



COMMUNITY CHURCH LEISURE WORLD

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A pathway into community

GROWING
Disciples in God's Love

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The Hope and Joy of Jesus

Our Vision: To Be Love to Leisure World

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2nd Sunday After Pentecost



OPENING ANNOUNCEMENTS — Dave Albulario

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: Psalm 104:1-2 — Taylor White

Praise the Lord, O my soul. O Lord my God, you are very great; you are clothed in splendor and majesty. You wrap yourself in light as a garment and stretch out the heavens like a tent. Praise the Lord.

HYMN: "Lord of the Dance" (Tune: "Simple Gifts")

I danced in the morn - ing when the world was be - gun, and I
I danced for the scribe and the Phar - i - see, but they
I danced on the Sab - bath when I cured the lame, the
I danced on a Fri - day and the sky turned black; it's
They cut me down and I leapt up high,

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danced in the moon and the stars — and the sun, and I
 would not — dance and they would not fol - low me; I —
 ho - ly — peo - ple — said it was a shame; they —
 hard to — dance with the dev - il on your back; they —
 I am the life that - 'll nev - er ev - er die; I'll —

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came down from Heav - en and I danced on the Earth — At
 danced for the fish - er - men, for James and John; — they
 whipped and they stripped bod - y and they hung me — high; and they
 bur - ied my you — if you'll live I'd — gone, — but
 live in — me; —

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Beth - le - hem I — had my birth.
 came to — me and the dance went on.
 left me — there on a cross to die. Dance, then, wher -
 I am the dance and I still go on.
 I am the Lord of the Dance, said thee.

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ev - er you may be; I am the Lord of the Dance, said he. And I'll lead you all wher -

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ev - er you may be, and I'll lead you all in the dance, said she.

[please be seated]

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION — Rev. Lynn Francis

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: "This Little Light of Mine"

This lit - tle light of mine, ___
Ev - 'ry - where I go, ___ I'm gon - na let it shine, ___
Je - sus gave it to me, ___

This lit - tle light of mine, ___
Ev - 'ry - where I go, ___ I'm gon - na let it shine; ___
Je - sus gave it to me, ___

This lit - tle light of mine, ___
Ev - 'ry - where I go, ___ I'm gon - na let it shine, ___
Je - sus gave it to me, ___

Let it shine, ___ let it shine, ___ let it shine. ___

[please be seated]

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION — Taylor White

Gracious God, open our hearts and minds by the power of your Holy Spirit, that as the Scriptures are read and your Word proclaimed, we may hear with joy and be inspired for action. **Amen.**

SCRIPTURE — Taylor White

Mark 2:23–3:6

²³One sabbath he was going through the grainfields; and as they made their way his disciples began to pluck heads of grain. ²⁴The Pharisees said to him, “Look, why are they doing what is not lawful on the sabbath?” ²⁵And he said to them, “Have you never read what David did when he and his companions were hungry and in need of food? ²⁶He entered the house of God, when Abiathar was high priest, and ate the bread of the Presence, which it is not lawful for any but the priests to eat, and he gave some to his companions.” ²⁷Then he said to them, “The sabbath was made for humankind, and not humankind for the sabbath; ²⁸so the Son of Man is lord even of the sabbath.”

^{3:1}Again he entered the synagogue, and a man was there who had a withered hand. ²They watched him to see whether he would cure him on the sabbath, so that they might accuse him. ³And he said to the man who had the withered hand, “Come forward.” ⁴Then he said to them, “Is it lawful to do good or to do harm on the sabbath, to save life or to kill?” But they were silent. ⁵He looked around at them with anger; he was grieved at their hardness of heart and said to the man, “Stretch out your hand.” He stretched it out, and his hand was restored. ⁶The Pharisees went out and immediately conspired with the Herodians against him, how to destroy him.

MESSAGE: “Continually Called” — Rev. Lynn Francis

QUESTIONS FOR REFLECTION — Rev. Lynn Francis

In the coming week consider how God is continually calling you. Look for subtle opportunities to be Christ for others. Wonder how you might experience the move of the Holy Spirit in others’ actions. Might God be calling you to join in, in some creative and/or unexpected way?

REFLECTION: “Great Is Thy Faithfulness” — John Flucker, *pianist*

THE LORD'S SUPPER | HOLY COMMUNION | THE EUCHARIST:

We offer both white and red grape juice. If you are afraid of spilling red grape juice, a limited number of cups with white grape juice are provided.

INVITATION TO COMMUNION — Rev. Lynn Francis

Here at Community Church, we celebrate “Open Communion.” Anyone who wishes to commune may come to God’s Table. You do not have to be sinless; God forgives you. You do not have to be perfect; God encourages you to grow. You need not belong to any church; God invites all people to this meal. It is enough to love and follow God with all your heart. This is what God asks us to do. Come to God’s Table in faith this day. Go from this place to live, and never be the same again. Let us commune as siblings in Christ.

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them up to the Lord.

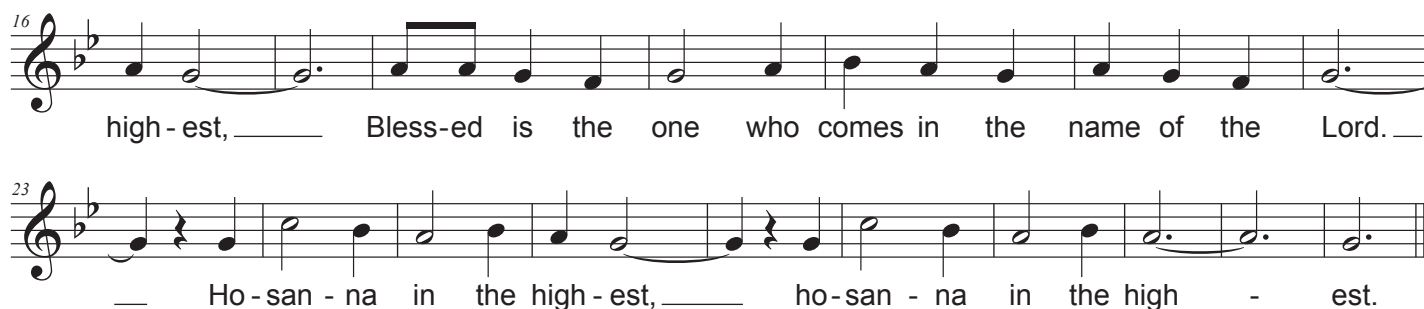
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

[Ushers, please come forward and distribute the elements]

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Almighty God, creator of heaven and earth. Before the mountains were brought forth, or you had formed the earth, from everlasting to everlasting, you alone are God. You created light out of darkness and brought forth life on the earth. You formed us in your image and breathed into us the breath of life. When we turned away, and our love failed, your love remained steadfast. You delivered us from captivity, made covenant to be our sovereign God, and spoke to us through your prophets. And so, with your people on earth and all the company of heaven we praise your name and join their unending hymn:





Holy are you, and blessed is your Son Jesus Christ, in whom you have revealed yourself, our light and our salvation. In his baptism and in table fellowship he took his place with us. Your Spirit anointed him to preach good news to the poor, to proclaim release to the captives, and recovering of sight to the blind, to set at liberty those who are oppressed, and to announce that the time had come when you would save your people. By the baptism of his suffering, death, and resurrection you gave birth to this, your Church, you delivered us from our slavery to empire, and made with us a new covenant by water and the Spirit.

On the night in which he gave himself up for us, he took bread, gave thanks to you, broke the bread, gave it to his disciples, and said: "Take, eat; this is my body which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me."

When the supper was over, he took the cup, gave thanks to you, gave it to his disciples, and said: "Drink from this, all of you; this is my blood of the new covenant, poured out for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me."

And so, in remembrance of these your mighty acts in Jesus Christ, we offer ourselves in praise and thanksgiving as a holy and living sacrifice, in union with Christ's offering for us, as we proclaim the mystery of faith:



Pour out your Holy Spirit on us gathered here, and on these gifts of bread and fruit of the vine. Make them be for us a profound sign of hope in the midst of human darkness, that we may be transformed into the resurrected body of Christ at work in the world.

By your Spirit make us one with Christ, one with each other, and one in ministry to all the world, until Christ comes in final victory, and we feast at his heavenly banquet. Through your Son Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit in your holy Church, all honor and glory is yours, almighty God, now and forever. **Amen.**

THE SHARING OF THE BREAD:

Because there is one loaf, we, who are many, are one body, for we all partake of the one loaf.

THE SHARING OF THE CUP:

The bread which we have eaten is a sharing in the bread of Christ. The cup over which we give thanks is the sharing in the cup of Christ.

UNISON PRAYER:

Eternal God, we give you thanks for this holy mystery in which you have given yourself to us. Grant that we may go into the world in the strength of your Spirit, to give ourselves for others, in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

INVITATION TO THE OFFERING — Taylor White

Let us take a moment to consider the strong compassion and care given through the work of our church. And the many needs met through our giving. What joy, that we are blessed to be a blessing.

[Ushers, please come forward]

OFFERTORY: “You Satisfy the Hungry Heart” — Dave Albulario, *tenor*

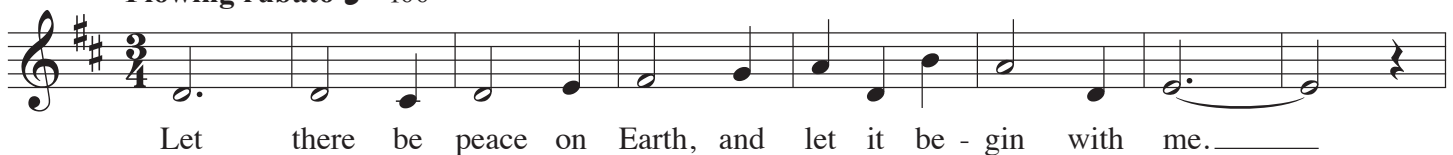
PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING — Taylor White

Gracious and Loving God, we thank you for calling us to work in union with you. That we share a partnership with your Holy Spirit, serving others, our community and the world in the way of Christ. We praise you for your love in and through us. In the Name of Jesus we pray, Amen.

[please stand as you are able]

HYMN: “Let There Be Peace on Earth”

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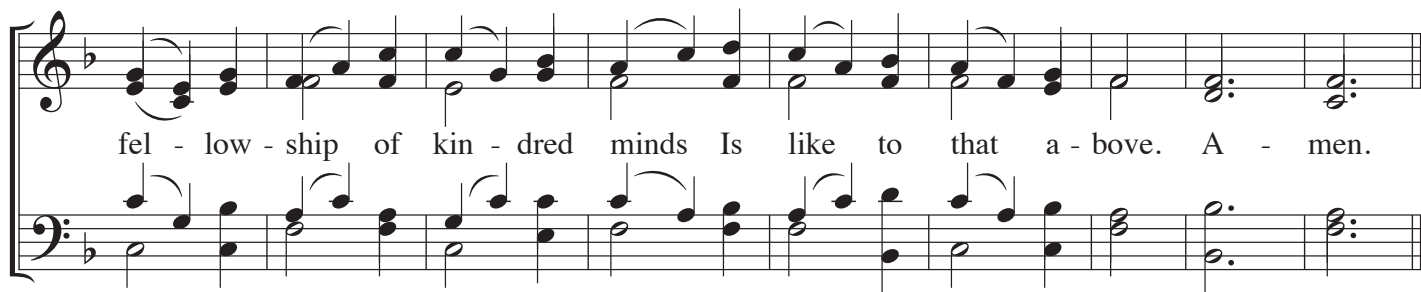


BLESSING — Rev. Lynn Francis

May our gracious God, who continually calls us to love and light, unity and peace, inspire you this week. Go in joy to love and serve the Lord. **Amen.**

CLOSING HYMN: "Blessed Be the Tie that Binds"





Music Team: Dave Albulario, *tenor* Jennifer Scoullar, *soprano*
 John Fluker, *pianist* Hannah Yi, *pianist*

PRAYER REQUESTS

- new* Cindy Pierskalla – Cindy recently had surgery this past Wednesday at Hoag Hospital for an infected toe. Prayers for health and speedy recovery.
- new* Barbara Mahafee – Barbara recently suffered a 3rd stroke, and is in the ICU at Los Alamitos Hospital. Prayers of comfort and hope for Barbara.
- new* Nancy Rees– We have heard that Nancy is adjusting well to her new home, but the Care Team is without details on her. Anyone with more information (phone and/or address), please contact Jeanette Williams at 818-358-9185.
- new* Jeanette Williams – Jeanette’s son, Robert, had a successful surgery this past Tuesday. Prayers for speedy recovery, as he is also caring for his father who is seriously ill.
- new* Mara Williams – Mara asks that we pray for her friend, Beatrice Z., who is dealing with some personal issues presently. Prayers for wisdom, calm, and perseverance.

Our Vision:
To Be The Lantern To Leisure World

Our Mission:
***To Make Disciples of Jesus Christ,
For the Transformation of the World***

Notes and Announcements:

Coffee Fellowship: Today's flowers are provided by Nancy Westcott. Refreshments are provided by Jeanette Williams. 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.

Visiting Pastor Lynn Francis: Pastor Lynn Francis leads us in Worship today, as well as next Sunday, June 9th. She has been an ordained minister of the United Methodist Church for 28 years. Serving churches throughout Orange County, her passion is helping church leaders and their congregations to thrive. She is also a Professional Certified Coach with the International Coaching Federation, and just last year answered God's call to serve with Hoag Hospice.

Piano Trio Concert: BRAVO! to cellist Francisco Vila, violinist So Jin Kim, and our very own resident pianist Hannah Yi for the outstanding concert last weekend. We were overwhelmed by their gorgeous performance of music by Anton Arensky and Felix Mendelssohn, as well as their encore of "How Great Thou Art." Watch this space for more wonderful concerts which are already in the works.

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

"Lord of the Dance"
Tune: SIMPLE GIFTS"
19th Century Shaker Melody
Words by Sydney Carter
Harmony by Gary Alan Smith

"This Little Light of Mine"
African-American Spiritual
Harmony by Horace Clarence Boyer
Words based on Matthew 514-16

"Great Is Thy Faithfulness"
Music by William M. Runyan, 1923
© 1923, renewed 1951 Hope Publishing Co.
Piano arrangement by John Fluker

"You Satisfy the Hungry Heart"
Music by Robert E. Kreutz
Words by Omer Westendorf
Arrangement partially improvised by
David Albulario and John Fluker

"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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