



COMMUNITY CHURCH LEISURE WORLD

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Our Vision: To Be Love to Leisure World

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July 14, 2024
8th Sunday After Pentecost



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

Holy God, yours is the justice that calls power to account.
 Yours is the love that calls us to go beyond our minds.
 Lead us in the truth of your way and set us free to rejoice with all our might.
 May we be your hands and feet to bring all things into harmony through the
 power of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

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 -

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God, born of the Spirit - it, washed in his blood.
 bobe, ech - oes of mer - cy, whis - pers of love.
 bobe, 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

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

[please be seated]

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION — Rev. Johan Dodge

***[A time of silence is kept between intercessions —
 please use that time to lift those on your heart this day.]***

Holy Abba of all, who sends the Holy Spirit to guide us in our praying, open our senses to your creation and our hearts to the needs of others.

Grant us hope and imagination to see your vision of the kin-dom when weapons will be crushed by peace, stomachs will be filled by abundant harvests generously shared, and thirsts quenched by pure rain falling from clean skies; diseases will be healed, minds made clear, and bodies made new, so that all things reveal your love for your creation.

Give wisdom to all leaders and people to resist the earthly powers of fear and violence that destroy our common life. In the face of injustice, oppression, and brutal power, strengthen our wavering wills to stand firm in your love.

Stir up in us the power to care for young creation, not as resources to be exploited, but as a precious gift to be held in trust as a revelation of your faithfulness.

Inspire your church to share Christ's love beyond the safety of its walls, and fill us with an infectious joy for sharing your gospel as we welcome your rule in our lives.

Bring healing and wholeness to all who are haunted by broken relationships, abuse, illness, or terror and trauma of any kind; restoring us in your peace.

Eternal God, in Christ you gather all things up in heaven and on earth; enfold all those who will be born this day and all those who will die into the joy of your never-ending realm of peace, for our hope is set on Christ as we live to follow his way. Amen. **Amen.**

[please stand as you are able]

HYMN: "Amazing Grace"

A - maz - ing — grace! How sweet the sound that
 I sing the — sad of heart to cheer, for
 Through man - y — dan - gers, toils and snares, I
 Our God has — prom - ised good to me, The
 When we've been there ten thou - sand years, bright

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 loved and set me free! (Oh, —) I once — was lost, but
 grace my fears re - lieved; (Oh, —) how pre - cious did that
 have al - read - y come; (Oh, —) 'tis grace — hath brought me
 Word my hope se - cures; (Oh, —) God will — my — shield and
 shin - ing as the sun, (Oh, —) we've no — less days to

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 now — am — found; was blind, but now I see. —
 grace — ap - pear the hour I — first be - lieved. —
 safe — thus — far, and grace will lead me home. —
 por - tion — be, as long as — life en - dures. —
 sing — God's praise than when we'd first be - gun. —

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[please be seated]

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION — Jeanette Williams

Spirit of the living God, seal in us your Word of truth, the Gospel of salvation, so that we can faithfully follow and joyfully serve in your name. **Amen.**

SCRIPTURE — Jeanette Williams

Ephesians 1:3-14

³Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us in Christ with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly places, ⁴just as he chose us in Christ before the foundation of the world to be holy and blameless before him in love. ⁵He destined us for adoption as his children through Jesus Christ, according to the good pleasure of his will, ⁶to the praise of his glorious grace that he freely bestowed on us in the Beloved.⁷In him we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of our trespasses, according to the riches of his grace ⁸that he lavished on us. With all wisdom and insight ⁹he has made known to us the mystery of his will, according to his good pleasure that he set forth in Christ, ¹⁰as a plan for the fullness of time, to gather up all things in him, things in heaven and things on earth. ¹¹In Christ we have also obtained an inheritance, having been destined according to the purpose of him who accomplishes all things according to his counsel and will, ¹²so that we, who were the first to set our hope on Christ, might live for the praise of his glory. ¹³In him you also, when you had heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation, and had believed in him, were marked with the seal of the promised Holy Spirit; ¹⁴this is the pledge of our inheritance toward redemption as God's own people, to the praise of his glory.

Mark 6:14-29

¹⁴King Herod heard of it, for Jesus' name had become known. Some were saying, "John the baptizer has been raised from the dead; and for this reason these powers are at work in him." ¹⁵But others said, "It is Elijah." And others said, "It is a prophet, like one of the prophets of old." ¹⁶But when Herod heard of it, he said, "John, whom I beheaded, has been raised." ¹⁷For Herod himself had sent men who arrested John, bound him, and put him in prison on account of Herodias, his brother Philip's wife, because Herod had married her. ¹⁸For John had been telling Herod, "It is not lawful for you to have your brother's wife." ¹⁹And Herodias had a grudge against him, and wanted to kill him. But she could not, ²⁰for Herod feared John, knowing that he was a righteous and holy man, and he protected him. When he heard him, he was greatly perplexed; and yet he liked to listen to him. ²¹But an opportunity came when Herod on his birthday gave a banquet for his courtiers and officers and for the leaders of Galilee. ²²When his

daughter Herodias came in and danced, she pleased Herod and his guests; and the king said to the girl, "Ask me for whatever you wish, and I will give it." ²³And he solemnly swore to her, "Whatever you ask me, I will give you, even half of my kingdom." ²⁴She went out and said to her mother, "What should I ask for?" She replied, "The head of John the baptizer."

²⁵Immediately she rushed back to the king and requested, "I want you to give me at once the head of John the Baptist on a platter." ²⁶The king was deeply grieved; yet out of regard for his oaths and for the guests, he did not want to refuse her. ²⁷Immediately the king sent a soldier of the guard with orders to bring John's head. He went and beheaded him in the prison, ²⁸brought his head on a platter, and gave it to the girl. Then the girl gave it to her mother. ²⁹When his disciples heard about it, they came and took his body, and laid it in a tomb.

MESSAGE: "Turn the World Around" — Rev. Johan Dodge

QUESTIONS FOR REFLECTION — Rev. Johan Dodge

The Epistle lesson this week speaks of us as God's beloved calling back to Jesus calling God Abba — Daddy. In contrast, the Gospel reveals how difficult it is to speak the word of love into the world that is driven by hate. Where do you experience your self as God's beloved? How can you deepen your experience of God's love and how can we speak God's love into the world such that it encourages others rather than causes them to fall back into hate?

REFLECTION: "I Will Serve Thee" — Hannah Yi, *pianist*

INVITATION TO THE OFFERING — Jeanette Williams

The Lord gives what is good and makes a pathway for generosity to follow. Let us walk in the loving kindness of God as show to us through the birth of and teachings of Jesus as we bring our gifts to God.

[Ushers, please come forward]

OFFERTORY: "Though the Mountains May Fall" — David Albulario, *tenor*

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING — Jeanette Williams

Thank you O Lord, for filling us with every spiritual grace that we might be a blessings for others. We offer these gifts as the means of increasing your love. May they bring blessing to others and praise your glorious 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

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"

The image shows a musical score for the hymn "Blest Be the Tie that Binds" in 3/4 time. It consists of two systems of music, each with a treble and bass staff. The lyrics are written below the notes. The first system of lyrics is "Blest be the tie that binds Our hearts in Chris - tian love: The" and the second system is "fel - low - ship of kin - dred minds Is like to that a - bove. A - men." The music is written in a simple, accessible style with many chords and some melodic lines.

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

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

"Amazing Grace"
Music: 19th C. USA Melody, harm. by Edwin
O. Excell; Words by John Newton.
Lyrics adapted by David Albulario

"I Will Serve Thee"
Words and Music by William and Gloria Gaither

"Though the Mountains May Fall"
Words and Music by Dan Schutte,
Arr. by Bob Dufford, SJ. © 1975, 1992, OCP.

"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 Cindy Pierskalla – Cindy is very grateful for all the prayers, cards, and well-wishes. Physical therapy has gone very well, and she's walking normally now. Prayers of gratitude and continued health.

new Bette Sargent – Bette passed peacefully on March 14, 2024. She was preceded in death by her husband Albert Sargent, her sons James and Randy, and her daughter Lynda. Bette leaves behind seven grandchildren and six great grandchildren. Bette had been supported by her loving daughters-in-law, Teri and Robin as well as niece Pam for many years. Her optimism, peaceful disposition, and grace will be treasured memories for all who knew her.

NOTES AND ANNOUNCEMENTS:

COFFEE FELLOWSHIP: Today's flowers are provided by Mo Ashley, and refreshments are provided by Jenny Chang. Last Sunday's refreshments were provided by Mo Ashley – apologies for the omission in the Worship Guide. 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 accordingly. 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!



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Notes from the Service

This image shows a blank sheet of white paper with horizontal ruling lines. The lines are evenly spaced and extend across the width of the page. There are no margins, text, or other markings on the paper.

My Prayers this week:

Prayer Journal

Use these prayers in your time with God each day.

Household Prayer: Morning

Creator of light, I greet you as the morning dawns. Thank you for this new day. May it be for me a sign and an anticipation of your Kin-dom realized. Fill me with the energy I will need to love all whom I meet today. I pray that I harm no one and that I may have the mind of Christ as I live in the world broken as it is. Amen.

Household Prayer: Midday

O God of steadfast love, I have already missed an opportunity to be your love in the world this day. Take from me my shame and may your Holy Spirit fill that space within me such that I am ready and will ing to be your love in the next opportunity presented. Amen.

Household Prayer: Evening

Faithful God, where I am now the earth is turning away from the sun so that for other parts of the world, the day is just beginning. Thank you for abiding with me through the day and through the night. As I gather up thoughts of the hours just past and reflect upon what they mean, if anything, guide my meditations. There were times when you used me to love someone with Christ's love, to encourage someone with a word from the Spirit, to comfort someone with your tender touch, to challenge someone with your mighty arm. Let me not be proud, arrogant, or boastful. Let me rejoice in your goodness and mercy. Let me go to my rest this night in peace trusting that I am your beloved child. Amen.