



COMMUNITY CHURCH LEISURE WORLD

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Our Vision: To Be Love to Leisure World

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Father's Day

4th Sunday After Pentecost



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Rev. Johan Dodge

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 — Phyllis Spencer

God, you are the gardener of all creation. You planted this world with the seeds of your love and grow them with your faithfulness. We are your harvest; we find our meaning and sustenance in you. May our minds listen to you calling, may our hearts be attuned to your will, may our feet follow you in the world, through Jesus, the Word become flesh. **Amen.**

HYMN: "How Great Thou Art"

1. O Lord my God, when I in awe - some won - der Con - sid - er
2. When through the woods, and for - est glades I wan - der And hear the
3. When Christ shall come with shout of ac - cla - ma - tion And take me

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all the worlds Thy hands have made, — I see the stars, I hear the roll - ing
birds sing sweet - ly in the trees, — When I look down from loft - y moun - tain
home, what joy shall fill my heart! — Then I shall bow in hum - ble a - dor -

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thun - der, Thy power through - out the u - ni - verse dis - played: —
grand - eur, And hear the brook and feel the gen - tle breeze: — Then sings my
a - tion, And there pro - claim, "My God, how great Thou art!" —

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soul, my Sav - ior God, to Thee: — How great Thou art! — How great Thou art! — Then sings my

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soul, my Sav - ior God, to Thee: — How great Thou art! How great — Thou art! —

[please be seated]

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION — Rev. Johan Dodge

God of the sky and sea, your world brims with joy. You have set us in the midst of a garden and trusted its tending to us. We pray for our good Earth and the wisdom to care for it well, that generations to come may enjoy its fruits and revel in its beauty.

God of the earthquake and the storm, your world is full of danger. Keep watch over your people and save them from despair; strengthen and uphold them when trouble comes.

God of power and might, the rulers of this world do not always seek your wisdom. Guide all nations in the ways of peace and uphold the oppressed, even as we work and wait for your coming realm.

God of healing and comfort, pain and loss are all around. Soothe the frantic, embolden the fearful, ease the suffering of the sick. Give peace to all who grieve and hope to those facing death.

All-knowing, all-loving God, we cannot always voice our hidden cares. Hear our silent prayers. *[A time of silence is kept.]*

With trust in your sustaining Spirit, thanksgiving for your Son's interceding, and confidence in your coming realm of justice, peace, and love, we offer these prayers in the name of Jesus Christ, our Lord. **Amen.**

[please stand as you are able]

HYMN: "Here I Am, Lord"

I, the Lord of sea and sky, I have heard my peo - ple cry.
I, the Lord of snow and rain, I have borne my peo - ple's pain.
I, the Lord of wind and flame, I will tend the poor and lame,

All who dwell in dark and sin my hand will save.
I have wept for love of them. They turn a - way.
I will set a feast for them. My hand will save.

I who made the stars of night, I will make their dark-ness bright.
I will break their hearts of stone, give them hearts for love a - lone.
Fin - est bread I will pro - vide 'til their hearts be sat - is - fied.

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Who will bear my light to them?
I will speak my word to them. Whom shall I send?
I will give my life to them.

18 *Refrain*

Here I am, Lord. Is it I, Lord? I have heard you

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call - ing in the night. I will go, Lord, if you

29

lead me. I will hold your peo - ple in my heart.

[please be seated]

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION — Phyllis Spencer

God of eternity, by the power of your Spirit, speak your Word to us this day, that hearing, we may know your truth and live ever more faithfully for you. In Jesus' name we pray. **Amen.**

SCRIPTURE — Phyllis Spencer

Romans 8:12-17

¹²So then, brothers and sisters, we are debtors, not to the flesh, to live according to the flesh — ¹³for if you live according to the flesh, you will die; but if by the Spirit you put to death the deeds of the body, you will live. ¹⁴For all who are led by the Spirit of God are children of God. ¹⁵For you did not receive a spirit of slavery to fall back into fear, but you have received a spirit of adoption. When we cry, “Abba! Father!” ¹⁶it is that very Spirit bearing witness with our spirit that we are children of God, ¹⁷and if children, then heirs, heirs of God and joint heirs with Christ—if, in fact, we suffer with him so that we may also be glorified with him.

MESSAGE: “Abba – Father: Know God As Our Daddy” — Rev. Johan Dodge

QUESTIONS FOR REFLECTION — Rev. Johan Dodge

How can you practice walking with God knowing that God loves you like a child. Where might you take a risk? When do you let fear overtake you? How might you relinquish that fear and trust in the Holy Spirit?

REFLECTION: “The Lord’s Prayer” — John Fluker, *pianist*

INVITATION TO THE OFFERING — Phyllis Spencer

God has provided us with all that we need. It is our privilege to give back to God. Let us return a portion of what God has so freely given to us. Let us now humbly bring our gifts to the Lord.

[Ushers, please come forward]

OFFERTORY: “Gospel of Grace” — Jennifer Scoullar, *soprano*
Dave Albulario, *tenor*

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING — Phyllis Spencer

Bless, O God, the gifts that we bring this day, that they may be a sign of our commitment to your kin-dom and a pledge of our love for you and your world. Multiply the work done by our time, treasures, and talents, that your presence and compassion may be known across all the earth. Amen.

[please stand as you are able]

HYMN: "Let There Be Peace on Earth"

Flowing rubato ♩ = 100

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; _____

BLESSING — Rev. Johan Dodge

No longer regard yourselves or others from a human point of view but from God's view: Everything old has passed away; see, everything has become new! Go forth from this place knowing that you are a new creation in Christ Jesus. **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 is written for a four-part choir (Soprano, Alto, Tenor, Bass) and piano accompaniment. The key signature is one flat (B-flat major or D minor), and the time signature is 3/4. The lyrics are: "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 score includes vocal staves for each part and a piano accompaniment staff.

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

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

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

"How Great Thou Art"
Traditional Swedish Melody
O STORE GUD
Words by Carl Boberg and Stuart K. Hine

"Here I Am, Lord"
Music and Words by Dan Schutte
Text based on Isaiah 6:8

"Gospel of Grace"
Arr. by Mary McDonald incorporating New Britain
from Virginia Harmony, 1831, adapt. Edwin O.
Excell, 1900; Words by John Newton, 1779
Add'l Words by Mary McDonald

"The Lord's Prayer"
Music by Albert Hay Malotte
Piano Arrangement by John Fluker

"Let There Be Peace on Earth"
Music & Words by Sy Miller & Jill Jackson
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Music, Beverly Hills, California

"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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PRAYER REQUESTS

- new* Barbara Mahaffie – Barbara’s funeral will take place on Wednesday, June 19th, 11:30 AM at Forest Lawn’s Patriot Chapel in Cypress. Reception will follow at LWCC Edgar Hall. Prayers of comfort and strength for her family. Peaceful rest for Barbara. We apologize for misspelling Barbara’s last name in last week’s Worship Guide. Cards and letters may be sent to Barbara Mahaffie’s Family:
c/o Sandi Malloy, 3643 N. Balboa Dr., Florence, AZ 85132
- new* Cindy Pierskalla – Cindy continues to improve in physical therapy at Crystal Cove Care Center, located at 1445 Superior Ave, Newport Beach. CA 92663. Your cards and prayers are welcome encouragement.
- new* Mary Maness – Mary is grateful for your cards, calls, concerns, and prayers, and loves receiving them. Please keep ‘em coming! She is very much hoping to be back in church soon.

NOTES AND ANNOUNCEMENTS:

COFFEE FELLOWSHIP: Today’s flowers and refreshments are provided by the Fellowship Team. **Happy Father’s Day!** 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 WORSHIP LEADERS: THANK YOU to **Pastor Lynn Francis** for coming to Community Church and leading us in Worship two weeks ago. Thank you as well to **Chaplain Suzanne Morgan** from Community United Methodist Church in Huntington Beach for saving the day at the last minute and filling in last Sunday. Next Sunday, June 23rd, Music Director Dave Albulario will deliver the message: “Your Life Story: A Love Story.”

PIANO VIOLIN CONCERT: Mark your calendars for **Sunday, June 23rd at 3 PM**, and join us for a wonderful classical music concert right here at LWCC. Violinist Phillip Levy and pianist Tae Yeon Lim, performing works by Beethoven, Viardot, and Tchaikovsky. Tickets are \$15 seniors/students, \$20 general, and are available in the narthex after service today, as well as in the church office. We have an **ALL-Are-Welcome Ticket Program** – none are turned away. If the ticket price is a challenge, just call the Church Office at 562-431-2503 Tues-Thurs, 9:30 AM - 12:30 PM for tickets and information. Likewise, if you wish to pay for a ticket for someone else, please call the Church Office.

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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

The sunlight greets me in morning, reminding me that I begin this day in your presence. The air I breathe instructs me that I live by your constant love. Lord, I acknowledge you are my God! I will seek your face in those I meet and make my aim to please and serve you alone, Jesus, my Lord. Amen.

Household Prayer: Midday

God, Sower of seeds, be at work within me I pray. No matter my stature, O Lord, you have a place and a purpose for me. In your Spirit this afternoon may I bear fruit and find ways to provide a spacious welcome to a neighbor. Amen.

Household Prayer: Evening

The numerous stars shine the wonder of God whose grace is beyond measure; whisper to me your abundant grace, which sustains me. As I lay down my head, I recall Jesus saying that the Son of Man has no place to lay his head. I imagine Jesus being with those who look for a place to lay their heads. O God, I ask for your mercy and pray for the day when we all can sleep in shalom, trusting in your mysterious work through Jesus Christ, the Savior for all. Amen.