

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 World.

Leisure World Community Church
in Worship *February 19, 2023*

14000 Church Place
Seal Beach, CA 90740-5307

9:50 am
(562) 431-2503

Opening Announcements — Kelly Frankiewicz M.Div.

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 say 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 – Phyllis Spencer

**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. Amen.

Hymn: “Shine, Jesus, Shine”

[please be seated]

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION — Kelly Frankiewicz M.Div.

[Silence is kept after each response to allow the congregation to offer intercessions.]

In peace, let us pray to the Lord, saying,
Loving God, hear our prayer.

For your church in all the world,
Loving God, hear our prayer.

Make your church secure upon the foundation of Christ, end the divisions that rend our communion and bring us to unity of mission for the sake of the gospel. For our pastors, teachers, and ministers,
Loving God, hear our prayer.

Bless the servants of your church, especially our bishop Escobedo-Frank., our Superintendent Rev. Olewine., our pastor Rev. Dodge. Give them wisdom to lead according to your Word and drive from them all self-serving desire. For the world and for its leaders,
Loving God, hear our prayer.

Uphold the leaders of governments for the work of peace, especially our President, our governor, and our city council]. Provoke their hearts to compassion, and make them agents of reconciling justice among the people. For our planet Earth,
Loving God, hear our prayer.

Sustain the earth, our home, for the flourishing of all who live upon it, increase our knowledge of its ecology, and make us good stewards of Earth’s abundance. For the poor and the alien,
Loving God, hear our prayer.

Assist the poor in their need, protect aliens in their sojourn, and make your church a refuge for those in want. For the sick and those in distress,

Loving God, hear our prayer.

Heal those who are sick in body, mind or spirit, comfort them in their pain, and restore them to wholeness of life. For our neighbors,

Loving God, hear our prayer.

Bless those who live in our local community, strengthen our good will, and let us dwell in harmony. For our enemies,

Loving God, hear our prayer.

Bless those who hate us, give us courage to refuse retaliation, and make us instruments of your reconciling love. These prayers we offer through Christ by the power of your Holy Spirit.

Amen.

Anthem: “Majesty” Music Team

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION – Phyllis Spencer

Lord, by the power of your Spirit reveal to us your Word. Let us be a holy temple built on Christ, our sure foundation Amen.

SCRIPTURE: Phyllis Spencer

Matthew 17:1-9

¹ Six days later, Jesus took with him Peter and James and his brother John and led them up a high mountain, by themselves. ²And he was transfigured before them, and his face shone like the sun, and his clothes became dazzling white. ³Suddenly there appeared to them Moses and Elijah, talking with him. ⁴Then Peter said to Jesus, “Lord, it is good for us to be here; if you wish, I will make three dwellings here, one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah.” ⁵While he was still speaking, suddenly a bright cloud overshadowed them, and from the cloud a voice said, “This is my Son, the Beloved; with him I am well pleased; listen to him!” ⁶When the disciples heard this, they fell to the ground and were overcome by fear. ⁷But Jesus came and touched them, saying, “Get up and do not be afraid.” ⁸And when they looked up, they saw no one except Jesus himself alone. ⁹As they

were coming down the mountain, Jesus ordered them, “Tell no one about the vision until after the Son of Man has been raised from the dead.”

2 Peter 1:16-21

²¹For we did not follow cleverly devised myths when we made known to you the power and coming of our Lord Jesus Christ, but we had been eyewitnesses of his majesty. ¹⁷For he received honor and glory from God the Father when that voice was conveyed to him by the Majestic Glory, saying, “This is my Son, my Beloved, with whom I am well pleased.” ¹⁸We ourselves heard this voice come from heaven, while we were with him on the holy mountain.

¹⁹So we have the prophetic message more fully confirmed. You will do well to be attentive to this as to a lamp shining in a dark place, until the day dawns and the morning star rises in your hearts. ²⁰First of all you must understand this, that no prophecy of scripture is a matter of one’s own interpretation, ²¹because no prophecy ever came by human will, but men and women moved by the Holy Spirit spoke from God.

Message: “Shine Jesus Shine!” Kelly Frankiewicz M.Div.

Questions for Reflection: Kelly Frankiewicz M.Div.

How and when do you listen to Jesus?

What would you want to say to Jesus or Moses or Elijah if you saw them in the flesh?

Since each of us is called to be a light shining in the darkness, how does your life reflect this calling?

Reflection: “His Name Is Wonderful” Hannah Yi, *pianist*

INVITATION TO THE OFFERING – Phyllis Spencer

Let us give as God has so abundantly given to us.

[Ushers, please come forward]

Offertory: “Christ, Whose Glory Fills the Skies” Dave Albulario, *tenor*

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING – Phyllis Spencer

Almighty God, by your grace, accept our offering. Make us joyful in giving that we may grow in likeness to your supreme gift, Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen

[please stand as you able]

Hymn: “Let There Be Peace on Earth”

BLESSING: Kelly Frankiewicz M.Div.

May Christ, the sure foundation, uphold you. May the Spirit, holy wisdom, guide you. May God, perfect love, convict you to go in the name of Jesus to love friend and enemy, neighbor and stranger, the righteous and the lost.

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.

*Music Team: Jennifer Scoullar, *soprano*; Lisa Margaroli, *alto*;
Dave Albulario, *tenor*; Chris Wade, *bass*; John Fluker/Hannah Yi, *pianist*,

Notes and Announcements:

Coffee Fellowship is back on: Flowers are provided by Marylee Thomson. Refreshments are provided by Steve Martinez.

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

Important Banking Notice: Our bank no longer accepts checks written to "Community Church". Checks now must be written to "Leisure World Community Church".

Kitchen/roof area drain repair help: A separate leak was discovered after the recent rain. If you would like to donate financially (separate from your pledge) toward the new drain/repair bill of \$6400, please use a green envelope and mark "**Drain Repair**" on the envelope and memo line of your check.

Ash Wednesday February 22: A "Drive Thru" dispensation of ashes will be held in the parking places in front of the church from 10 am to 2 pm. You are invited to arrive between 10 am to 2 pm to receive the ashes at your vehicle.

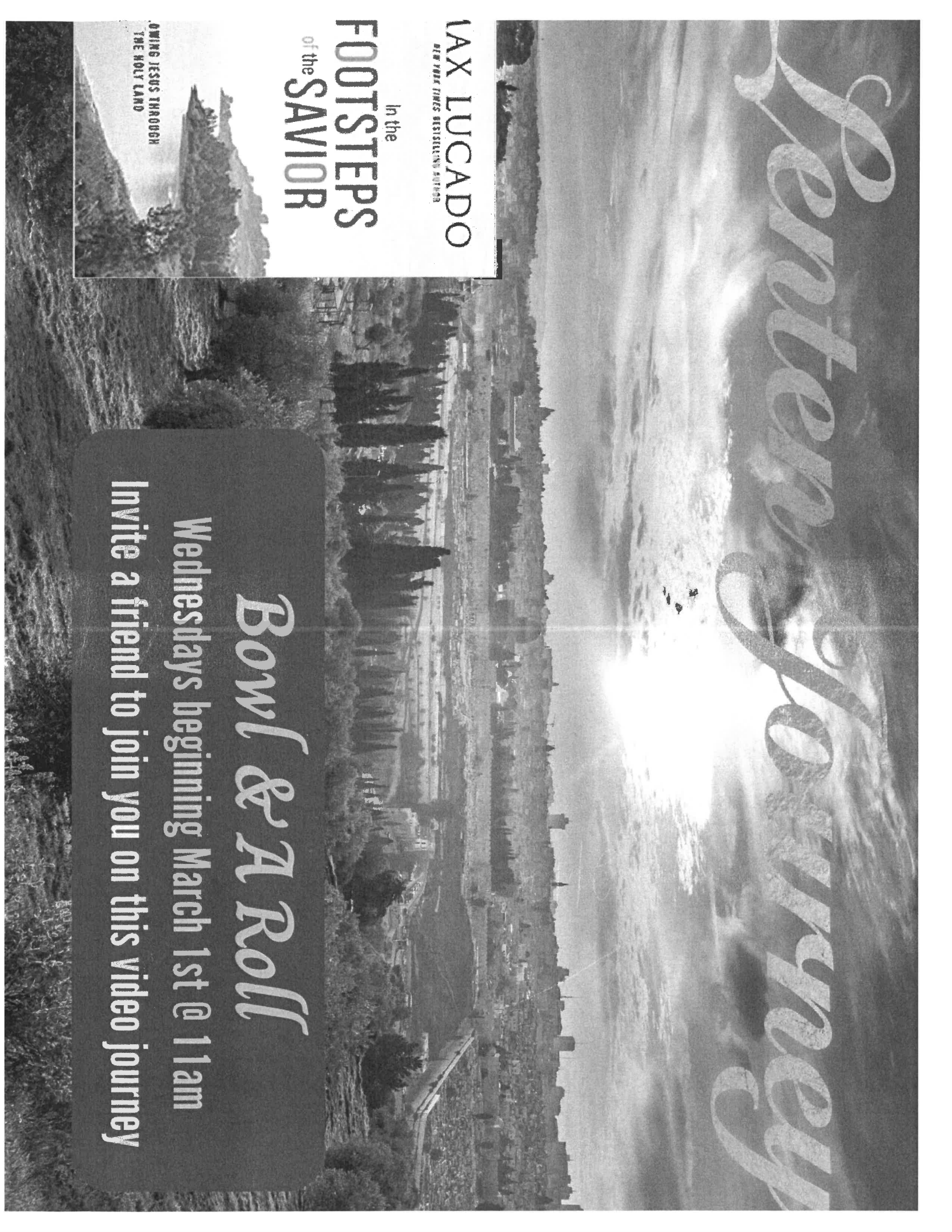
The WHOA Group! - Lay Leader, Prince Pierson and Chair SPRT, Taylor White invite all to attend the monthly WHOA Group meeting.

.... TO ENCOURAGE DIALOGUE AND FRIENDSHIP AMONG OUR CONGREGATION! ALL ARE WELCOME TO EXPRESS THEIR IDEAS AND CONCERNS

This month's breakfast tea is planned for Friday February 24, 10:00 am in the Fellowship Hall.

Lenten Journey begins March 1: The six-week series includes a "Bowl and a Roll" lunch. If you are interested in providing the soup for one of the 6 sessions, please see Sandy Walker or contact her at 714-891-2862.

LBCC Symphony Orchestra Concert: Sunday, March 5 at 3:00pm in the Sanctuary. The concert features our own accompanist, Hannah Yi. Please invite your friends and neighbors. A donation is suggested at the door.



Sanctuary Journey

MAX LUCCADO
NEW YORK TIMES BESTSELLING AUTHOR

In the
FOOTSTEPS
of the
SAVIOR

SHOWING JESUS THROUGH
THE HOLY LAND

Bowl & A Roll

Wednesdays beginning March 1st @ 11am
Invite a friend to join you on this video journey