MISSION STATEMENT

Concordia University Irvine, guided by the Great Commission of Christ Jesus and the Lutheran Confessions, empowers students through the liberal arts and professional studies for lives of learning, service and leadership.

Developing Wise, Honorable, and Cultivated Citizens
Fortieth Anniversary Celebration Worship Service
Sunday, September 25, 2016

Prelude Music

“A Time to Rejoice”
Cathy Moklebust

“On Eagle’s Wings”
Michael Joncas, arr. Jeffrey Honoré

All rise and face the cross.

Processional Hymn

“Hear Us God of Ages Past”

TUNE: GROSSER GOTT, LBW 535, arr. by Walter Pelz. © CPH 1997
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Old Testament Reading

Joshua 1:5-9
Reader: Rev. Dr. Jack Preus
President, Concordia University Irvine, 1998-2009

5 No man shall be able to stand before you all the days of your life. Just as I was with Moses, so I will be with you. I will not leave you or forsake you. 6 Be strong and courageous, for you shall cause this people to inherit the land that I swore to their fathers to give them. 7 Only be strong and very courageous, being careful to do according to all the law that Moses my servant commanded you. Do not turn from it to the right hand or to the left, that you may have good success wherever you go. 8 This Book of the Law shall not depart from your mouth, but you shall meditate on it day and night, so that you may be careful to do according to all that is written in it. For then you will make your way prosperous, and then you will have good success. 9 Have I not commanded you? Be strong and courageous. Do not be frightened, and do not be dismayed, for the Lord your God is with you wherever you go.

L: This is the Word of the Lord.
C: Thanks be to God.

New Testament Reading

Ephesians 4:1-6
Reader: Dr. Kurt J. Krueger

1 I therefore, a prisoner for the Lord, urge you to walk in a manner worthy of the calling to which you have been called, 2 with all humility and gentleness, with patience, bearing with one another in love, 3 eager to maintain the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace. 4 There is one body and one Spirit—just as you were called to the one hope that belongs to your call— 5 one Lord, one faith, one baptism, 6 one God and Father of all, who is over all and through all and in all.

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Choir Anthem

"One Faith, One Hope, One Lord"
arr. Craig Courtney

CHORUS
One faith one hope one Lord
One church for which He died
One voice one song we lift in praise
To Him Who was and is
And shall be evermore

VERSE
There is one body one Spirit
As you were called to one hope
One Lord, baptism and faith
One God and Father of all
Who is in you all

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Gospel Reading

Matthew 28:16-20

Rev. Dr. Loren Kramer

Interim President, Concordia University Irvine, 2009-2010

Verse 1

In Christ alone my hope is found
He is my light my strength my song
This Cornerstone this solid Ground
Firm through the fiercest drought and storm
When fears are stilled when strivings cease
My Comforter my All in All
Here in the love of Christ I stand

Verse 2

In Christ alone who took on flesh
Fullness of God in helpless babe
This gift of love and righteousness
Bought with the precious blood of Christ
Here in the death of Christ I live
For every sin on Him was laid

VERSE 3

There in the ground His body lay
Light of the world by darkness slain
Then bursting forth in glorious Day
Sin’s curse has lost its grip on me
For I am His and He is mine

VERSE 4

No guilt in life no fear in death
This is the power of Christ in me
From life’s first cry to final breath
Jesus commands my destiny
Till on that cross as Jesus died
The wrath of God was satisfied

Hymn of Response

“In Christ Alone”

All rise for the reading of the Gospel.

VERSE 1

In Christ alone my hope is found
He is my light my strength my song
This Cornerstone this solid Ground
Firm through the fiercest drought and storm
When fears are stilled when strivings cease
My Comforter my All in All
Here in the love of Christ I stand

VERSE 2

In Christ alone who took on flesh
Fullness of God in helpless babe
This gift of love and righteousness
Bought with the precious blood of Christ
Here in the death of Christ I live
For every sin on Him was laid

VERSE 3

Here in the power of Christ in me
This Cornerstone this solid Ground

VERSE 4

What heights of love what depths of peace
Firm through the fiercest drought and storm
Then bursting forth in glorious Day
Up from the grave He rose again
There in the ground His body lay

Prayers

L: Let us pray for the ministry of Christ College and Concordia University Irvine

Almighty God, heavenly Father, we thank You for the forty years of ministry that You have given to this university. We thank You for the opportunity to serve, and for the many ways that You have blessed us. Remembering Your many blessings, we come before You now in thanksgiving. Lord in Your mercy,

C: Hear our prayer

L: Let us pray, in thanksgiving, for faithful founders and supporters

Lord of the Church, You equip Your people with gifts for leadership and service. We thank You for the many people that You empowered to found and build this university. For visionary leaders in the Church who anticipated the mission and ministry that would take place here and for all who worked to carry out that vision. Bless these, Your people. Let them rejoice in the things that You have done through them. And we pray that You continue to raise up such faithful leaders as we follow Your direction. Lord in Your mercy,

C: Hear our prayer

L: Let us pray for our students past, present and future

Lord Jesus Christ, You call us to follow You as disciples. We thank You for all who follow You, and for all who come to this university to study. We especially thank You for those first brave students who came to a fledgling college, not knowing what to expect or what the future held, but knowing that You were calling. We thank You for the thousands of students who have followed them and for the ways in which our students and alumni are serving in many vocations around the world. We thank You for our current students and pray that their studies are a blessing to them and others, and that You would form them into the people You would have them be. And we pray for those who will come here in the future that they may be blessed. Lord in Your mercy,

C: Hear our prayer

L: Let us pray for our faculty and staff and for all who serve at Concordia

Faithful God, we give thanks for all of Your servants who work at Concordia. For our staff and faculty who faithfully serve our students, for our regents and trustees who help guide and support the university. Grant them Your wisdom, guidance, and courage as they carry out the tasks entrusted to them. Make their service a blessing to themselves and to others. Lord in Your mercy,

C: Hear our prayer

L: Let us pray for all supporters of the university

Oh Lord, You bless us with all that we need and in abundance You give us many other things. Thank You for the many generous supporters of the University who share the gifts that You have given to support the ministry of education here. We thank You for these vital partners in our ministry whose stewardship helps us carry out the mission of this university and leaves a legacy for the future. Bring joy to the givers and the satisfaction of knowing that they have touched many lives. Continue to provide all that is needed to each of us and to this university. Lord in Your mercy,

C: Hear our prayer

L: Let us pray for faithfulness in following the Great Commission

Lord Jesus, in Your Great Commission, You have called Your Church to make disciples of all nations by baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and by teaching them all that You have commanded. As this university is dedicated to that Great Commission, we pray that we might be faithful in following Your call. That we would always be mindful of the need to share the Gospel, and that we would continue to seek ways to be disciples and to make disciples. Send Your Holy Spirit to prepare hearts and minds. Let Your Gospel be heard. And grant that each one of us may be a faithful witness. Lord in Your mercy,

C: Hear our prayer

L: In gratitude for all of these blessings, let us pray as Christ taught us:

Our Father who art in heaven,
Hallowed be Thy name,
Thy kingdom come,
Thy will be done on earth
as it is in heaven;
give us this day our daily bread;
and forgive us our trespasses
as we forgive those who trespass against us;
and lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.
For Thine is the kingdom
and the power and the glory
forever and ever. Amen.
Benediction

Recessional Hymn

“Lift High the Cross” (LSB 837)

Postlude

“Fanfares for a Celebration”
Robert W. Smith

Liturgists:
The Rev. Quinton Anderson ’00
Lead Pastor

The Rev. Dr. Steven Mueller ’86
Dean, Christ College

Cruicer:
The Rev. Jonathan Ruehs ’95, MA ’15
Associate Pastor, Outreach

Readers:
The Rev. Dr. Jack Preus
President, Concordia University Irvine, 1998 - 2009

Dr. Kurt J. Krueger
President, Concordia University Irvine

The Rev. Dr. Loren Kramer
Former District President of the Pacific Southwest District and Interim President, Concordia University Irvine, 2009-2010

Homilist:
The Rev. Dr. Mark Brighton ’81
Professor of Theology

Mass Choir:
directed by Dr. Michael Busch

Concordia University Irvine Choirs
The Concordia Choir
Concordia Donne di Canto
Concordia Men’s Chorus
The Concordia Master Chorale

Congregational Choirs
Bethany Lutheran Church, Long Beach
Christ Lutheran Church, Costa Mesa
Christ Lutheran Church, La Mesa
Good Shepherd Lutheran Church, Irvine
Immanuel Lutheran Church, Orange
Irvine Presbyterian, Irvine
Light of Christ Church, Irvine
Red Hill Lutheran Church, Tustin
San Francisco Solano Catholic Church, Rancho Santa Margarita
St. John Lutheran Church, Orange
St. Paul Lutheran Church, San Diego

Instrumental Music:
The Concert Handbells of Concordia University Irvine, directed by Dr. Herbert Geisler

The Concerta Wind Orchestra, directed by Dr. Jeff Held

Organists:
Dr. Carol McDaniel
Dr. Tom Mueller

Pianist:
Dr. Tom Mueller

Worship Planning Committee:
Rev. Quinton Anderson ’00
Rev. Dr. Mark Brighton ’81
Rev. Dr. Steven Mueller ’86
Dr. Carol McDaniel

Please join us for refreshments in front of the C.U. Center following the service.