



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

Video Announcements

Prelude *Messiah: Overture* George Frideric Handel

Call to Worship *Comfort Ye—Every Valley Shall Be Exalted* Handel

Pastoral Welcome Chris Stanley

Advent Candle Lighting Darren, Kimi, Miles, & Lucy Dudley¹
Stephane, Allison, Manon, & Philippa Johnson⁴

Hymn of Praise *Joy to the World* arr. Handel

Prayer Chris Johnston

Anthem *And the Glory of the Lord* Handel

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

Offertory *For unto Us a Child Is Born* Handel

Anthems *Glory to God* Handel
Rejoice Greatly, O Daughter of Zion Handel
Lift up Your Heads, O Ye Gates Handel

Scripture Luke 14:15-24 Carl Canwell,
Andrea Lau, Scotty Ray

Homily **Commoners Over Glitterati?** Randy Roberts
The Gift (Part 3 of 4)

Hymn of Response *Hallelujah!* Handel

Benediction Adrian Pressley

Postlude *Worthy Is the Lamb—Amen* Handel

List of Musicians:
Susana Jenson-Leiva, soprano
Javier Gonzalez, tenor
Sanctuary Choir
Chamber Ensemble
Kimo Smith, organ
Brenda Mohr and Adriana Perera, conductors

Family Ministry Building Program



Membership Transfers

Incoming

Darlene Chinnock Redlands, CA	Guru Uppala Oakwood University Church, Huntsville, AL	Rebecca Abigail Valenzuela La Sierra University Church, Riverside, CA
Maryanti Sumanti Uplands Indonesian Church, Bloomington, CA		

Outgoing

Antonia C. Cabanatan Thai Church, Redlands, CA	Bonnie Fernando Thai Church, Redlands, CA	Melody Tapia Attleboro, MA
Ana D. and David R. Camarena Yucaipa, CA	Daniel Japas Crowley, TX	
Aida, Allen, & Dennis Domingo Thai Church, Redlands, CA	Eppie C. Jose Thai Church, Redlands, CA	

Together in Prayer

At this time, more than ever, we want to pray together. Every Sabbath our Prayer Room (room 102, south side of church) is open between 10 and 11:30 a.m. You may submit your prayer requests or comments any time at lluc.org. Join our daily 7 a.m. prayer line family by calling (909)361-6220, enter ID number 11125#.

Questions or Comments: www.lluc.org

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

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

Anthem Modern Service

Auditorium

10:00 & 11:30 a.m. Services

Current Sermon Series



The Gift...
For Those on Whom God's Favor Rests

The heavenly chorus proclaimed the good news of Advent to the shepherds on the hills outside Bethlehem:

Suddenly a great company of the heavenly host appeared with the angel, praising God and saying, "Glory to God in the highest heaven, and on earth peace to those on whom his favor rests." (Luke 2:13-14, NIV).

This is the best of all good news! Yet the last line raises a question: *Upon exactly whom does God's favor rest?*

As Luke recounts the story of Jesus, the answer to the question is stunning because throughout the ministry of Jesus, God's favor *consistently* rests upon the *last* people who ought to have expected to receive it.

Two thousand years later the news is *still* stunning! The identity of "those on whom his favor rests" is still astonishing because those who think they would *never* be the object of God's favor are about to receive the greatest Christmas of all: *God's peace!*

Church & Community Life

With deep sadness we announce the following deaths:

Teodora Bastian Soco on November 2. She is survived by husband Pol Soco, Sr.; sons Dan (Jeanette), Bert (Malou), Rod (Lourdes), Pol Jr. (Joy), and Isaac (Bhebz); daughters Claire (Marlon) Vicente, Lorna, Esther, and Sharon Soco; siblings Vicenta Bastian Tubieros, Antonieto and Merly Bastian; 17 grandchildren and five great-grandchildren. A viewing will be held December 19 from 5 to 9 p.m. at Valley View Chapel, Montecito Memorial Park; the funeral is on December 20 at 10 a.m. in room 1402; the committal is at 11:30 a.m. at Montecito Memorial Park.

James A. (Jim) Brown on November 20. He is survived by wife Diana Cowan, sons David and Donald Brown, three grandchildren, and four great-grandchildren.

The stage floral arrangement is given to honor and celebrate our Dad and Grandfather Ernest Zane for his life of service, love and devotion.

The foyer floral arrangement is given to our friend and neighbor Sheri Cortez, along with special prayers and blessings, for a quick recovery. From the gang at Loma Linda Florist.

The giving season is upon us! Please prayerfully consider a special gift for our on-going Family Ministry Building program today, December 17. Today is our Giving Sabbath! With your gift we look forward to paying down a significant portion of the principal of our loan this year. Remember any amount over 2 million dollars collected throughout the year goes directly to the principal. The church business office will remain open until noon on Friday, December 30. "Drop off donations" can also be made at the church drop off location on December 31. Thank you for your continued faithfulness in giving. Your pastoral staff.

Ladies Christmas Tea: It is that time when we celebrate the women (young and young at heart!) at LLUC who contribute to the life of our church. This is a ticketed event, but for our viewing audience, great news! Thanks to our creative media team, you can join the tea via livestream at lluc.org/live. Set your table with pretty cups and some cookies. Invite a friend over for tea and enjoy the wonderful program today at 3 p.m.

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

Season's Greetings are expressed each year by members through a contribution of \$25 to support the Music Ministry. Designate your contribution "Season's Greetings" and list your name exactly as you would like it to appear on the list. Contribution deadline is today.

"Let There Be Joy": A Christmas Concert with Susana Jenson-Levia and Sergio Leiva. Enjoy a wonderful Christmas celebration and sing some of your favorite Christmas carols on December 18 at 4 p.m. in the Sanctuary.

A Festival of Lessons and Carols: Join us Christmas Eve for a very special vespers. Enjoy Scripture readings and music and sing along with some favorite Christmas carols in the Sanctuary at 4:30 p.m.

Amazon Smile Program: If you shop on Amazon.com you can list LLUC as your charity of choice by registering on AmazonSmile. Just follow the QR Code or sign up on lluc.info/amazonsmile and a percentage of every qualified purchase will benefit our building program. List "Loma Linda University SDA Church" as your charity. \$2500 has been contributed to date with 224 shoppers. Tell your friends and family to benefit a great cause.



Christmas Candlelight Concert: "The Gift of Heaven" that was performed December 10 will be streamed on Christmas Eve at 5 p.m. and replayed through the evening along with other past Christmas concerts and content. This can be viewed at lluc.org/live.

The Gary Bonner Singers and Orchestra will be in concert at the Calimesa Seventh-day Adventist Church, today at 4 p.m. Reserved seating is available at iTickets.com or call (800)965-9324. This is director Gary Bonner's last concert tour.

Miclen LaiPang, violinist, winner of numerous international competitions and whom The New York Times acclaims as "a force to be reckoned with," will be in concert at the Campus Hill Seventh-day Adventist Church, Saturday, January 7 at 7 p.m. Reserved seating tickets are available on iTickets.com or call (614)414-6899.

For a complete list of Sabbath School classes go to lluc.org/sabbath-school-groups.

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

Read your Bible in 2023! The pastoral staff encourages you to make the decision to read your Bible through in 2023. Join those of us who do this as an annual discipline. Visit our website at lluc.org to find out more about these resources.

Plan to begin your new year with Communion at each of our services on January 7.

Calendar Events

- Sunday, December 18
4:00 p.m. *Let There Be Joy*, Sanctuary
- Monday, December 19
5:30-7:00 p.m. Women's Prayer Group, call (909)361-6220, passcode 11125#
- Tuesday, December 20
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 21
6:00 p.m. Open Prayer Circle, room 102
- Thursday, December 22
12:00 noon Sandwiches and Salvation, Zoom meeting, ID: 502 918 535
- Sabbath, December 24
9:00 & 11: 45 a.m. "The Destitute Over the Wealthy?," *The Gift* (part 4 of 4), Randy Roberts, Sanctuary
9:15 a.m. Praxis Young Adult Sabbath School, Family Ministries Bldg lower level, room 0402
10:00 & 11:30 a.m. Anthem Modern Service, auditorium
4:30 p.m. *A Festival of Lessons and Carols*, Sanctuary

