



Leisure World Community Church

Lighting A pathway into community

Growing Disciples in God's Love

Sending the Hope and Joy of Jesus into Leisure World

Our Vision: To Be the Lantern to Leisure World

14000 Church Place

9:50 am

Seal Beach, CA 90740-5307

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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 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.

[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 – Kelly Frankiewicz

Holy and gracious God, your steadfast love abides with your people in every age. You teach us to trust in you and call us to live in peace with one another. Show us the way to live grateful lives, without fear, knowing the true worth of your creation, including ourselves; in Jesus 'name, we pray. Amen

Hymn: “Great Is Thy Faithfulness” (Thelma Kieffer's favorite hymn)

[please be seated]

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION — Rev. Johan Dodge

God calls us to offer up the world's concerns in petition for others. Let us therefore pray for the church, the world, and those in need, saying, **Hear us, O God; your mercy is great.**

Blessed are you, God of creation: you do not abandon what you have created but continue to make your grace known among us. We thank you for those you have chosen to speak your reconciling word in this age, and we pray for the faith to act upon it.

Hear us, O God; your mercy is great.

Blessed are you, caring God: you hear the cries of the poor, you see the tears in the eyes of all who mourn, you know the pain of those in anguish, and you come to the side of the lonely. Call your church to compassion and service.

Hear us, O God; your mercy is great.

Blessed are you, God of peace: you call us to make warfare cease and to place our trust in the One who bears us up. Give comfort and courage to all refugees, especially in Ukraine. Raise up peacemakers among all peoples and confound those who place their fortunes in weapons.

Hear us, O God; your mercy is great.

Blessed are you, God of justice: you desire that all be one. Erase prejudice and class divisions, bring strength to those who are persecuted, and heal those who believe that destruction is the path of righteousness.

Hear us, O God; your mercy is great.

Blessed One, turn us to your ways. Make us bold. Increase our passion for what is good. Inspire us with the witness of those who have gone before us and whose service now shines through the ages.

Hear us, O God; your mercy is great.

Into your hands we place the welfare of all for whom we pray. We trust in your mercy; through your Son, Jesus Christ. Amen.

Anthem: "Jesus at the Center" Music Team

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION – Kelly Frankiewicz

O Lord, send now your Spirit into our midst to entice us and overpower us with the strength of your word. We beg for the strength to hear your call and live according to your will. Amen

SCRIPTURE : Kelly Frankiewicz

Romans 6:1b-11

¹ Should we continue in sin in order that grace may abound? ²By no means! How can we who died to sin go on living in it? ³Do you not know that all of us who have been baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into his death? ⁴Therefore we have been buried with him by baptism into death, so that, just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, so we too might walk in newness of life. ⁵For if we have been united with him in a death like his, we will certainly be united with him in a resurrection like his. ⁶We know that our old self was crucified with him so that the body of sin might be destroyed, and we might no longer be enslaved to sin. ⁷For whoever has died is freed from sin. ⁸But if we have died with Christ, we believe that we will also live with him. ⁹We know that Christ, being raised from the dead, will never die again; death no longer has dominion over him. ¹⁰The death he died, he died to sin, once for all; but the life he lives, he lives to God. ¹¹So you also must consider yourselves dead to sin and alive to God in Christ Jesus.

Matthew 10:24-39

²⁴ A disciple is not above the teacher, nor a slave above the master; ²⁵it is enough for the disciple to be like the teacher, and the slave like the master. If they have called the master of the house Beelzebul, how much more will they malign those of his household! ²⁶“So have no fear of them; for nothing is covered up that will not be uncovered, and nothing secret that will not become known. ²⁷What I say to you in the dark, tell in the light; and what you hear whispered, proclaim from the housetops. ²⁸Do not fear those who kill the body but cannot kill the soul; rather fear him who can destroy both soul and body in hell. ²⁹Are not two sparrows sold for a penny? Yet not one of them will fall to the ground apart from your Father. ³⁰And even the hairs of your head are all counted. ³¹So do not be afraid; you are of more value than many sparrows. ³²“Everyone therefore who acknowledges me

before others, I also will acknowledge before my Father in heaven;
³³but whoever denies me before others, I also will deny before my
Father in heaven. ³⁴“Do not think that I have come to bring peace to
the earth; I have not come to bring peace, but a sword. ³⁵For I have
come to set a man against his father, and a daughter against her
mother, and a daughter-in-law against her mother-in-law; ³⁶and one’s
foes will be members of one’s own household. ³⁷Whoever loves
father or mother more than me is not worthy of me; and whoever
loves son or daughter more than me is not worthy of me; ³⁸and
whoever does not take up the cross and follow me is not worthy of
me. ³⁹Those who find their life will lose it, and those who lose their life
for my sake will find it.

Message: “The Shadow Self” Rev. Johan Dodge

Questions for Reflection: Rev. Johan Dodge

Have you ever thought about your shadow self? About our group
shadow? About another group shadow? How does the concept of
the shadow help you see the soul work that is yours to do as we each
seek to more closely follow Jesus?

Reflection: “Savior, Like a Shepherd Save Us” Hannah Yi, *pianist*

INVITATION TO THE OFFERING – Kelly Frankiewicz

Because we need not fear tomorrow we offer ourselves, our time, and
our possessions to the work of the church. Do not be afraid for your
well-being. Give generously in the name of the One who gave
everything for us.

[Ushers, please come forward]

Offertory: “You’ll Never Walk Alone” Lisa Margaroli, *alto*

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING – Kelly Frankiewicz

Holy God, who gives life, nourishment, and strength to all creation,
we thank you: for the community of faith you have built, for your
servants who have held fast to you through centuries, for the
teachings and the witness of our ancestors, for the gospel’s welcome
to all in need, for the healing that comes from your watchfulness.

Bless these gifts that all may be nurtured in truth. In Jesus 'name we pray. Amen.

[please stand as you able]

Hymn: “Amazing Grace”

BLESSING: Rev. Johan Dodge

As you leave this place; May the Lord bless you to leave fear behind, May the Lord guide you to leave with a glad heart, May the Lord hold you leave with conviction that all people you meet in the coming days are beloved of God as you are, And may the Lord guard you and make you bold to live a life of trust and deep joy. Go in Peace.

Amen

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 Flucker/Hannah Yi, *pianist*

Notes and Announcements:

Coffee Fellowship: Altar Flowers and Refreshments are provided by Mo Ashley and Taylor White.

See the sign-up charts to provide refreshments or cover cost of altar flowers.

Altar flowers are \$35. Sandy Walker coordinates arrangements.

Upper Room: Copies of the July-August "Upper Room" devotional are available in the Narthex/Lobby and church office.

Pastor Johan re-appointment anniversary and July 4 celebration: A special Independence Day themed lunch of hot dogs, baked beans and all the fixings will be served after Worship in celebration of Pastor Johan's re-appointment to LWCC.

Pizza With the Pastor: July 12 at 11:00 am in the Fellowship Hall. This is an invitation to anyone who is newer to Community Church and is interested in meeting the Pastor and others in the congregation in a fun and informal setting.

Membership Meeting with Pastor Johan: July 19 at 11:00 am in the Fellowship Hall. This meeting is open to all who are interested in exploring the vision and mission of Community Church and connecting in membership to this church family.

PRAYER REQUESTS

FOR PERSEVERANCE:

- new Marv Jahn & Ella Walton – have settled into their new home in Rowntree Gardens. They are happy to welcome visitors. Rowntree Gardens, 12151 Dale, Stanton, CA phone: 714-971-6786
- new Taylor White – she and her brother are improving. She's expected to be home from Pennsylvania 6/21, but will be resting and recuperating at her daughter's home and is still asking for no texts or phone calls.
- new Gerri Seaton – 33 year-old granddaughter, Anna, started medication for depression following a serious motorcycle accident in Arizona. Injuries will prevent her from returning to work. Disability has not been approved yet.
- new Phyllis Goodwin – In Westmont of Cypress care facility temporarily, not a health issue but for safety while family members are unavailable. Cell-562-743-5111.



Thank you for signing up for any of the tasks below.
Sandy Walker or Virginia Olejnik will contact you with details of any task you choose.

I'd Love to Help!

LWCC Volunteer Task Sign up		
Task	Time	Volunteer
Weekly		
Assist Joyce Reed with charging Hearing device batteries	15 min	
Check, restock bathrooms - TP/Paper towels, empty trash	10 min	
Monday am check bathrooms for TP, paper towels, trash	10 min	
Twice a Month		
Vacuum and dust prayer chapel	15 min	
Seasonal		
Assist Sandy with Holiday decorations	1-3 hrs	
Test and change batteries in Christmas Eve candles	1 hr	
Take out and put away Christmas trees	2-3 hrs	
Other		
Table set up and take down for events/food drives	1 hr	
Reset timers (fountain, etc) after power outages	1 hr	
Change Emergency Exit light bulbs (must climb ladder)	1 hr	