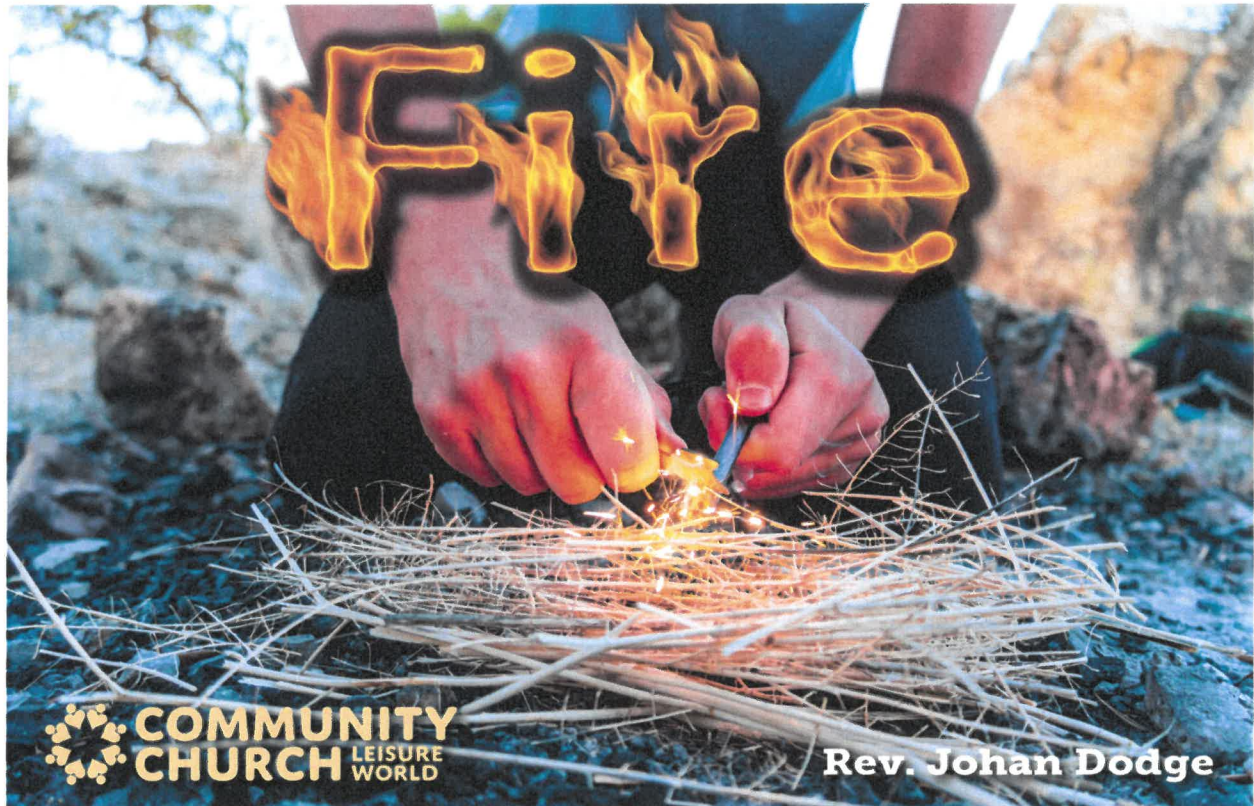




Leisure World Community Church in Worship *August 14, 2022*

14000 Church Place
Seal Beach, CA 90740-5307

9:50 am
(562) 431-2503

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]

CALL TO WORSHIP – “Doxology”

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
Praise Him, all creatures here below;
Praise Him above, ye heavenly host;
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

PRAYER OF THE DAY – Marylee Thomsen

God of Peace, your call, at times, appears to divide us from one another. Help us to overcome our fears and respond in courage. Give us faith to trust the unity that is beyond our sight. Give us your eyes to recognize the signs before us. We ask this in the confidence of your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Hymn: “Wounded World that Cries for Healing”

[please be seated]

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION — Rev. Johan Dodge

We pray for the universal church. May discord among denominations yield to unity and a common commitment to share the good news of Christ.

God of mercy, hear our prayer.

We pray for the world. Prod us to engage in acts of mission and service that further the kingdom and honor the care that God has given us.

God of mercy, hear our prayer.

We pray for those who hold authority in government. Enable policymakers to enact justice, transforming places of violence and conflict into havens of respite and peace.

God of mercy, hear our prayer.

We pray for all those in our community who are suffering the burden of illness, distress, or any kind of pain.

God of mercy, hear our prayer.

We remember all those who have died and joined the great cloud of witnesses in heaven.

God of mercy, hear our prayer.

Heavenly Creator, you inspire us to trust in the things we cannot see and to ground our faith in your promises to us.

Give us the clarity of your vision, and make us ready to serve you as we await your return.

We ask this through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

Anthem: "I Know He Watches Me"

With "What a Friend We Have in Jesus," "His Eye Is on the Sparrow," & "God Leads Us Along"

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION – Marylee Thomsen

God of Wisdom, we eagerly seek your presence in our lives and in the world. By your Spirit, speak your word to us, and give us your grace to recognize the abundant signs of your care for us, so that we might be freed to act in the world with courage and abandon. Amen.

SCRIPTURE: Marylee Thomsen

Luke 12. 49-59

⁴⁹I came to set the earth on fire; and I wish to do it, if it has not already been kindled. ⁵⁰I have a baptism to be baptized with; and I am oppressed until it is fulfilled. ⁵¹Do you think that I have come to bring peace on earth? I say to you, No, but divisions; ⁵²For from henceforth there will be five in a house, who will be divided, three against two, and two against three. ⁵³For a father will be divided against his son, and a son against his father; a mother against her daughter, and a daughter against her mother; a mother-in-law against her daughter-in-law, and a daughter-in-law against her mother-in-law. ⁵⁴And he said to the people, When you see a cloud rise from the west, you immediately say, It will rain; and so it is. ⁵⁵And when the wind blows from the south, you say, It will be hot; and it is so. ⁵⁶O you hypocrites, you know how to discern the face of the earth and of the

sky; how then is it that you do not discern this time? — ⁵⁷Why do you not of yourselves judge what is right? ⁵⁸For when you go with your accuser to the ruler, while you are on the way give something and settle with him; otherwise he might take you to the judge, and the judge will deliver you to the prison warden, and the prison warden will throw you into prison. ⁵⁹Truly I say to you, you will not come out from thence until you pay the last penny.

Message: “Fire” Rev. Johan Dodge

Question for Reflection: Rev. Johan Dodge

How do you reconcile a sense of division within yourself and the world with the unity we are promised as the people of God? What sustains you in times of conflict? Identify some occasions in your life when you were unable to recognize an invitation to reconciliation and wholeness.

Reflection: “Thou Art Worthy” Hannah Yi, pianist

INVITATION TO THE OFFERING – Marylee Thomsen

Mindful of the abundance we have received in Christ, we offer ourselves and our gifts to the world.

[Ushers, please come forward]

Offertory: “Alas For You” Chris Wade, baritone

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING – Marylee Thomsen

We trust, O God, in your provision and loving kindness. Use these gifts and our lives that we might bear your fruit with praise and thanksgiving. We ask this in the confidence of your mercy and love. Amen.

[please stand as you able]

Hymn: “Let There Be Peace on Earth”

BLESSING: Rev. Johan Dodge

May the God of creation and restoration give you confidence in the daily tasks set before you. The God of love and compassion calls us to attend to our lives and our world. The God of guidance and

inspiration is molding you in God's image. May we go forth honoring our heritage as children of God and serving those on the margins.

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:

Flowers: Provided by Pastor Johan Dodge – In celebration of his Anniversary.

Refreshments: Provided by Jeanette Williams

See the sign up charts to provide refreshments or cover cost of altar flowers. Altar flowers are \$35. Carol Burge will coordinate arrangements in Sandy's absence.

Good News! Fellowship Hour resumes today: Covid numbers are declining in our local area. Coffee fellowship will return to the Fellowship Hall and masks are now optional.

Drive Thru Food Drive: Wednesday, August 24 from 10-12 – to benefit LB Rescue Mission

Volunteers Needed: The contract for the new awning is signed and it will be ready for installation in the coming weeks. Painters are needed to sand and paint the existing steel support posts. Our contract only includes the fabric awning and frame itself. The supports do not need to be replaced; just sanded and painted. Please contact Joyce Reed at 562-596-8656 to offer your assistance.

Wounded World that Cries for Healing

Transcribed and Adapted for Leisure World Community Church by David Albulario

Words by
SHIRLEY ERENA MURRAY

Music by
HAL H. HOPSON

1. Wound - ed world that cries for heal - ing - here we hold each
2. Through our na - tion's spent for frus - tra - tion, through the cor - ri -
3. Hon - or those whose lov - ing spir - it nurs - es hope, re -

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oth - er's pain, wound - ed sys - tems, bruised and bleed - ing bear the load, the
dors of stress may there move a kind - lier wis - dom all may feel, and
stores and heals, towel and ba - sin used in ser - vice like the Christ who

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scars of strain; dol - lars ra - tion out com - pas - sion,
all comes may and bless; tax in and the tithe are ing, for in a pur - pose
kneels; in the mend - ing

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hard de - ci - sions rule the and day, Je - sus of the
shared may to we shield see the the poor right and and weak; fair, past in - sus the sym - toms
our com - mon

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heal - ing Spir - it, free us to an - oth - er way!
of quest our for sick - ness let heal the each voice oth - er jus - tice speak.
care.

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Let There Be Peace on Earth

*Transcribed for Leisure World Community Church by David Albulario
with hope for peace and refuge for the people of Ukraine, and for all the World*

Music & Words by
SY MILLER and JILL JACKSON

Flowing rubato ♩ = 100

