

*Stuck
in a
Moment*



Rev. Johan Dodge

Leisure World Community Church in Worship *May 8, 2022*

14000 Church Place
Seal Beach, CA 90740-5307

9:50 am
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Our Vision:

To Be the Lantern to Leisure World

Our Mission:

Lighting a pathway into Community.

Growing disciples in God's Love.

Sending the Hope and Joy of Jesus into the Community.

Opening Announcements — Rev. Johan Dodge

Good Morning and Welcome to Worship!

Worship is often the first place that new people come into contact with this growing community of faith. And so if you are joining us for the first time, I say to you what I saw every Sunday. You are welcome here. Here is a place where all are welcome. For such is

the love of God for God's Very Good Creation. And if you are enjoying this worship experience, I invite you to give to God in support of this growing faith community.

[please stand as you are able]

The Lord's Prayer

Our Creator who art in Heaven, hallowed by Thy name.
Thy kin-dom 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 all that is evil.
For thine is the kin-dom, and the power, and the glory forever.
Amen, amen, amen.

PRAYER OF THE DAY – Virginia Olejnik

Almighty God, to whom all honor belongs, you have gathered a people from every tribe and language to praise your name eternally. Join our song with all of heaven as we worship you this day in the glorious light of Christ. Amen.

Hymn: "Precious Lord, Take My Hand"

[please be seated]

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION — Rev. Johan Dodge

In this season of Easter rejoicing, let us offer our prayers and thanksgivings saying,

O Risen Christ, Open our arms to be your mercy in the world.

For the goodness of the earth, that it may flourish with flowing waters, verdant pastures, and paths that lead us to protect and care for your creation.

O Risen Christ, Open our arms to be your mercy in the world.

For the peace and welfare of the world, that all our tables of work and worship promote the understanding and dignity that transform enemies into friends.

O Risen Christ, Open our arms to be your mercy in the world.

For all who suffer with sickness, need, or danger, that all our afflictions and fears are met with healing and the comforting presence of your voice.

O Risen Christ, Open our arms to be your mercy in the world.

For the blessings we receive and share, that we may live a life of ceaseless praise for the salvation that is ours through you.

O Risen Christ, Open our arms to be your mercy in the world.

For the saints in light, that you will wipe every tear from their eyes as they dwell with you eternally.

O Risen Christ, Open our arms to be your mercy in the world.

Holy God, you are our hope and our strength, our light and our sovereign, our shepherd and our savior. With all the saints in heaven and on earth, we praise your holy name and entrust every care to you; through Jesus Christ we pray. Amen.

Anthem: “A Mother’s Love”

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION – Virginia Olejnik

Shepherd of Souls, you call us to an abundant feast at the table of your word; open our hearts to feed on your goodness, that by the power of the Holy Spirit we might dwell evermore deeply in you. Amen.

SCRIPTURE: Virginia Olejnik

Revelation 7:9-17

⁹ After this I looked, and there was a great multitude that no one could count, from every nation, from all tribes and peoples and languages, standing before the throne and before the Lamb, robed in white, with palm branches in their hands. ¹⁰ They cried out in a loud voice, saying,
“Salvation belongs to our God who is seated on the throne, and to the Lamb!”

¹¹ And all the angels stood around the throne and around the elders and the four living creatures, and they fell on their faces before the throne and worshiped God, ¹² singing,

“Amen! Blessing and glory and wisdom and thanksgiving and honor and power and might be to our God forever and ever! Amen.”

¹³ Then one of the elders addressed me, saying, “Who are these, robed in white, and where have they come from?” ¹⁴ I said to him, “Sir, you are the one that knows.” Then he said to me, “These are they who have come out of the great ordeal; they have washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb.

¹⁵ For this reason they are before the throne of God, and worship him day and night within his temple, and the one who is seated on the throne will shelter them.

¹⁶ They will hunger no more, and thirst no more; the sun will not strike them, nor any scorching heat;

¹⁷ for the Lamb at the center of the throne will be their shepherd, and he will guide them to springs of the water of life, and God will wipe away every tear from their eyes.”

John 10:22-30

²² At that time the festival of the Dedication took place in Jerusalem. It was winter, ²³ and Jesus was walking in the temple, in the portico of Solomon. ²⁴ So the Jews gathered around him and said to him, “How long will you keep us in suspense? If you are the Messiah, tell us plainly.” ²⁵ Jesus answered, “I have told you, and you do not believe. The works that I do in my Father’s name testify to me; ²⁶ but you do not believe, because you do not belong to my sheep. ²⁷ My sheep hear my voice. I know them, and they follow me. ²⁸ I give them eternal life, and they will never perish. No one will snatch them out of my hand. ²⁹ What my Father has given me is greater than all else, and no one can snatch it out of the Father’s hand. ³⁰ The Father and I are one.”

Message: “Stuck in a Moment” Rev. Johan Dodge

Question for Reflection: Rev. Johan Dodge

We find ourselves today between Jesus in the Gospel of John — telling the Jews gathered around him that only his sheep hear his voice and the author of Revelation describing a dream in which all of creation is worshipping God together. How ready are you to embrace the larger vision of God that even Jesus in his early ministry couldn't yet grasp. Where are you stuck and what does it take for you to look up and see the larger vision of God promised in the rainbow?

Reflection: “M-o-t-h-e-r” Chris Wade, pianist

INVITATION TO THE OFFERING – Virginia Olejnik

Trusting in divine care, let us present our tithes and offerings to God who restores our lives eternally.

[Ushers, please come forward]

Offertory: “Because You Loved Me” Chris Wade, baritone

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING – Virginia Olejnik *[unison]*

Holy God, Divine Shepherd, you have claimed us as your own and your love for your creation is overflowing. Accept our offering for the good of the world as we joyfully give thanks for our life in you. In Jesus 'name we pray. Amen.

[please stand as you are able]

Closing Hymn: “Let There Be Peace On Earth”

BLESSING: Rev. Johan Dodge

May Christ the Good Shepherd bless and guide you this day and always to follow paths of loving kindness; may you go forth to follow paths of peace; and may God's goodness and mercy flow through you.

Blessed Be the Tie that Binds

Blest be the tie that binds our hearts in Christian love. The fellowship of kindred minds is like to that above. Amen.

Notes and Announcements:

Notice: Due to the uptick in Covid cases in LW, masks are now required in Worship.

Flowers: Provided by Steve Martinez in honor of his mother, Mary, and all “mothers” who have cared for others as their own or have children of their own.

Refreshments: Mother’s Day Tea provided by the Fellowship Team

See the sign up charts to provide refreshments or cover cost of altar flowers. Altar flowers are \$35. Sandy Walker coordinates arrangements.

Exploring Membership: Wednesday, May 25 at 11 am in the Fellowship Hall. This is not a commitment, simply an opportunity to meet others who are new to Community Church and learn about our history, our mission, and our vision for who God is calling us to become.

From here, we will offer additional sessions as needed for those who attended this session and are interested in pursuing membership.

We will receive new Members on Pentecost the first Sunday of June.

The Lord's Prayer

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Our Cre - a - tor who art in Heav - en, hal-low-ed be___ Thy name._____



Thy king - dom come, Thy will be done on Earth as it is___ in Heav - en.____



___ Give us this day___ our dai - ly bread, and for - give us our tres -



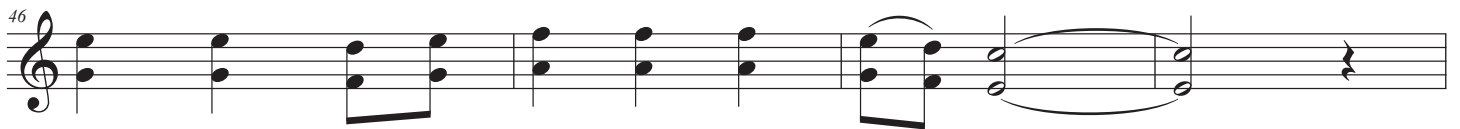
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___ and lead us not in - to___ tempt - a - tion, but de - liv - er



us from all that is e - vil. For Thine is the kin - dom, and the



pow - er, and the glo - ry for - e - ver._____



A - men, a - men, a - - - - men._____

Precious Lord, Take My Hand

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Arranged by
THOMAS ANDREW DORSEY

Music by
GEORGE N. ALLEN

Pre - cious Lord, take my hand, lead me on, let me stand,
When my way grows drear, pre - cious Lord, lin - ger near, —
When the dark - ness ap - pears and the night draws — near, —

I am tired, I am weak, I am worn; — through the
when my life is — al - most — gone, — hear my
and the day is — past and — gone, — at the

storm, through the night, lead me on to the light:
cry, hear my call, hold my hand lest I fall: —
ri - ver I stand, guide my feet, hold my hand:

Take my hand, — pre - cious Lord, lead me home.

Let There Be Peace on Earth

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with hope for peace and refuge for the people of Ukraine, and for all the World*

Music & Words by
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Flowing rubato ♩ = 100

