

COMMUNITY CHURCH LEISURE 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

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July 7, 2024
7th Sunday After Pentecost

You Are the Way



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 — Taylor White

God the creator, God of the cross, you show your power in whirling galaxies and unseen forces. You show your love in the life, death, and resurrection of Jesus Christ. Drive out the evils that threaten to break our spirits and help us embrace the movement of the Spirit in our lives. In the name of Jesus the Christ we pray. **Amen.**

HYMN: "Jesus, Like A Shepherd Lead Us"

Je - sus, like a shep-herd lead us, much we need thy ten - der care;
We are thine, do thou be - friend us, be the guard-ian of our way;
Thou hast prom-ised to re - ceive us, poor and low - ly though we be;
Ear - ly let us seek thy fa - vor; ear - ly let us do thy will;

in thy pleas - ant pas - tures feed us, for our use thy folds pre - pare;
keep thy flock, from sin de - fend us, seek us when we go a - stray;
thou hast mer - cy to re - lieve us, grace to cleanse and pow'r to free:
bless - ed Je - sus Christ a - mong us, with thy love our bo - soms fill:

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bless-ed Je - sus, bless-ed Je - sus, thou has loved us, thine we are;
 hear, O hear us when we pray;
 let us ear - ly turn to thee;
 thou hast loved us, love us still;

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[please be seated]

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION — Prince Pierson, CLM

Almighty God, who transforms our weakness into strength, receive the prayers we lovingly offer on behalf of the church and the world.

Our world is an anxious place divided by ideologies more stubborn and impertinent each day. Break down the barriers that exist among peoples and nations; restore and strengthen our common life.

God of heaven and earth, creator of all things seen and unseen, we join with the church through all ages, praying that you empower us to cast out all evil and renew the face of your whole creation.

Give to your church a bold vision and a daring love to speak and act on behalf of your mission to restore all people and creation in peace. Teach us to trust simplicity and travel light together.

God of heaven and earth, creator of all things seen and unseen, we join with the church through all ages, praying that you empower us to cast out all evil and renew the face of your whole creation.

Comfort all who suffer in body, mind, or spirit. Especially those we name silently or aloud in this moment. ...

Expand our compassion, increase our faith, and make us whole as we work together for the healing of those in need.

God of heaven and earth, creator of all things seen and unseen, we join with the church through all ages, praying that you empower us to cast out all evil and renew the face of your whole creation.

Eternal God, we remember those who are dying and those who have died.
 Draw them in to your heavenly realm with you, Christ, and the Holy Spirit,
 that they may dwell with you in paradise.

**God of heaven and earth, creator of all things seen and unseen, we join
 with the church through all ages, praying that you empower us to cast
 out all evil and renew the face of your whole creation.**

Amen.

[please stand as you are able]

HYMN: "In the Garden"

Verses

I come to the gar - den a - lone, while the
 He speaks, and the sound of His voice is so
 I'd stay in the gar - den with Him though the

dew is still on the ros - es; And the voice I hear,
 sweet the birds hush their sing - ing, And the mel - o - dy
 night a - round me be fall - ing, But He bids me go;

fall - ing on my ear, The Son of God dis - clos - es.
 that He gave to me, with - in my heart is ring - ing.
 through the voice of woe, His voice to me is call - ing.

Refrain

And He walks with me, and He talks with me, and He tells me I am His own; And the



[please be seated]

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION — Taylor White

Come, Holy Spirit; when we become stubborn and unloving, open our hearts to receive your Word, then set us free to follow in the power of Christ's love.
Amen.

SCRIPTURE — Taylor White

Mark 6:1-13

^{6:1}He left that place and came to his hometown, and his disciples followed him. ²On the sabbath he began to teach in the synagogue, and many who heard him were astounded. They said, "Where did this man get all this? What is this wisdom that has been given to him? What deeds of power are being done by his hands! ³Is not this the carpenter, the son of Mary and brother of James and Joses and Judas and Simon, and are not his sisters here with us?" And they took offense at him. ⁴Then Jesus said to them, "Prophets are not without honor, except in their hometown, and among their own kin, and in their own house." ⁵And he could do no deed of power there, except that he laid his hands on a few sick people and cured them. ⁶And he was amazed at their unbelief. Then he went about among the villages teaching. ⁷He called the twelve and began to send them out two by two, and gave them authority over the unclean spirits. ⁸He ordered them to take nothing for their journey except a staff; no bread, no bag, no money in their belts; ⁹but to wear sandals and not to put on two tunics. ¹⁰He said to them, "Wherever you enter a house, stay there until you leave the place. ¹¹If any place will not welcome you and they refuse to hear you, as you leave, shake off the dust that is on your feet as a testimony against them." ¹²So they went out and proclaimed that all should repent. ¹³They cast out many demons, and anointed with oil many who were sick and cured them.

MESSAGE: "You Are the Way" — Rev. Johan Dodge

QUESTIONS FOR REFLECTION — Rev. Johan Dodge

Jesus struggles to bring the message of God's transforming love to the people of his hometown because they claim they know him. Where has your limited vision of the work of Jesus kept you from witnessing the full transformative power of Jesus in the world around you? What is the significance of Jesus sending the disciples out in pairs? Who is your accountability partner? And how do you hold each other true to the love of God and the mission of Jesus Christ?

REFLECTION: "How Great Thou Art" — Hannah Yi, *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 — Prince Pierson, CLM

Pastor Johan blessed the Communion elements last Sunday while he was with us. He will return next Sunday, but today he is with the new church that he is appointed to 1/4 time for his first Sunday with them. 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.**

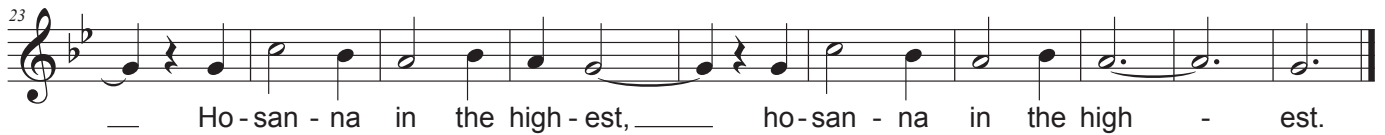
Lift up your hearts. **We lift them up to the Lord.**

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:

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow-er, God of might,
Heav-en and Earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the
high-est, Bless-ed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord.



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:



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

Jesus calls us to travel light as we serve the world, for God is our strength and provision. Let us faithfully bring our offerings to God.

[Ushers, please come forward]

OFFERTORY: “America, the Beautiful” — David Albulario, *tenor*

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING — Taylor White

Divine Giver, all that we have is a gift from you, and your grace is our sufficiency. Pour out your Spirit upon these gifts that they may increase your blessing to others, through the grace and mercy of Christ. 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; _____

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

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

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

BLESSING — Rev. Johan Dodge

May the love of God, the power of Christ, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit dwell richly in you forever. **Amen.**

CLOSING HYMN: “Blest 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.

Music Team: Dave Albulario, *tenor*
Hannah Yi, *pianist*

Jennifer Scoullar, *soprano*
John Fluker, *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

"Jesus, Like A Shepherd Lead Us"
Music by William B. Bradbury
Words attr. to Dorothy Ann Thrupp

"In the Garden"
Music and Words by C. Austin Miles
1868-1946, Baptist Hymnal 1991

"How Great Thou Art"
Traditional Swedish Melody: *O Store Gud*
Words by Carl Boberg and Stuart K. Hine

"America, the Beautiful"
Music by Samuel Ward
Music by Katherine Lee Bates

"Let There Be Peace on Earth"
Music & Words by Sy Miller & Jill Jackson
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Lee 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 Connie Young – Connie recently had a fall which resulted in a fractured rib, followed by a painful recovery. Prayers that she will recover in time for her granddaughter's opera recital as well as her and Jay's upcoming 71st wedding anniversary on July 25th.

NOTES AND ANNOUNCEMENTS:

COFFEE FELLOWSHIP: Today's flowers and refreshments are provided anonymously today. 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.

PEGGY COLES – A CELEBRATION OF LIFE: On Saturday, July 27, 2024 at 11:30 AM, a Celebration of Life will be held at LWCC to honor the memory of our dear Peggy Coles, who passed away on April 1, 2024. Those who wish to attend are asked to contact Debbie Chaput, Peggy & Don's daughter, at 626-298-3581 to RSVP, so they can plan appropriately. The event will be in the church, and a reception will follow immediately after in Edgar Hall.

CAMILLI TRIO CONCERT: Mark your calendars for Sunday, July 28th at 3 PM, when LWCC welcomes **The Camilli Trio** for an afternoon concert performed by violinist Ken Aiso, cellist Jerome Kessler, and pianist Valeria Morgovskaya playing the music of Joseph Suk, Vaja Azarashvili, and Ludwig van Beethoven. Tickets are \$15 for seniors/students, \$20 general. Our **ALL-Are-Welcome Ticket Program** is in full-effect, so if the ticket price is a challenge, just call the church office at 562-431-2503 for a sponsored ticket. Likewise, if you wish to buy a ticket for someone else, please call the church office.

SOUTH SIDE JAZZ: Back by Popular Demand! South Side Jazz plays it all: cool jazz, funky jazz, and more. A group of versatile entertainers who love to branch out to play all different genres. They've been known to sneak in a little bit of rock-n-roll when needed – just a touch to keep the crowd moving. Mark your calendars for Sunday, August 11th at 3 PM. This time they will be playing in Edgar Hall and the patio will be open for dancing. Don't miss out on this fun afternoon!

July 7, 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

Loving God, as this day opens into new and untold possibility, purge me of my compulsive need to carry useless baggage—physically, mentally, or emotionally. Teach me to walk simply with you as I trust in your abundant provision. Amen.

Household Prayer: Midday

Gracious God, I thank you for the love of Jesus Christ, and for your presence with me this day. I renew my commitment to be your hands and feet in the work of your church. Use my hands and feet to make known the good news of your healing love and renewing power, in the name of Jesus Christ. Amen.

Household Prayer: Evening

Lord, as I come to the close of this day, I thank you for the gift of attentiveness, and for every moment that the eye of my heart was fixed on you. When I failed, you were with me, and when I wavered, you were there, for there is no place that you are not.

And so I rest in peace this night,
for your grace is more than sufficient for me. Amen.