

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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Pentecost Sunday

**You also
are to Testify!**



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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 — Jeanette Williams

God declares: "I will pour out my Spirit upon all flesh.
Your children shall prophesy.

The young shall see visions.
The elders shall dream dreams.

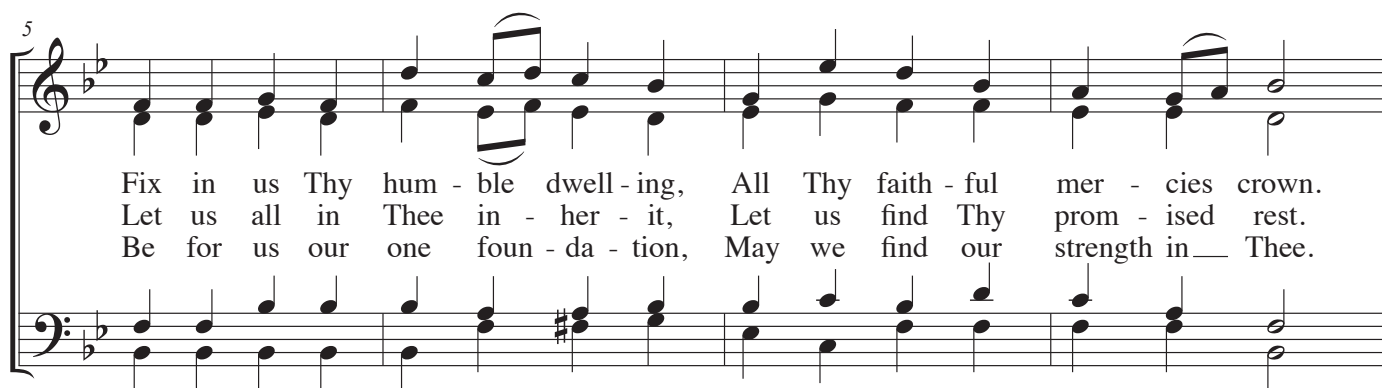
Your children shall prophesy.
And everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved."



HYMN: "Love Divine, All Loves Excelling"

1. Love di - vine, all loves ex - cel - ling, Joy of Heav'n to Earth come down,
2. Breathe, O breathe Thy lov - ing Spir - it In - to ev - 'ry trou - bled breast;
3. Fin - ish then Thy new cre - a - tion, Kind and lov - ing let us be;

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Fix in us Thy hum - ble dwell - ing, All Thy faith - ful mer - cies crown.
 Let us all in Thee in - her - it, Let us find Thy prom - ised rest.
 Be for us our one foun - da - tion, May we find our strength in — Thee.

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Je - sus, Thou art all com - pas - sion, Pure, un - bound - ed love Thou art;
 Take a - way our bent to — sin - ning, Al - pha and O - me - ga — be;
 Changed from glo - ry in - to — glo - ry, E'er with you we take our place,

13



Vis - it us with Thy in - car - na - tion, En - ter ev - 'ry trem - bling heart.
 End of faith, as its be - gin - ning, Set our hearts at lib - er - ty.
 'Til we cast our crowns be - fore Thee, Lost in won - der, love, and praise.

[please be seated]



PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION — Rev. Johan Dodge

In gratitude for all that you have done for us, Holy God, we pray:

For nations, communities, and families torn by violence; for leaders and protesters, for managers and visionaries; for dictators and peacemakers; for the allies of our nation and for our enemies; especially today for the people of Ukraine, Georgia, Russia, Israel, Palestine, and the United States;
Pour out upon us the Spirit of your love so that in hearing and seeing the gifts of this life, we may know the way to live in thanksgiving; through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

For Earth and its riches; for soil and wetlands, trees, bushes, rivers and lakes, oceans and air; and for all the peoples who inhabit this great creation; for the ability to choose life for all creatures and to honor the welfare of generations to come;

Pour out upon us the Spirit of your love so that in hearing and seeing the gifts of this life, we may know the way to live in thanksgiving; through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

For all people who are victims of injustice; for those who are unemployed or underemployed; for those living on the streets of our cities; for everyone affected by divorce; for people struggling with addiction, anger, fear, or illness; for all who have asked this congregation for prayer; for those we name now aloud or in our hearts *[silence]*.

Pour out upon us the Spirit of your love so that in hearing and seeing the gifts of this life, we may know the way to live in thanksgiving; through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

For this community of faith; for those who come to worship every week and those who cannot come; for the young and the old; for newcomers and long-familiar faces; for the newly baptized in every land; for those who are seeking to know you; hear us, O God, your mercy is great. For all else that this assembly is concerned with today, named aloud or in our hearts *[silence]*;

Pour out upon us the Spirit of your love so that in hearing and seeing the gifts of this life, we may know the way to live in thanksgiving; through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

Into your promises, we entrust all those whose needs are known to us today and those whose needs are only known to you. Grant peace to all, through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

[please stand as you are able]

HYMN: "They'll Know We Are Christians by Our Love"

1. We are one in the Spir - it, we are one in the Lord, We are
2. We will work with each oth - er, we will work side by side, We will
3. All — praise the Cre - a - tor, from whom all things come, And all

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one work in the Spir - it, we are one work in the Lord, And we
praise to each oth - er, we will on - side by side, And we'll
Christ Je - sus, God's ly Son, And all

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pray that all u - ni - ty may one day be re - stored:
guard each one's dig - ni - ty and save each per - son's pride: And they'll
praise to the Spir - it, who makes us one:

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know we are Christ - ians by our love, by our love, Yes, they'll

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know we are Christ - ians by our love.

[please be seated]

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION — Jeanette Williams

Holy Spirit, come again. As long ago you inspired, astonished, and confused the people, come to us now to fill our ears with the sound of your breath, fill our eyes with the brilliance of your presence in each other, fill our hearts with your good Word. **Amen.**

SCRIPTURE — Jeanette Williams

Acts 2:1-21

¹When the day of Pentecost had come, they were all together in one place.

²And suddenly from heaven there came a sound like the rush of a violent wind, and it filled the entire house where they were sitting.³Divided tongues, as of fire, appeared among them, and a tongue rested on each of them. ⁴All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other languages, as the Spirit gave them ability.

⁵Now there were devout Jews from every nation under heaven living in Jerusalem. ⁶And at this sound the crowd gathered and was bewildered, because each one heard them speaking in the native language of each.⁷Amazed and astonished, they asked, “Are not all these who are speaking Galileans? ⁸And how is it that we hear, each of us, in our own native language? ⁹Parthians, Medes, Elamites, and residents of Mesopotamia, Judea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, ¹⁰Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya belonging to Cyrene, and visitors from Rome, both Jews and proselytes, ¹¹Cretans and Arabs—in our own languages we hear them speaking about God’s deeds of power.” ¹²All were amazed and perplexed, saying to one another, “What does this mean?”

¹³But others sneered and said, “They are filled with new wine.”

¹⁴But Peter, standing with the eleven, raised his voice and addressed them, “Men of Judea and all who live in Jerusalem, let this be known to you, and listen to what I say. ¹⁵Indeed, these are not drunk, as you suppose, for it is only nine o’clock in the morning. ¹⁶No, this is what was spoken through the prophet Joel: ¹⁷‘In the last days it will be, God declares, that I will pour out my Spirit upon all flesh, and your sons and your daughters shall prophesy, and your young men shall see visions, and your old men shall dream dreams. ¹⁸Even upon my slaves, both men and women, in those days I will pour out my Spirit; and they shall prophesy.’¹⁹And I will show portents in the heaven above and signs on the earth below, blood, and fire, and smoky mist. ²⁰The sun shall be turned to darkness and the moon to blood, before the coming of the Lord’s great and glorious day. ²¹Then everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved.’

John 15:26-27; 16:4b-15

²⁶“When the Advocate comes, whom I will send to you from the Father, the Spirit of truth who comes from the Father, he will testify on my behalf.²⁷You also are to testify because you have been with me from the beginning. ⁴But I have said these things to you so that when their hour comes you may remember that I told you about them. “I did not say these things to you from the beginning, because I was with you. ⁵But now I am going to him who sent me; yet none of you asks me, ‘Where are you going?’ ⁶But because I have said these things to you, sorrow has filled your hearts.



⁷Nevertheless I tell you the truth: it is to your advantage that I go away, for if I do not go away, the Advocate will not come to you; but if I go, I will send him to you. ⁸And when he comes, he will prove the world wrong about sin and righteousness and judgment: ⁹about sin, because they do not believe in me; ¹⁰about righteousness, because I am going to the Father and you will see me no longer; ¹¹about judgment, because the ruler of this world has been condemned. ¹²"I still have many things to say to you, but you cannot bear them now. ¹³When the Spirit of truth comes, he will guide you into all the truth; for he will not speak on his own, but will speak whatever he hears, and he will declare to you the things that are to come. ¹⁴He will glorify me, because he will take what is mine and declare it to you. ¹⁵All that the Father has is mine. For this reason I said that he will take what is mine and declare it to you.

MESSAGE: "You Also Are to Testify" — Rev. Johan Dodge

QUESTIONS FOR REFLECTION: Rev. Johan Dodge

In this coming week consider how many ways and through which persons you are shown a new path for your life. Watch for startling nudges or sudden epiphanies; listen for sighs that signal letting go of something pressing so that you can hear the Spirit's guidance. What comes to mind in this moment as you consider recent epiphanies?

REFLECTION: "Chariots of Fire" — John Fluker, *pianist*

INVITATION TO THE OFFERING — Jeanette Williams

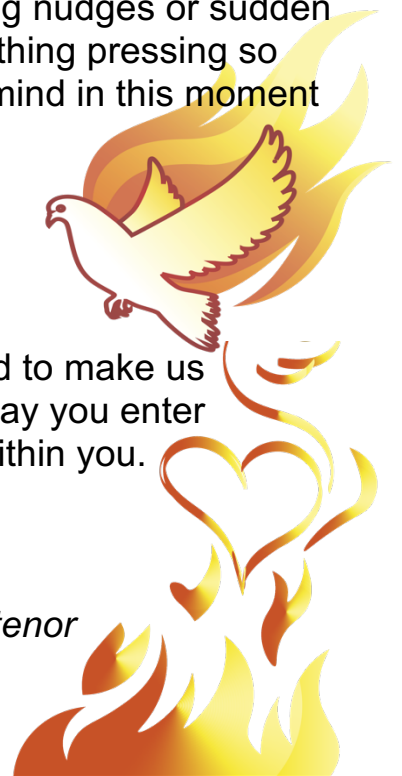
The Holy Spirit was sent to increase our compassion and to make us glad to spread good news by caring for those in need. May you enter into the discipline of giving as a work of the Holy Spirit within you.

[Ushers, please come forward]

OFFERTORY: "O Spirit of the Living God" — Dave Albulario, *tenor*

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING — Jeanette Williams

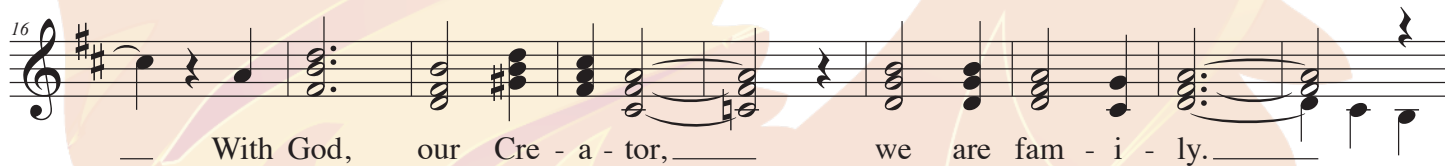
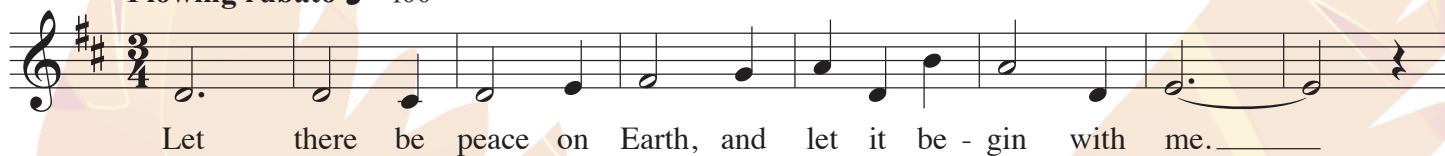
God of mercy, we give you thanks for all that your bounty creates. The gifts we bring today acknowledge our debt to you and our intent to relieve others of their burdens. Bless what we offer and bless those who will be shown deeds of power through them; in Jesus' name. Amen.



[please stand as you are able]

HYMN: "Let There Be Peace on Earth"

Flowing rubato ♩ = 100



BLESSING — Rev. Johan Dodge

Jesus sent the Holy Spirit to nurture faith and love in this world. The Holy Spirit has come to inhabit this world with freedom, truth, and understanding. You are never alone when you are in the wind of the Spirit. May God keep you and make your prayers bear fruit. Live this vision in all that you do: respond to rancor with kindness, and be patient where there is pain. **Amen.**

CLOSING HYMN: “Blessed Be the Tie that Binds”

The image shows a musical score for the hymn "Blessed Be the Tie that Binds". It consists of two systems of music, each with a treble and bass staff. The key signature is one flat (B-flat) and the time signature is 3/4. 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 written in a simple, accessible style suitable for a church service.

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.

Music Team: Dave Albulario, *tenor*
John Fluker, *pianist*

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

PRAYER REQUESTS

new Doug Zantiny - Doug's girlfriend, Jenny, just lost her sister to stomach cancer. Prayers for comfort and strength for Jenny & Doug.

A stylized illustration of a white dove with its wings spread, flying upwards. Behind the dove are large, flowing flames in shades of yellow and orange, symbolizing the Holy Spirit. The word "Pentecost" is written in a large, bold, red serif font across the bottom of the page.

Pentecost

Notes and Announcements:

Coffee Fellowship: Flowers are anonymously provided today. Refreshments are provided by Joanna Matos. 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.

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.

Pastor's June Renewal: During the month of June, while Pastor Johan is away on Renewal Leave, we welcome Pastor Lynn Francis who will lead communion on June 2nd & will join us again on June 9th. Prince Pierson, our Certified Lay Minister (CLM) will be on hand to handle small pastoral duties, and the LWCC Care Team is up and running to assist with more immediate needs. For any major pastoral concerns, please contact the Community Church office, and an ordained pastor in the area will be called upon to serve.

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

"Love Divine, All Loves Excelling"
Tune: BEECHER by John Zundel
Words by Charles Wesley
Public Domain

"They'll Know We Are Christians by Our Love"
Tune: ST. BRENDAN'S by Peter Scholtes, Words
by Peter Scholtes, based on John 13:35

"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
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GROW PRAY STUDY

Notes from the Service

My Prayers this week:

Prayer Journal

Use these prayers in your time with God each day.

Household Prayer: Morning

God of newness and delight, you greet your world again with light and life. I awaken to your presence behind, before, beneath, above, and within me. I thank you for another day and ask only that you keep me so firmly in your care that I can move gracefully through all I have to do. Guard my family, my friends, and all my brothers and sisters in faith. Let me be a peacemaker today; in Jesus' name. Amen.

Household Prayer: Midday

Gracious God, you come among your people as One who fashioned all things, who, face-to-face, revealed your knowledge of our lives, and whose presence brings assurance and hope. Pour out upon me the Spirit of your love so that in hearing and seeing the gifts of this life, I may know the way to live in thanksgiving; through Jesus Christ, I pray. Amen.

Household Prayer: Evening

Good and Holy One, you have led me through this day of many encounters to the time when I may close my eyes and dream. I thank you for the people you have sent my way today, for the work I have had to do, for the food, shelter, and safety you have given. I pray that people everywhere may have all necessary comfort and nourishment and that I may lie down in peace, resting in the trust that you are watching over all creation. I pray this in the name of the One who made Earth, called the children to come, and blows through our days with wisdom. Amen.