

CHURCH AT STUDY SANCTUARY

10:30 a.m.

Congregational Singing	<i>Crib-Cross-Crown</i>	Adrian Pressley, Lily Diehl, Christina Liem-Jennings, David Smith
Opening Hymn	<i>O Come, All Ye Faithful</i>	No. 132
Prayer, Welcome, and Introductions		Hans Diehl
Musical Selection	<i>He Shall Feed His Flock</i>	<i>Frederick Handel</i> Christina Liem-Jennings, soprano; Lily Diehl, piano
Special Feature	Make Me a Blessing	Siegfried Neuendorf Hans Diehl
Prayer for the Offering Offering	Sabbath School Expense <i>(Place mission offering in envelope.)</i>	Hans Diehl
Offertory	<i>O Holy Night</i>	<i>arr. Kris Dorsey & Bill Holcombe</i> Loma Linda Academy Saxophone Quartet Natasha Thomas, soprano saxophone; Kirk Udvardi, alto saxophone; George Corrales, tenor saxophone; Valerben Bayeta, baritone saxophone
Lesson	The Elect	David Smith
Song of Response	<i>So Send I You</i> , verses 1, 2	No. 578
Closing Prayer		David Smith
Postlude	<i>Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee</i>	<i>Ludwig van Beethoven</i> Lily Diehl, piano
Superintendents: Hans and Lily Diehl Producer: Michael Weismeyer & Elsie Chan		Piano: Doris Perez Organ: Donna Samson

ADULT SABBATH SCHOOL CLASSES

Young Adult

Praxis / 10:00 a.m., Wong Kerlee	Advent Hope / 9:00 a.m., Centennial Complex/ Damazo Amphitheater
Rooted / 10:00 a.m., Griggs Hall rm 138	

Adults

Adult Sabbath School / 10:30 a.m., Sanctuary	IN Light / 10:30 a.m., rm 201
Bernard Taylor / 10:30 a.m., LLU Hospital, Barnes A-level Amphitheater	Ken Hart / 10:30 a.m., West Hall (School of Nursing), rm 1105
The Bible Lab / 10:30 a.m., Randall Amphitheater	Sabbath Seminar / 10:30 a.m., Centennial Complex, rm 3208
Branson Legacy Sabbath School / 10:30 a.m., Centennial Complex, rm 3111	
The Connecting Place / 10:30 a.m., LLUC rm 103	
Faith & Science / 10:25 a.m., Mortensen Hall	
Gathering Place / 10:20 a.m., LLUC rm 111	Southern Asia Fellowship Worship Group / 6 p.m., LLUC rm 111
Gary Chartier / 9:45 a.m., Griggs Hall, rm 2A	Hungarian Worship Group / 4 p.m., LLUC rm 103

CALENDAR

Wednesday, December 20

6:00 p.m. Open Prayer Circle, "Prayer, Praise, and Petitions," room 104
7:00 p.m. Prayer Meeting, Carlos Moretta, Room 111

Sabbath, December 23

9:00 & 11:45 a.m. "When God's Call Fulfills Your Dreams," *Mary Moments: God's Unexpected Calls* (part 4 of 4), Randy Roberts, sanctuary
Praxis, Young Adults, Wong Kerlee
10:00 a.m. LLUC Sabbath School, "Overcoming Evil With Good," Miguel Mendez, sanctuary
10:30 a.m. Festival of Lessons and Carols, sanctuary
4:30 p.m.

Sunset Today - 4:42 p.m. Sunset Next Week - 4:45 p.m.

SERMON INTRODUCTION

Often, in Scripture, darkness in the physical world symbolizes darkness in the spiritual world. You can find many examples of that. In the story of Egypt, the children of Israel, Moses, and the Exodus, physical darkness was a pervasive symbol of the spiritual darkness present in Egypt. In the book of Job, darkness is a symbol of the world's chaos and separation from God. In the Psalms, again, darkness speaks of humanity's alienation from God and God's ways. And then, in the New Testament, the theme continues. Jesus, for example, in speaking of Himself as "the light of the world," tells His listeners that if they follow Him, they will never walk in darkness. (See John 8:12). And John, in speaking of Judas, illustrates that to walk away from Jesus is to walk into darkness, when he says—on the night Judas left the Upper Room to betray Jesus—that "it was night" (John 13:30).

And yet, it is when people are lost in darkness that God specializes in finding them, shedding light on their pathway, and bringing them into a saving relationship with Himself. That story, too, is told over and over again the pages of Holy Writ. Another way to say it would be to say that,

many times, *Mary Moments* come while we're in darkness.

Such was the story of the shepherds. As they tended their sheep *at night*, suddenly, light blazed from heaven, blinding them, frightening them, illuminating the darkness with its brilliance. And, *gloriously!* from the angel chorus that shone that light on them, they heard the greatest of all good news: *A Savior is born!*

Many around us and some among us live in darkness. Soul darkness. Numbing darkness. Deadening darkness. What they need is light. What they need is good news. What they need is a *Mary Moment*.

Such is our focus today—not only from the pages of Scripture—but also from the life of a member of our community. Thank you, Joel Chapen, for being willing to share your story with us. *May the light of Jesus shine on us today!*

Randy Roberts
Senior pastor

TOGETHER IN PRAYER

If you have ever wondered why, how, or when to intercede in prayer for the church, this is for you. Jesus invites us to do so. The Prayer Place is the place. Join us Sabbath mornings from 9:00 a.m. to 10:15 a.m., from 10:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m., or from 11:45 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. We are located by the Court Yard in room 102.

Questions or Comments: www.lluc.org

DVD copies of LLUC worship services are available for purchase online at www.llucstore.com

Church Office Hours: M.–Th., 8am – 5pm ; F., 8am–noon. Closed Tu., 8:30–9:30am

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CHURCH AT WORSHIP SANCTUARY

DECEMBER 16
9:00 & 11:45 a.m.

Out of respect for worshipers around you, please silence all electronic devices.

Video Announcements		
Pastoral Welcome		Jonathan Osorio
Call to Worship	<i>A Christmas Fanfare</i> Sanctuary Brass	<i>Dorothy Gates</i>
Songs of Advent	<i>Joy to the World</i> <i>Angels We Have Heard on High</i> <i>Good Christians, Now Rejoice</i>	No. 125 No. 142 No. 136
Advent Candle-lighting	Becker Family: Ryan, Emily, Olivia, Robbie ¹ Guptill Family: Scott, Mindi, Alex, Jilly, Abby ²	
	<i>O Come, O Come, Immanuel</i>	No. 115
Prayer		Roy Ice
Prayer Response		
Building Highlight		Doug Mace
Tithes and Offerings	LLUC Building Fund <i>(Loose offerings go to church budget.)</i>	
Offertory	<i>Once in Royal David's City</i> Sanctuary Brass	<i>Brian Bowen</i>
Baptism	Emily Negri Andrea Elizabeth Negri	Jonathan Osorio ² Doug Mace ²
Anthem	<i>What Child Is This?</i> Sanctuary Brass; Wilbert Pérez, Trumpet	<i>Douglas Court</i>
Meditation ²		
Scripture Reading	Luke 2:8-14, TNIV (Pew Bible, p. 1525)	Morgan Walls William Abel
Sermon	When God's Call Brings Good News <i>Mary Moments: God's Unexpected Calls</i> (part 3 of 4)	Randy Roberts with Joel Chapen
Closing Prayer		Randy Roberts
Postlude	<i>Toccata on "God Rest Ye Merry, Gentlemen"</i>	<i>Alfred Fedak</i>

Virgil Nielsen, conductor, Sanctuary Brass
Karis Boling, Gilbert Hernandez, producers

Kimo Smith, organist

¹First Service

²Second Service

VESPERS SANCTUARY

4:30 p.m.



BAPTISMS



her life to God.

Emily Negri is a freshman at Cajon High School. She is very involved in school and wants to be more involved in church and is ready to give



symbol of her love for Jesus.

Andrea Elizabeth Negri attends public school. She is athletic, and enjoys softball and long distance running. She wants to get baptized as a

CHURCH AND COMMUNITY LIFE

Offering today: LLUC building fund. Next week: local church budget. All loose and undesignated offerings are applied to church budget. You may give online by visiting lluc.org.

We regret to announce the following deaths: **Clyde Larry Davis** on November 30. He is survived by his wife Kay, son Mark, daughter Carrie Sayeski, and three grandchildren. **Siegfried Roeske** on December 11. He is survived by his wife Carol, children Reiner and Jolene, Richmond, Lana and David Cusick, and five grandchildren. His service will be in the sanctuary on Sunday, December 17. It will begin with a viewing at 12 p.m., and funeral at 1 p.m., followed by a reception in the Fellowship Hall. In lieu of flowers the family suggests donating to the Union College Student Scholarship Fund at (402)486-2503. **Lucille Aitchison Bieber** on December 12. She is survived by her sons Steven Aitchison, Bob Southwick, Ken Pierson, and Don Bieber, daughter Susan Boice, 10 grandchildren, and 11 great-grandchildren. A vespers was held in her honor.

Season's Greetings are expressed each year by members of LLUC through a contribution of \$25 or more to support the music ministry. Please designate your contribution "Greetings" and list your name exactly as you would like it to appear on the list. Contribution deadline is today.

Church Office Holiday Hours: offices will be closed Friday, December 22, thru Monday, December 25, and Monday, January 1.

Winter Wednesdays are coming! Save the dates of January 17, 24, 31, February 7 and 14, for this popular social and educational event. Seminar information and on-line registration will start December 30 and conclude January 15. Watch for further details!

Will you prayerfully consider a year-end gift for the Church Building Program and our Church Budget? All building gifts are counted for our "We Build" campaign. We build for His kingdom! Thank you for your investment!

In light of recent events in our country, the risk management committee is working on security protocols to enhance the safety of our members. As a part of our efforts to secure our sanctuary, all doors will remain locked during Sabbath morning with the exception of our lobby doors, beginning January 6, 2018. A greeter will be present to provide access for the disabled at the north transept east door entrance only. Thank you for your help making our church a safer place.

Register for The One Project gathering before December 31. The grand finale promises to be a unique and transformative experience. Each speaker will share why they personally proclaim, "Oh, How I Love Jesus!" You, through conversation, singing, and celebration, will have the same opportunity. This gathering will not be recorded. It takes place in San Diego on February 11 to 12. Register to attend at www.the1project.org before December 31. Prices increase on January 1.

MEMBERSHIP TRANSFERS

Incoming

David & Melna Buell, Azure Hills	Conner Eckburg, Garden Grove	Nora Injeti Perez, Burnaby, BC	Henny, Nova, & Felicia Sofyan, Loma Linda Indonesian
Raphael Cabrera, Burleson Spanish, TX	Evan Chu Kinne, Kettering, OH	James & Elsie Jean Politano, Camarillo	Shelina Villgeas, Calhoun, GA
David & Ana Camarena, Living Stones	Liza Michelle Angulo Kiziak, Garden Grove	Julia Reynolds, Westbrook, ME	
Julie Chapen, Brunswick, ME	Ingrid Nelson, Red Bluff	Don & Audrey Rice, Meridian, ID	

Outgoing

Helen Kwok Chin, Riverside Indonesian	Christopher Elston- Hurdle, Bucks County, PA	Michele Rafuse, Pacific Union College, Angwin	Henry & Dorothy Vaden, Belgrade, MT
Bruce & Jill Ellington, Mentone	Hosea Gucilatar, Loma Linda Tagalog	Steve Sheldon, Boulder, CO	
Terry Hillock, Crosswalk	Reginald Madden, South Bay, Redondo Beach	Art & Janis Smith, Azure Hills	