

Church at Worship 9:00 & 11:45 a.m. Services

Video Announcements

Prelude *Away in a Manger* arr. *Andreas Ludwig Schulte*

Call to Worship *Glory to God in the Highest* *Randall Thompson*

Pastoral Welcome Miguel Mendez

Advent Candlelighting Mueni Chweya and Michael Masongo¹
Jesse, Naomi, Hazel, Madeleine, and Chloe Lee⁴

Hymn of Praise *Go, Tell It on the Mountain* arr. *John W. Work*

Prayer Shawna Campbell

Musical Praise *Lux Arumque* *Erik Whitacre*

Tithes and Offerings Local Church Budget Richard Blum-Johnston
(Loose offerings go to church budget.) Doug Mace

Offertory *Ceremonial for Christmas* *Bill Holcombe*

Anthem *Breath of Heaven* *Chris Eaton*
and *Amy Grant*, arr. *Craig Courtney*

Meditation⁴

Scripture Reading Luke 1:5-25, NIV Nia Ndlela,
Danielle Rajagukguk, Rafael Yanez

Sermon **Zechariah: The Speechless Priest** Randy Roberts
Forgotten (part 2 of 4)

Closing Prayer Miguel Mendez¹
Randy Roberts⁴

Postlude *Joy to the World* arr. *Fred Bock*

Worship Service Participating Musicians

Liz Millet, Maia Bilbao, Bruce Cotton, Jaiden Skoretz, choristers;
JV Wongkaren, vocal; Herschel Naibaho, piano; Kimo Smith, organ
ProMusica; Kristian Leukert, conductor
Brass Ensemble; Craig Mohr, conductor



Forgotten

The Often-Overlooked Characters of Christmas

Do you ever feel forgotten? Overlooked? Neglected? Like God is interested in others and is working elsewhere? Like others are important and you are insignificant? Like you could disappear and life would go on? Like, without you, the world would still be just fine?

If that describes you, then you may be interested in the *often-overlooked characters of Christmas*. A neglected man. A speechless priest. An aging prophet. A worshipping widow. They were overlooked at the time. Today, they're often simply forgotten. Yet, without them, the Christmas story would not be the same.

They serve as timeless reminders that *God often works in quiet corners in unnoticed ways at surprising times in overlooked people*.

And that's precisely where God may be *most* at work this Christmas.

In people like me, like you, in places like this, at times like now.

Together in Prayer

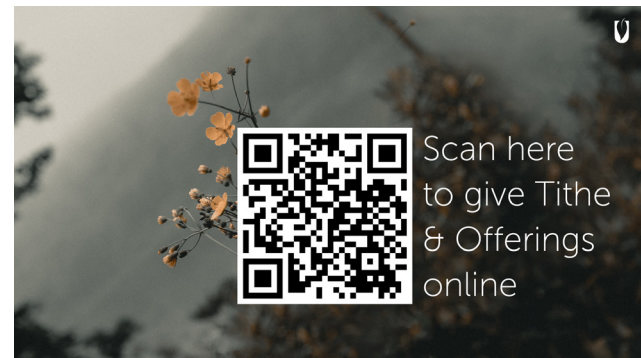
JOIN US! Every Sabbath our Prayer Room (room 102, south side of church) is open between 10 and 11:30 a.m. You may also submit your prayer requests or comments any time at luc.org. And call in our daily 7 a.m. prayer line family by dialing (909)361-6220, enter ID number 11125#.

Assisted listening devices are available to check out from the deacons' room.

Questions or Comments: www.luc.org

Church Office Hours: M.-Th., 8am - 4pm ; F., 8am - noon. Closed Tu., 8:30 - 9:30am

Family Ministry Building Program



Sunset Today - 4:40 p.m. Sunset Next Week - 4:42 p.m.

For a complete list of Sabbath Schools go to luc.org/sabbath-school-groups.

Church and Community Life

With deep sadness we announce the following deaths:

Ivan T. Blazen on December 4. He is survived by wife Deanna, daughters Lynel, Yvonne, and Jean, five grandchildren, and two great-grandchildren. A service in Loma Linda is pending.

Ernest D. Steiner on November 12. He is survived by wife Barbara, and daughters Julie and Jaime.

Tour of the Family Ministry Building today immediately following the 4th service. Look for Doug Mace and Richard Blum-Johnston in the Courtyard. See God's handiwork as *We Build for His Kingdom!*

Light of Love: A Christmas Musical of the Nativity: LLUC Media is pleased to present an original Christmas musical of the nativity titled *Light of Love*. Described as Princess Bride meets Disney, this family-friendly show encompasses the relatable humor and challenges of everyday life along with a heartfelt message of hope, acceptance, and love for the outsiders. Performances will be in the Auditorium on December 16 at 7 p.m., December 17 at 2 and 7 p.m., and December 21 and 23 at 7 p.m. Go to lluc.org for more information on tickets and how to support this project and future projects.

Music Ministry is grateful for the support of the LLUC church community throughout the year. Season's Greetings offers an opportunity to express a special "Christmas appreciation" for the dedication and sharing of the God-given talents that Music Ministry volunteers and personnel bring to LLUC. With a gift of \$50 or more, your name will be listed as a supporter of this vital ministry on a beautifully designed Season's Greeting page on the church website. Your gift of love is truly appreciated! Contribution deadline is December 16.

The Giving Season is upon us! Your church leaders ask if you will prayerfully consider a special gift for our building program on Sabbath, December 16. We look forward to paying down a significant portion of the principal of our loan this year. Remember any amount over 2 million dollars at the end of the year is applied directly to the loan principal. Thank you for your continued faithfulness in giving.

Messiah sing-along: Join the Sanctuary Choir, soloists, and chamber orchestra for this LLUC sing-along tradition December 16 during first and fourth services. Bring your own score or one will be provided. For information, contact Brenda Mohr at sanctuarychoirluc@gmail.com.

No Praxis Night Church on December 22 and 29. There will still be Praxis Sabbath School (Sabbath at 10 a.m. in the Praxis room) and Praxis Prayer Meeting (Friday at 6:30 p.m. in room 1406.)

The Pathfinders would like to thank those who donated jackets, coats, and hygiene items during the month of November. Almost 200 jackets and coats were collected. Some of the donated jackets were used for the Kings and Queens Thanksgiving event and continue to be distributed at the UReach Renew program. If you would still like to make a donation of jackets, coats, and hygiene items, drop them off at the UReach Office located at 24914 Barton Road, Loma Linda, on Monday-Thursday from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. and Friday 8:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. For questions, call (909)796-8357.

UNBELIEVABLE: Start the new year in a way that will RENEW your heart, mind, and soul! Join your LLUC pastor staff, as we take another unbelievable step in our discipleship journey with Jesus . . . getting us ready for all he has planned in 2024. We invite you to our "UNBELIEVABLE" series, January 5 to 13 with special guest speakers, Ty Gibson, David Asscherick, and Jeffrey Rosario. Our time together will be in the LLUC sanctuary each evening at 6:30 p.m. and Sabbaths at 9:00, 10:00, 11:30, 11:45 a.m. and 4:00 p.m. Find spiritual renewal, community, and start the new year off in a powerful way. RENEW – DEEPER. STRONGER. TOGETHER

Calendar of Events

Sunday, December 10 1:30 p.m.	Dementia Caregivers Support Group, room 102
Tuesday, December 12 5:30-7:00 p.m.	Experiencing God Bible Study, Zoom meeting, ID 985 953 81381
6:30-8:00 p.m.	Experiencing God Bible Study, Zoom meeting, ID 531 952 429 or call (669)900-6833
Wednesday, December 13 6:00 p.m.	Open Prayer Circle, room 102
Friday, December 15 7:30 p.m.	Night Church (Praxis), Young Adults, Family Ministries Bldg auditorium
Sabbath, December 16 9:00 & 11:45 a.m.	Simeon: <i>The Aging Prophet, Forgotten</i> (part 3 of 4), Randy Roberts, Sanctuary
10:00 a.m.	Praxis Young Adult Sabbath School, Family Ministries Bldg lower level, room 0402
10:00 & 11:30 a.m.	Anthem Modern Service, auditorium
3:00 p.m.	Ladies Tea, Fellowship Hall
7:00 p.m.	Light of Love, Auditorium

