



**COMMUNITY
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WORLD

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A pathway into community

GROWING
Disciples in God's Love

SENDING
The Hope and Joy of Jesus

Our Vision: To Be Love to Leisure World

14000 Church Place

February 11, 2024

9:50 am

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SHINY

Rev. Johan Dodge

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 is said 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 – Jeanette Williams

Holy and mighty God, gather us among your faithful ones, the people of your covenant, to stand in the light of your glory and listen for the word of the Lord, Jesus Christ our Savior. Amen.

Hymn: “This Little Light of Mine”

[please be seated]

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION — Rev. Johan Dodge

Mighty and merciful one, you have come to us in glory; now we come to you in prayer, saying,

Lord, by your Spirit, work through us.

We pray for your glorious creation.... Stamp out fires of destruction, drive away clouds of pollution, and restore the beauty of this world.

Lord, by your Spirit, work through us.

We pray for the body of Christ.... Open our hearts in faith, enlighten our minds with knowledge, and strengthen us to proclaim the gospel.

Lord, by your Spirit, work through us.

We pray for the people of all nations.... Show the nations your vision of justice, offer the leaders your mantle of wisdom, and give the people your blessing of peace.

Lord, by your Spirit, work through us.

We pray for those who are perishing.... Feed those who are starving, comfort those who are suffering, and receive the dying into your arms.

Lord, by your Spirit, work through us.

We pray for those whom we love.... Bless our families, friends, and neighbors, help them in times of trouble, and be near when they are afraid.

Lord, by your Spirit, work through us.

Holy One, make us ready for the day when this world is transfigured, transformed, made new— when all things will shine in the dazzling light of your glory; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Hymn: “Shine, Jesus, Shine”

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION – Jeanette Williams

Speak to us, O Lord our God, and let the fire of your Spirit burn brightly in our hearts. Open our minds to receive the wisdom of the law, the hope of the prophets, and the life of the gospel: Jesus Christ, your living Word. Amen.

SCRIPTURE: Jeanette Williams

2 Corinthians 4:3-6

⁴And even if our gospel is veiled, it is veiled to those who are perishing. ⁴In their case the god of this world has blinded the minds of the unbelievers, to keep them from seeing the light of the gospel of the glory of Christ, who is the image of God. ⁵For we do not proclaim ourselves; we proclaim Jesus Christ as Lord and ourselves as your slaves for Jesus’ sake. ⁶For it is the God who said, “Let light shine out of darkness,” who has shone in our hearts to give the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ.

Mark 9:2-9

²Six days later, Jesus took with him Peter and James and John, and led them up a high mountain apart, by themselves. And he was transfigured before them, ³and his clothes became dazzling white, such as no one on earth could bleach them. ⁴And there appeared to them Elijah with Moses, who were talking with Jesus. ⁵Then Peter said to Jesus, “Rabbi, it is good for us to be here; let us make three dwellings, one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah.” ⁶He did not know what to say, for they were terrified. ⁷Then a cloud overshadowed them, and from the cloud there came a voice, “This is my Son, the Beloved; listen to him!” ⁸Suddenly when they looked around, they saw no one with them any more, but only Jesus. ⁹As they were coming down the mountain, he ordered them to tell no one about what they had seen, until after the Son of Man had risen from the dead.

Message: “SHINY” Rev. Johan Dodge

Questions for Reflection: Rev. Johan Dodge

At the transfiguration, God's voice from the cloud bestows on Jesus the mantle of divine authority: "This is my Son, the Beloved; listen to him!" Throughout his teaching, Jesus demonstrates a new relationship with God that teaches each of us to see not our brokenness or fallen nature but rather the presence of the divine within each of us. Look in the mirror this week and see the presence of the divine and then take that thought with you throughout your day to see the divine in those around you. How does this change how you see the world? How does it change how you engage with the world?

Reflection: "How Great Thou Art" John Fluker, *pianist*

INVITATION TO THE OFFERING – Jeanette Williams

The God who speaks and summons the earth into being now speaks to us, calling us to offer up our lives as a sacrifice of praise.

[Ushers, please come forward]

Offertory: "Be Still and Know" Jennifer Scoullar, *soprano*

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING – Jeanette Williams

Gracious God, we give you thanks for the light of love around us and the fire of faith within us. As we go forth from this place let our lives reflect the One who is the image of your glory: Jesus Christ, the light of the world. Amen.

[please stand as you able]

Hymn: "Let There Be Peace on Earth"

BLESSING: Rev. Johan Dodge

The very face of God shines upon you with beauty, blessing, and peace. Now go and tell the good news, the Lord of life and light is with us. Alleluia!

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*; Dave Albulario, *tenor*; John Fluker/Hannah Yi, *pianist*

PRAYER REQUESTS

FOR PERSEVERANCE:

new Gerri Seaton – Completed 30 radiation therapy treatments. Prayers for continued recovery and health.

Notes and Announcements:

Coffee Fellowship: Altar Flowers are provided by Susie Perslow. Refreshments are provided by Jenny Chang. See the sign-up charts to provide refreshments or cover cost of altar flowers. Altar flowers are \$35. Sandy Walker coordinates arrangements.

2024 Offering Envelopes: Please help yourself to a packet of Monthly Offering Envelopes in the narthex on the table. You do not have to be a member of Community Church to use them. Thank you.

Souper Bowl Sunday is today, **February 11**. Instead of bringing in cans of soup and nonperishable food items, this year, the Missions Team will collect socks. Please come to Sunday worship prepared with **new men's or women's socks** to deposit in the bin representing your favorite Super Bowl team. You may also give cash/checks toward the purchase of new socks. Please mark the green envelope and check memo line "Socks". The team will buy socks with the funds. Donated and purchased socks will be delivered to the VA Hospital.

Valentines Cancer Luncheon: The free event will be held for anyone who has been touched by a cancer diagnosis. Join us in the Fellowship Hall on February 21 at 12:00 noon. A light luncheon with entertainment will be served. You may also invite your caregiver or a significant other who helped you through your time of need during your illness.

Party is by RESERVATION ONLY, due no later than February 16. You may speak to Taylor White anytime in person, or call Sally Glausser at 562-431-3851.

Lent Study. This Lenten Season we are pleased to offer an in-depth look at the Journey of Discipleship. Pastor Johan will lead a 6-week Lent Study beginning on 2/15 at 11:00 on Zoom.

Meeting ID: 834 7260 6096
Passcode: 205414

2024 Church Directory: Copies of the church phone directory are available for pick up this Sunday. If you have any corrections or additions, please contact the church office.



Notes from the Service

This image shows a single sheet of white paper with horizontal ruling lines. The lines are evenly spaced and run across the width of the page. There are no margins, text, or other markings on the paper.

Prayer Journal

Use these prayers in your time with God each day.

Household Prayer: Morning

God of glory, I greet you at the dawning of this day. Let my life proclaim Christ Jesus and the good news of the gospel from the rising of the sun to its setting; to the glory of your name. Amen.

Household Prayer: Midday

God of glory, I greet you at the middle of this day. I have tried to hide from you— to hide my face, to hide our failure— yet you have never hidden your love for me. I have tried to search for you— in temples, in clouds, on mountaintops— yet you have already revealed yourself to me in the face of my neighbor. Forgive me, and transform me so that my life may shine with your glory, beauty, and grace; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Household Prayer: Evening

God of glory, I greet you at the ending of this day. Overshadow me with your peace so that I may rest in your presence from the setting of the sun to its rising; to the glory of your name. Amen.

My Prayers this week

