

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.

Leisure World Community Church
in Worship *September 11, 2022*

14000 Church Place
Seal Beach, CA 90740-5307

9:50 am
(562) 431-2503

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 – Virginia Olejnik

Gracious God, when our spirits lift at the beauty of the day, you are Lord; and when chaos threatens to overwhelm and we dread the next news cycle— still, you are Lord. Always you are creating, redeeming,

sustaining. Speak then your mercy into this place until we discover the courage to open our eyes, unclench our hands, and move toward our neighbor in need, until all the world rises and moves with the rhythm of your grace; for we long to honor the name of Jesus, by whose breath we pray. Amen.

Hymn: "For All the Saints"

[please be seated]

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION — Rev. Johan Dodge

Spirit of Life, in the beginning you hovered over creation; still you brood over the world. We pray for the earth that mourns: for rivers smeared with waste and ground stripped and ravaged. Do not let us wait too long; do not let us know disaster. Teach us, who are foolish, what it means to do good.

We pray for your scattered children: for, for the people of Haiti, Congo, and other troubled but forgotten regions whose heartbreak is old news, whose loss is relentless. We pray for all who cannot rest in safety, who must remain alert to signs of danger because their countries are riven by war or because their homes are torn by violence or because they have no shelter but the street. [silence]

Help us to move with compassion toward those who are in need.

We pray for neighbors who are troubled in mind or body or spirit: for mothers who face hard illness, for brothers haunted by anxious thoughts, for children who do not know whom they can trust. In the silence of this room we lift the names and faces we know into the light of your love: [silence]

Search them out; bring them home.

God of holy love, of power and truth, help us neither to bow to fear, nor to be silenced by chaos. Instead, move us resolutely toward your world in need; until we share the mercy we have discovered in your name. We thank you for each sign of your stirring: for the songs of children, the lingering sunlight, the knitting of shattered bones....

[silence]

You are present in each reminder of life's grace.

Patient and persistent God, let that grace and mercy overflow from our lives that we might honor your name in the world; for we pray in the name of Jesus, who came to seek and save what was lost.
Amen.

Anthem: “Just A Closer Walk With Thee”

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION – Virginia Olejnik

Mighty God, you spoke the world into being; speak now to our hearts. By the power of your Spirit, make these ancient words live, that we might be shaped into your people, eager to bear your claim in the world and to give flesh to your future. For we pray in the name of Jesus, who leads us into life. Amen.

SCRIPTURE: Virginia Olejnik

Luke 15:1-10

¹ Now all the tax collectors and sinners were coming near to listen to him. ² And the Pharisees and the scribes were grumbling and saying, “This fellow welcomes sinners and eats with them.” ³ So he told them this parable: ⁴ “Which one of you, having a hundred sheep and losing one of them, does not leave the ninety-nine in the wilderness and go after the one that is lost until he finds it? ⁵ When he has found it, he lays it on his shoulders and rejoices. ⁶ And when he comes home, he calls together his friends and neighbors, saying to them, ‘Rejoice with me, for I have found my sheep that was lost.’ ⁷ Just so, I tell you, there will be more joy in heaven over one sinner who repents than over ninety-nine righteous persons who need no repentance. ⁸ “Or what woman having ten silver coins, if she loses one of them, does not light a lamp, sweep the house, and search carefully until she finds it? ⁹ When she has found it, she calls together her friends and neighbors, saying, ‘Rejoice with me, for I have found the coin that I had lost.’ ¹⁰ Just so, I tell you, there is joy in the presence of the angels of God over one sinner who repents.”

Message: “We Are All Fruit” Rev. Johan Dodge

Questions for Reflection: Rev. Johan Dodge

How are you a lost sheep, in need of someone to come and search for you? How are you a religious leader, grumbling at the community's disintegrating standards? How are you called to engage in the search for others who live in isolation from God and community?

Reflection: "Abide With Me" John Fluker, Pianist

INVITATION TO THE OFFERING – Virginia Olejnik

Time and again, God clears a path for us to seek the way of life, to do good, to become a refuge for the poor. That path lies before us. With joy, let us offer our gifts and our lives in trust.

[Ushers, please come forward]

Offertory: "I Will Remember You" Chris Wade, baritone

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING – Virginia Olejnik

Holy One, receive these offerings as you receive our lives. Gather our false starts and uncertain efforts, our generosity and our reluctance. Enliven us with your breath and make your purposes known that our lives might show forth your glory. For we pray in the name of Jesus and by the power of your Spirit. Amen.

[please stand as you able]

Hymn: "Let There Be Peace on Earth"

BLESSING: Rev. Johan Dodge

Siblings in Christ, we have a choice. We can stand on the margins of the feast, grumbling about the other guests, or we can join in the dance of seeking and saving, feeding and being fed. May the Creator's holiness burn away our complacency, may the Living Word expose our foolishness, may the Spirit of mercy turn us home, that God's grace might spill from our lives, giving hope to a perishing world.

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 Jenny Chang

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.

Invitation: Pastor Yong of LWKCC extends an invitation to our congregation to attend their annual picnic today, September 11. The event is at Clubhouse 1, picnic area. Outdoor worship service is at 11 am. Lunch is served at noon. All are welcome!

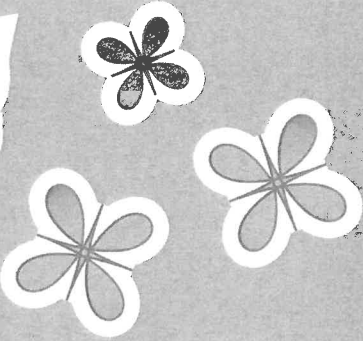
Free Concert September 17: The LW Korean American Chorale cordially invites Community Church to enjoy their Concert on September 17 at 2pm. Also featured is the LWKCC choir.

60th Anniversary Tickets: On sale now before and after worship. \$25 each. Tickets are also available at the church office.

Interfaith PicNic Sept. 14: LWCC and LWKCC congregations are members of the LW Interfaith Council and are cordially invited to the Interfaith PicNic on Wednesday, Sept 14 at 5:30 pm in Clubhouse 4. Please RSVP to Kelly Frankiewicz at 714-475-9401. Cost: A cash donation or bring a salad or dessert. A delicious meal will be served.

Polly's Pies Fundraiser Wed. September 28: The Missions Team is sponsoring a fundraiser at Polly's. Flyers are available in the church office and will be printed in the Sept 28 Worship Guide.

COMMUNITY CHURCH LEISURE WORLD **60TH** **Anniversary**



LEISURE WORLD COMMUNITY CHURCH **INVITATION** **60TH ANNIVERSARY** **OCTOBER 7, 2022**

It has been 60 years since Leisure World Community Church started services. We thought it would be nice to celebrate. So, you are cordially invited to our 60th Anniversary Celebration.

WHERE: Leisure World Community Church
14000 Church Place, Seal Beach

WHEN: October 7, 2022
4:30 pm - Mocktail Party
5:00 pm - Dinner, followed by entertainment

TICKETS: \$25 per person, pre-sale only
Available in narthex before worship and during Fellowship
or Call or come by the office to purchase your tickets 562.431.2503

DRESS: 1960s – if you want
Men: Suit
Women: Belted dress or skirt and blouse, hat, gloves, high heels

We sincerely hope that you will join us for this fun celebration, and bring a friend or friends.



For All the Saints

*Transcribed and Adapted by David Albulario for
Leisure World Community Church,
Seal Beach, California*

Words by
WILLIAM WALSHAM HOW
(1864)

Music by
RALPH VAUGHN WILLIAMS
(1906)

Unis.

1. For all the saints, who from their la - bors rest,
2. O blest com - mu - nion, fel - low - ship di - vine
3. From Earth's wide bounds, from o - cean's far - thest coast,

Unis.

5 Who Thee by faith be - fore the world con - fessed, Thy
We fee - bly of strug - gle, they in the glo - ry shine; yet
Through gates of pearl streams in the count - less host; They

9 name, O Je - sus, be for - ev - er — blest —
all are one in Thee, for all — are — Thine —
sing to Fa - ther, Son and Ho - ly — Ghost:

13 Al - le - lu - ia, Al - le - lu - ia!
Al - le - lu - ia, Al - le - lu - ia!

Just A Closer Walk With Thee

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Arr. by Audrey Mieir

Traditional African-American Spiritual

The musical score is written for a piano and voice. It features a key signature of three flats (B-flat, E-flat, A-flat) and a 4/4 time signature. The score is divided into four systems, each with a vocal line and a piano accompaniment line. The lyrics are written below the vocal line. The first system starts with a treble clef and a bass clef. The second system starts with a treble clef and a bass clef. The third system starts with a treble clef and a bass clef. The fourth system starts with a treble clef and a bass clef. The score includes various musical notations such as notes, rests, and accidentals. The lyrics are: "Just A Clos - er Walk With Thee Grant it, Je - sus, is my plea, Dai - ly walk - ing close to Thee, Let it be, dear Lord, let it be, oh Just A Clos - er Walk With Thee."

Just A Clos - er Walk With Thee Grant it,

Je - sus, is my plea, Dai - ly walk - ing close to

Thee, Let it be, dear Lord, let it

be, oh Just A Clos - er Walk With Thee.

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

