**

***Father, Forgive***  
Lee Dengler  
LNPC Chancel Choir

O Father, forgive our sins.  
We are helpless. We have lost our way.  
O Father, forgive our sins.  
In Your mercy save us! Hear our cry!

On a cross of grief and pain,  
Jesus suffered for our shame.  
Such amazing love He showed.  
What a debt to Him I owe.

O Father, forgive our sins.  
We are helpless. We have lost our way.  
O Father, forgive our sins.  
In Your mercy save us! Hear our cry!

Kyrie eleison. (Lord have mercy.)  
Christe eleison. (Christ have mercy.)  
Kyrie eleison, eleison. (4 times)

O Father, forgive our sins.  
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O Father, forgive our sins.  
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### First Scripture Reading - A Psalm of Confession

(Read Responsively)

### Psalm 51: 1-17

Pew Bible pp. 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.

People: <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, so that you are justified in your sentence and blameless when you pass judgment.

Leader: <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. <sup>7</sup> Purge me with hyssop, and I shall be clean; wash me, and I shall be whiter than snow.

People: <sup>8</sup> Let me hear joy and gladness; let the bones that you have crushed rejoice. <sup>9</sup> Hide your face from my sins, and blot out all my iniquities.

Leader: <sup>10</sup> Create in me a clean heart, O God, and put a new and right spirit within me. <sup>11</sup> Do not cast me away from your presence, and do not take your Holy Spirit from me.

People: <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.

People: <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, 4)

*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, poor, wretched, blind,  
Sight, riches, healing of the mind,  
Yea, all I need in thee I find,  
O Lamb of God, I come! I come!*

*O Lamb of God, I come.*

### Second Scripture Reading

**Isaiah 58: 1 - 12**  
Pew Bible pp. 688 - 689

<sup>1</sup> Shout out, do not hold back!  
Lift up your voice like a trumpet!  
Announce to my people their rebellion,  
to the house of Jacob their sins.  
<sup>2</sup> Yet day after day they seek me  
and delight to know my ways,  
as if they were a nation that practiced righteousness  
and did not forsake the ordinance of their God;  
they ask of me righteous judgments,  
they delight to draw near to God.  
<sup>3</sup> "Why do we fast, but you do not see?  
Why humble ourselves, but you do not notice?"  
Look, you serve your own interest on your fast day,  
and oppress all your workers.  
<sup>4</sup> Look, you fast only to quarrel and to fight  
and to strike with a wicked fist.  
Such fasting as you do today  
will not make your voice heard on high.  
<sup>5</sup> Is such the fast that I choose,  
a day to humble oneself?

Is it to bow down the head like a bulrush,  
 and to lie in sackcloth and ashes?  
 Will you call this a fast,  
 a day acceptable to the Lord?  
<sup>6</sup> Is not this the fast that I choose:  
 to loose the bonds of injustice,  
 to undo the thongs of the yoke,  
 to let the oppressed go free,  
 and to break every yoke?  
<sup>7</sup> Is it not to share your bread with the hungry,  
 and bring the homeless poor into your house;  
 when you see the naked, to cover them,  
 and not to hide yourself from your own kin?  
<sup>8</sup> Then your light shall break forth like the dawn,  
 and your healing shall spring up quickly;  
 your vindicator shall go before you,  
 the glory of the Lord shall be your rear guard.  
<sup>9</sup> Then you shall call, and the Lord will answer;  
 you shall cry for help, and he will say, Here I am.  
 If you remove the yoke from among you,  
 the pointing of the finger, the speaking of evil,  
<sup>10</sup> if you offer your food to the hungry  
 and satisfy the needs of the afflicted,  
 then your light shall rise in the darkness  
 and your gloom be like the noonday.  
<sup>11</sup> The Lord will guide you continually,  
 and satisfy your needs in parched places,  
 and make your bones strong;  
 and you shall be like a watered garden,  
 like a spring of water,  
 whose waters never fail.  
<sup>12</sup> Your ancient ruins shall be rebuilt;  
 you shall raise up the foundations of many generations;  
 you shall be called the repairer of the breach,  
 the restorer of streets to live in.

## Homily

## Time of Reflection

## Imposition of Ashes

Our ancestors in the faith used ashes as a sign of our repentance, a symbol of the uncertainty and fragility of human life. Like them, we have tasted the ashes of hopelessness; we have walked through the ashes of our loss and pain; we have stood knee-deep in the ashes of our brokenness. Like them, like our ancestors of old, may these ashes also serve as a new beginning, a beginning founded in humility and repentance.

## Meditation Music

***When I Survey the Wondrous Cross***  
 David Cherwien

## 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.*

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## **Benediction**

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

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