

PRAYER (In Unison)

ETERNAL GOD AND LORD OF US ALL; THROUGH THE AGES, MEN AND WOMEN HAVE BEEN CALLED TO WITNESS TO YOUR LOVE AND GIVE EVIDENCE OF YOUR KINDNESS TO YOUR PEOPLE. WE HONOR SUCH A SERVANT TODAY. YOUR CHURCH HAS BEEN ENRICHED BY HIS WISDOM, ENERGY, SENSITIVITY, LOVE OF YOUR WORD, AND HIS OBEDIENCE TO YOUR SPIRIT. FOR HIS MINISTRY WE GIVE YOU THANKS, O LORD.

AND WE ARE GRATEFUL THAT THE YEARS AHEAD WILL BE FILLED WITH FEWER PRESSURES THAT HE MAY ENJOY NEW MEASURES OF YOUR PEACE. HELP HIM BE A HAPPY STEWARD OF HIS/HER LEISURE; BLESS HIM WITH GOOD HEALTH; AND AS NEW OCCASIONS TEACH NEW DUTIES, CONTINUE TO USE HIM FOR THE UPBUILDING OF YOUR KINGDOM. AS HE HAS SERVED YOU WITH JOY AND FAITHFULNESS, MAY HE CONTINUE TO KNOW THE DELIGHT OF YOUR PRESENCE IN ALL HE DOES; THROUGH JESUS CHRIST OUR LORD. AMEN.

PRESENTATION OF RECOGNITION
OF RETIREMENT

The retiree is asked to offer the Benediction.

BENEDICTION

SERVICE OF WORSHIP

AND

**RECOGNITION OF
HONORABLE RETIREMENT**

“The Presbytery may set aside a portion of its regular meeting for an appropriate service in recognition of the honorable retirement of a member. The Moderator of the Presbytery shall preside.

THE REV. MICHAEL HAGGIN

CALL TO WORSHIP

There are different gifts,

But it is the same Spirit who gives them.

There are different ways of serving God,

But it is the same Lord who is served.

God works through different people in different ways,

But it is the same God whose purpose is achieved through them all.

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BY YOUR WILL WE GO OUT INTO THE WORLD WITH THE GOOD NEWS OF YOUR ABIDING GRACE, O GOD. WE PRAY FOR ALL WHO MINISTER AMONG YOUR CHILDREN; WE PRAY THAT YOU MIGHT REPLENISH THEM WITH THE TRUTH OF YOUR WORD, GRANT THEM HOLINESS OF LIFE AND STRENGTH OF SPIRITUALITY, AND LIFT THEM IN THE CONFIDENCE OF YOUR ABIDING PRESENCE IN THEIR LIVES; THROUGH JESUS CHRIST THE LORD. AMEN.

DECLARATION

Moderator:

In the name of Jesus Christ, the great Head of the Church, we recognize the honorable retirement of the

Rev. Michael Haggin

in accordance with the Constitution of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) and the action of this Presbytery.

Remembering that God alone is Judge of the stewardship of each person's gifts and life, we, the members of the Presbytery of Los Ranchos, express our appreciation for your faithful service and acknowledge the privilege of serving with you.

Beloved in Christ, inasmuch as God's goodness has brought you to years of Christian maturity in the gospel ministry, the Presbytery of Los Ranchos, in granting your request of retirement, desires to make public acknowledgment of your service to the Kingdom of our God.

{Here a member of the Presbytery, the congregation, or the family may make brief, appropriate remarks about the life and ministry of the person being honorably retired and the person retiring may be given an opportunity to respond.}

The Moderator shall ask the Presbytery to stand and respond responsively.

LITANY OF RECOGNITION

O God, Creator of all things visible and invisible and Lord of all history, You have called us by the voice

of the Church to serve Jesus Christ and revealed to us this work for which we have been chosen.

THANKS BE TO GOD.

Holy Spirit, You have given us the scriptures of the Old and New Testaments to be a unique and authoritative witness to Jesus Christ and we have accepted them to be God's Word for us.

THANKS BE TO GOD.

Master and Teacher, You have enlisted us in Your service, instructed us by the Church and her confessions so that we might lead others, be a friend, love our neighbors, and work for reconciliation in the world.

THANKS BE TO GOD.

Lord of the Church, Your servant Michael Haggin stands among us after serving long and well in Your vineyards. His life and ministry have revealed the Risen Christ to many, provided the healing touch of your love, warmed hearts into closer communion with You, ably served our denomination, and brought to Your people an abiding sense of their preciousness in Your sight.

THANKS BE TO GOD.

God, in whom we live and move and have our being, continue to be present to Your servants and

loved ones, granting a full and abundant measure of
Your grace. In Jesus' name. AMEN.