

COMMUNITY CHURCH LEISURE WORLD

LIGHTING
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

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Mother's Day

7th Sunday of Easter: *Triskele*



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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 bless - ings flow; praise God, all crea - tures

here be - low; praise God a - bove, ye Heav'n - ly

host: praise Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost. A - men.

PRAYER OF THE DAY — Virginia Olejnik



Happy are those who do not ridicule and scoff but who delight in God's teachings and meditate on them day and night. They are like trees planted by streams of water. They yield fruit in due season, and their leaves do not wither. **Amen.**



HYMN: "O Church of God, United"

1. O church of — God, u - nit - ed to serve one lov - ing God; pro -
2. From ev - 'ry — land and na - tion the or - dered ranks ap - pear; to
3. Though creeds and tongues may dif - fer, they speak, O Christ, of thee; and
4. May thy great pray'r be an - swered that we — may all be one, close

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claim to all one mes - sage, with hearts in glad ac - cord. Christ
 serve our val - iant God of Love, they come from far and near. They
 in thy lov - ing spir - it we shall one peo - ple be. O, —
 bound, by love u - nit - ted in thee, God's bless - ed Son: to —

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ev - er goes be - fore — us; we fol - low day by day with
 chant their one con - fes - sion, they praise one liv - ing God, and
 may our faith - ful ser - vice, and sin - gle - ness of aim, pro -
 bring a sin - gle wit - ness, to — make the path - way bright, that

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strong and ea - ger foot - steps a - long the up - ward way.
 place their trust, their faith, and hope up - on — God's lov - ing word.
 claim to — all the pow - er of thy — re - deem - ing name.
 souls who lost in dark - ness may find the one true light.

[please be seated]

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION — Rev. Johan Dodge

Let us pray for the world and ask that we may be given the grace to be faithful disciples of Jesus.

May we be like trees planted by streams of water.

Holy God, this world is peopled by those who delight in your teachings and those who scoff at your ways. Guide us to meditate on you day and night, that we may be an influence for good in the world.

May we be like trees planted by streams of water.

We pray for the people and the leaders of the world in all our diversity. Sanctify them in your truth, that there may be peace and harmony on earth.

May we be like trees planted by streams of water.

We pray for those who are sick or suffering, that they may know your protection and care through our faithful service.

May we be like trees planted by streams of water.

We pray for your church, that by the marriage of your grace and our faith we may serve you and our neighbors.

May we be like trees planted by streams of water.

We pray for Earth itself, your marvelous creation. Inspire and help us to be the good stewards that you ask us to be, now and for the future.

May we be like trees planted by streams of water.

Make holy all for which we pray— the poor, the infirm, the church, the world— for holiness and wholeness come from you. Receive these prayers both spoken and unspoken, for we are yours. **Amen.**

[please stand as you are able]



HYMN: "Blessed Assurance"

Bless - ed as - sur - ance, Je - sus is mine! O what a
Per - fect sub - mis - sion, per - fect de - light, vi - sions of
Per - fect sub - mis - sion, all is at rest; I in my

fore - taste of glo - ry di - vine! Heir of sal - va - tion, pur - chase of
rap - ture now burst on my sight; an - gels de - scend - ing bring from a -
Sav - ior am hap - py and blest, watch - ing and wait - ing, look - ing a -

God, born of the Spir - it, washed in his blood.
bove ech - oes of mer - cy, whis - pers of love.
bove, filled with his good - ness, lost in his love.

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This is my sto - ry, this is my song, — prais-ing my Sav - ior all the day long; — this is my sto - ry, this is my song, — prais-ing my Sav - ior all the day long. —

[please be seated]



PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION — Virginia Olejnik

May the reading of your Word sanctify us in the truth and bring us to perfect joy. **Amen.**

SCRIPTURES — Virginia Olejnik



Acts 1:15–17, 21–26

¹⁵In those days Peter stood up among the believers (together the crowd numbered about one hundred twenty persons) and said, ¹⁶“Friends, the scripture had to be fulfilled, which the Holy Spirit through David foretold concerning Judas, who became a guide for those who arrested Jesus — ¹⁷for he was numbered among us and was allotted his share in this ministry.” ²¹So one of the men who have accompanied us during all the time that the Lord Jesus went in and out among us, ²²beginning from the baptism of John until the day when he was taken up from us — one of these must become a witness with us to his resurrection.” ²³So they proposed two, Joseph called Barsabbas, who was also known as Justus, and Matthias. ²⁴Then they prayed and said, “Lord, you know everyone’s heart. Show us which one of these two you have chosen ²⁵to take the place in this ministry and apostleship from which Judas turned aside to go to his own place.” ²⁶And they cast lots for them, and the lot fell on Matthias; and he was added to the eleven apostles.

John 17:6–19

⁶“I have made your name known to those whom you gave me from the world. They were yours, and you gave them to me, and they have kept your word. ⁷Now they know that everything you have given me is from you; ⁸for the words that you gave to me I have given to them, and they have received





them and know in truth that I came from you; and they have believed that you sent me. ⁹I am asking on their behalf; I am not asking on behalf of the world, but on behalf of those whom you gave me, because they are yours. ¹⁰All mine are yours, and yours are mine; and I have been glorified in them. ¹¹And now I am no longer in the world, but they are in the world, and I am coming to you. Holy Father, protect them in your name that you have given me, so that they may be one, as we are one. ¹²While I was with them, I protected them in your name that you have given me. I guarded them, and not one of them was lost except the one destined to be lost, so that the scripture might be fulfilled. ¹³But now I am coming to you, and I speak these things in the world so that they may have my joy made complete in themselves. ¹⁴I have given them your word, and the world has hated them because they do not belong to the world, just as I do not belong to the world. ¹⁵I am not asking you to take them out of the world, but I ask you to protect them from the evil one. ¹⁶They do not belong to the world, just as I do not belong to the world. ¹⁷Sanctify them in the truth; your word is truth. ¹⁸As you have sent me into the world, so I have sent them into the world. ¹⁹And for their sakes I sanctify myself, so that they also may be sanctified in truth.



MESSAGE: “Trinity In Motion” — Rev. Johan Dodge

QUESTIONS FOR REFLECTION: Rev. Johan Dodge



Both the passage in Acts and the passage in the Gospel of John reflect the continuation of the ministry through the handing off of leadership. On this Mother’s Day, whether you are a mother or simply had a mother, how does motherhood speak to the passing on of knowledge and the handing off of leadership? Where have you handed off leadership in your life? Where has leadership been handed off to you? What might the Spirit be directing you to take up, and what might the Spirit be leading you to hand off in this season?

REFLECTION: “Great Is Thy Faithfulness” — Hannah Yi, *pianist*

INVITATION TO THE OFFERING — Virginia Olejnik

God invites us to give the testimony of our hearts in practical offerings of money and time. Therefore, let us testify to God’s love by bringing our gifts.



[Ushers, please come forward]



OFFERTORY: “Mama” — Jennifer Scoullar, *soprano*

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING — Virginia Olejnik

Jesus has made God known to us. We already belong to God. And so, we dedicate these gifts to God's service and to the glory of God's name. Amen.

[please stand as you are able]

HYMN: "Let There Be Peace on Earth"

Let there be peace on Earth, and let it be - gin with me. _____

Let there be peace on Earth, the peace that was meant to be. _____

With God, our Cre - a - tor, _____ we are fam - i - ly. _____

Let us walk with each oth - er _____ in per - fect har - mo - ny. _____

Let peace be - gin with me, let this be the mo - ment now; _____

With ev - 'ry step I take, let this be my sol - emn vow: _____ To

take each mo - ment and live each mo - ment in peace e - ter - nal - ly; _____

Let there be peace on Earth, and let it be - gin with me. _____

BLESSING — Rev. Johan Dodge

Jesus Christ has already given us into the arms of a loving God. Living in the love of God, be open to the Holy Spirit calling you into a new ministry.
Amen.

CLOSING HYMN: “Blessed Be the Tie that Binds”

Blest be the tie that binds Our hearts in Chris - tian love: The
fel - low - ship of kin - dred minds Is like to that a - bove. A - men.

The image shows a musical score for the hymn "Blessed Be the Tie that Binds". It is written in 3/4 time with a key signature of one flat (B-flat). The score is presented in two systems, each with a treble and bass staff. The lyrics are written below the notes. The first system covers the first line of the hymn, and the second system covers the second line. The music is simple and suitable for congregational singing.

Music Team:

Dave Albulario, *tenor*
John Fluker, *pianist*

Jennifer Scoullar, *soprano*
Hannah Yi, *pianist*



PRAYER REQUESTS

FOR PERSEVERANCE:

new Mary Maness – Mary’s son, Mark is improving post-surgery, and appreciates prayers for further speedy recovery. Mary’s own surgery (much to her frustration) has been postponed again, until June 18th. Prayers for health, comfort, and peace of mind.

new Baudy Stillwell – Baudy has recovered from her very difficult hip replacement surgery. The healing process involved terrible pain and she hopes never to need surgery again. She appreciates visits, phone calls, and cards. Her phone is 562-234-3288, and her address is 3737 Atlantic Ave #207, Long Beach, CA 90807-3447

Notes and Announcements:

Coffee Fellowship: Today's flowers honor our mothers, and all the wonderful women in our lives. Mother's Day refreshments are provided by the Worship Team. See the sign-up charts to provide refreshments or cover cost of altar flowers for future services. Altar flowers are \$35. Sandy Walker coordinates arrangements.

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

Mother's Day Tea TODAY: Immediately following Sunday Worship in the Fellowship Hall, please enjoy a proper tea service honoring the women in our congregation. Have a spot of tea or coffee, as well as finger sandwiches, fresh fruit, and delicious sweet treats.

Do You Love to Cook? Join the Care Team's Meal Support Group! We make and deliver meals occasionally to those in the LWCC community. Sign up after service, during Fellowship, or call the church office.

Piano Trio Concert: Join us on Saturday, May 25, 2024, at 2:00 PM for a very special Piano Trio Concert featuring Francisco Vila on cello, Sojin Kim on violin, and LWCC's very own resident artist Hannah Yi on piano. Tickets are \$15 seniors, \$10 students, \$20 general, and are available in the Church Office or online at tinyurl.com/Piano-Trio-Concert

You can also point your phone camera at this QR code for tickets.



Let us build a house where hands will reach beyond the wood and stone,
to heal and strengthen, serve and teach, and live the Word they've known ...

Built of tears and cries and laughter, prayers of faith and songs of grace,
let this house proclaim from floor to rafter:

"All are welcome in this place."

Doxology (Old Hundredth LM)
Music by Louis Bourgeois, 1551
Words by Thomas Ken, 1674

"O Church of God, United"
UMH 547 Music: Ellacombe
Words by Frederick B. Morley; © 1954,
1982 Hymn Society of America,
Admin. Hope Publishing Co,
Carol Stream, IL 60188.

"Blessed Assurance"
Music by Phoebe P. Knapp, 1873
Words by Fanny J. Crosby, 1873

"Let There Be Peace on Earth"
Music & Words by Sy Miller & Jill Jackson
"Blest Be the Tie That Binds" (Dennis SM)
Music by Johann G. Nægeli, 1768-1836
Words by John Fawcett, 1740-1817
Arr. by Lowell Mason, 1792-1872

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The Season of Easter

First Sunday of Easter — Eggs



Yes, Eggs are a traditional symbol for Easter. Our Orthodox siblings have been dyeing eggs for Easter for centuries. The eggs were dyed red to symbolize the blood of Jesus. The shell was the tomb and the cracked egg was the open tomb.

Second Sunday of Easter — Water



For our Jewish siblings, the mikvah — (gathering of waters) personifies both the womb and the grave and consequently, rebirth. It is regarded as a pure, unadulterated avenue of connection with God; and for that reason, it is a place where hope is reawakened and strengthened.

Third Sunday of Easter — Starfish



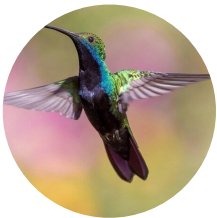
Starfish, like many of our animal siblings, have the ability to regenerate their limbs. Our Native American siblings venerated the starfish for their strength and immortality. The Haida Tribe even has a Starfish Clan.

Fourth Sunday of Easter — Butterfly



The life of the caterpillar as it goes into a cocoon and emerges as a butterfly is perhaps the most common symbol of regeneration, transformation and new life.

Fifth Sunday of Easter — Hummingbird



Just as the Butterfly is the most common symbol of new life, the Hummingbird is perhaps one of the least well known. The seemingly effortless hovering flight of the Hummingbird reminds us of divinity, rebirth, and adaptability as the hummingbird flies from flower to flower.

Sixth Sunday of Easter — Lillies — Mother's Day



White Lilies and other bulb flowers take us through the stages of transformation — bulb — buried, time in the dark of the soil, and the new life shooting forth from the bulb and producing flowers. The hymn of Promise captures this sentiment beautifully.

Seventh Sunday of Easter — Triskele



The Triskele — Triple Spiral — is a Celtic symbol used to represent the trinity and the circle of life. The three circles can represent the unity of body, mind, and soul or life, death, and new life. The cycle of life is perpetual — implying hope and the prospect of new beginnings.

May 12, 2024



GROW
PRAY
STUDY

Notes from the Service

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My Prayers this week:

Prayer Journal

Use these prayers in your time with God each day.

Household Prayer: Morning

Holy One, thank you for the ability to begin my day in prayer. Guide my path today. No matter what happens, help me to feel that I belong to you, and bring me home to you at the end of the day. Amen.

Household Prayer: Midday

Holy One, open me to the possibility that I am being chosen to be a disciple with new ministries for me to do in Jesus' name. Amen.

Household Prayer: Evening

Loving God, thank you for claiming me as your own. I have been in the world all day, but I also know that I am in you. Give me the grace to let go of this day and entrust it to your care. Be with me as I sleep this night and continue to sanctify me in your embrace. Amen.