

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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July 28, 2024
10th Sunday After Pentecost

Scarcity
or
Abundance

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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 of Wonder, you have created all things in this creation and provide food for both our stomachs and our souls. You provide for us far more than we expect or imagine possible. Speak to us this day — calm our fears and lead us beyond ourselves, that we might glorify you this day. Amen.

HYMN: “Holy God, We Praise Thy Name”

1. Ho - ly God, we praise Thy name! God of all, — we
2. Hark! — The loud — ce - les - tial hymn An - gel choirs a -
3. Ho - ly Cre - a - tor, Ho - ly Son, Ho - ly Spir - it,

bow be - fore Thee; All on Earth Thy scep - ter claim,
bove are rais - ing; Cher - u - bim and Ser - a phim
Three we name Thee, While in es - sence on - ly One,

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All in Heav-en a - bove a - dore Thee; In - fi - nite Thy
In un - ceas - ing cho - rus prais - ing. Fill the heav-ens with
Un - di - vid - ed God we claim Thee, On a - dor - ing

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vast do - main, Ev - er - last - ing is Thy reign.
sweet - est laud: Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly God!
bend - ed knee, While we own the mys - ter - y.

[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.]***

God of abundance, you open your hand and feed us in due season,
satisfying the desires of every living thing.

We pray for the family of nations, the families in our communities, and our
own families, that they may have all they need to live in peace and harmony.

We pray for all churches and denominations, that we may find ways of
cooperating to care of the earth, and those in need, while giving Glory to you
in all that we do.

God, you are near to all who call out to you. Use us as you used the boy with
the two fish and the five barley loaves, to answer the cries of the hungry.

We pray for the victims of war and violence, for the orphans, mothers, and men who live on the streets, and those who are seen as the fragments of society. May they be gathered such that no one is lost.

We pray for the sick and those facing the end of their days here with us. May Christ dwell in their hearts and may they know that they are grounded in God's love.

When we would make you king, forgive us. When we are caught up in the storms of life, come to us, calm our fears, and help us to reach our destinations.

Now through the power of the Holy Spirit, and in the love of Christ, to you be the glory in the church for all generations. **Amen.**

[please stand as you are able]

HYMN: "Now Thank We All Our God"

1. Now thank we all our God With heart and hands and voices,
 2. O may this bounteous God Through all our life be near us,
 3. All praise and thanks to God, Cre - a - tor now be giv - en,

Who won - drous things hath done, In whom this world re - joic - es;
 With ev - er joy - ful hearts dwells And bless - ed peace to cheer us;
 The Son, and Spi - rit who dwells With them in high - est Heav - en,

Who from our moth - er's arms, Hath blest us on our way
 And keep us in Your grace, And guide us when per - plexed,
 The one e - ter - nal God, Whom Earth and Heav'n a - dore;

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With — count - less — gifts of love, And — still is — ours to - day.
 And — free us — from all ills In this world — and the next.
 For — thus it — was, is now, And — shall be — ev - er - more.

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[please be seated]

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION — Jeanette Williams

Holy Spirit, creative power of Go, blow through us to the depths of our being and empower us to overcome the temptation to abuse or use those around us for our own ends. Fill us with the love of Christ and open your scriptures to us even as we open our hearts to you and one another. **Amen.**

SCRIPTURE — Jeanette Williams

John 6:1-21

¹After this Jesus went to the other side of the Sea of Galilee, also called the Sea of Tiberias. ²A large crowd kept following him, because they saw the signs that he was doing for the sick. ³Jesus went up the mountain and sat down there with his disciples. ⁴Now the Passover, the festival of the Jews, was near. ⁵When he looked up and saw a large crowd coming toward him, Jesus said to Philip, "Where are we to buy bread for these people to eat?" ⁶He said this to test him, for he himself knew what he was going to do. ⁷Philip answered him, "Six months' wages would not buy enough bread for each of them to get a little." ⁸One of his disciples, Andrew, Simon Peter's brother, said to him, ⁹"There is a boy here who has five barley loaves and two fish. But what are they among so many people?" ¹⁰Jesus said, "Make the people sit down." Now there was a great deal of grass in the place; so they sat down, about five thousand in all. ¹¹Then Jesus took the loaves, and when he had given thanks, he distributed them to those who were seated; so also the fish, as much as they wanted. ¹²When they were satisfied, he told his disciples, "Gather up the fragments left over, so that nothing may be lost." ¹³So they gathered them up, and from the fragments of the five barley loaves, left by those who had eaten, they filled twelve baskets. ¹⁴When the people saw the sign that he had done, they began to say, "This is indeed the prophet who is to come into the world." ¹⁵When Jesus realized that they were about to come and take him by force to make him king, he withdrew again to the mountain by himself. ¹⁶When evening came, his disciples went down to the sea, ¹⁷got into a boat, and started across the sea to Capernaum. It was now dark, and Jesus had not yet come to them. ¹⁸The sea became rough because a strong wind was

blowing. ¹⁹When they had rowed about three or four miles, they saw Jesus walking on the sea and coming near the boat, and they were terrified. ²⁰But he said to them, "It is I; do not be afraid." ²¹Then they wanted to take him into the boat, and immediately the boat reached the land toward which they were going.

MESSAGE: "Our Scarcity is God's Abundance" — Rev. Johan Dodge

QUESTIONS FOR REFLECTION — Rev. Johan Dodge

How does Christ feed you today?
How are you feeding others?
Who do you know that is wanting for a meal?
What keeps you from sharing with them?

REFLECTION: "A Mighty Fortress" — John Fluker, *pianist*

INVITATION TO THE OFFERING — Jeanette Williams

As God has provided seeds for the sower and bread for the eater, so has God provided enough for us to share with one another and those in need. Let us then present our tithes and offerings to God this day. **Amen.**

[Ushers, please come forward]

OFFERTORY: "Split the Sea" — Jennifer Scoullar, *soprano*

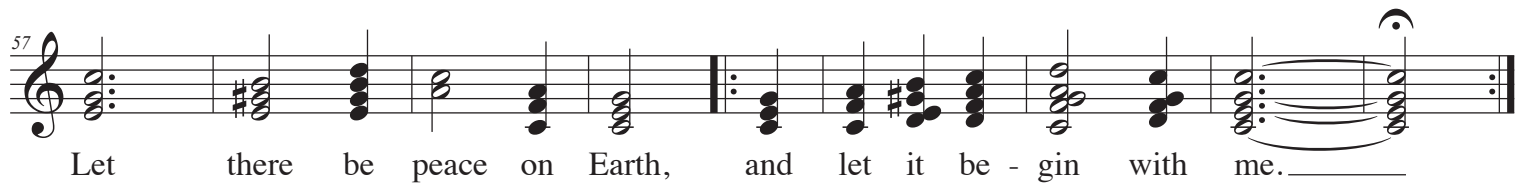
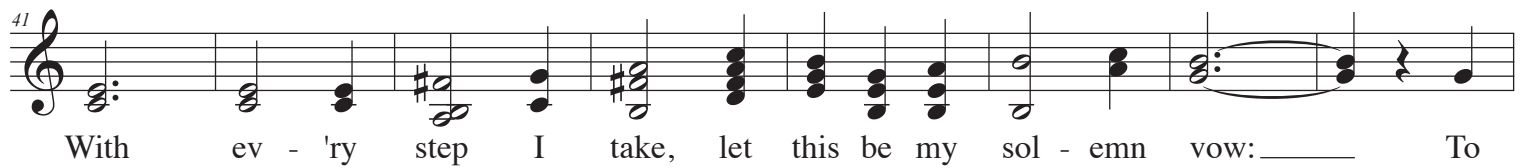
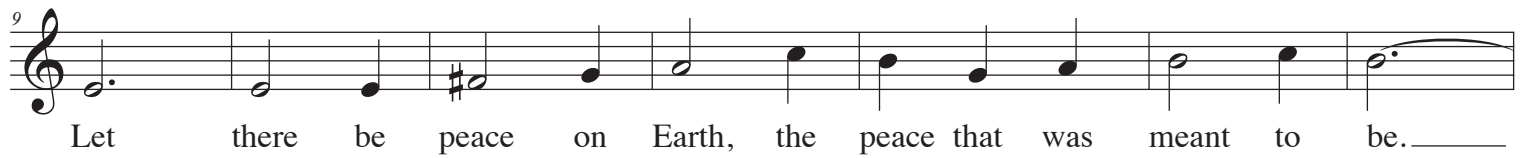
PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING — Jeanette Williams

O God, creator of rain and sun and soil, ruler of nations, thank you for the abundance of the earth. We know there is enough food to feed everyone alive today; we are grateful that there are cures for the most common of diseases; we praise you for the witness of Jesus Christ, who showed no lust for power or privilege. Fill us with the Spirit of Christ so that food, medicine, and peace flow freely around the world. Bless these gifts that empower us to follow where Christ leads, freeing the wealth of nations for the service of the kin-dom. We pray this in Jesus' name. Amen.

[please stand as you are able]

HYMN: "Let There Be Peace on Earth"





BLESSING — Rev. Johan Dodge

May God feed you with open hands, protect you with gentle arms, and empower you to share the bread of life with all whom you meet; let the Spirit of life strengthen your whole being; and be open to the transforming of your soul by the fullness of God. **Amen.**

CLOSING HYMN: "Blest Be the Tie that Binds"

The image shows a musical score for the hymn "Blest Be the Tie that Binds". It is written for soprano, tenor, and piano. The key signature is one flat (B-flat) and the time signature is 3/4. The melody is in the soprano part, with the piano accompaniment in the right and left hands. 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."

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

"Holy God, We Praise Thy Name"
Words ascr. to Ignaz Franz, tr. by Clarence Walworth. Traditional German *Grosser Gott Wir Loben Dich, Katholisches Gesangbuch*

"Now Thank We All Our God"
Words by Martin Rinkart, tr. by Catherine Winkworth, Traditional German
Nun Danket Alla Gott

"A Mighty Fortress"
Music by: Martin Luther (1529); Traditional *Ein Feste Burg*. Piano Arrangement by John Fluker

"Split the Sea"
Hannah Kerr, Jeffrey Pardo and Blake Neesmith; License: Capitol CMG

"Let There Be Peace on Earth"
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"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 Taylor White – Taylor recently celebrated her birthday with a wonderful party, and now she has come down with a bad cold. Prayers for mild symptoms, speedy recovery, and good health.

If you are in need of prayer for any specific concerns or challenges, please contact the Church Office at 562-431-2503. We'll include your prayer request in this space.

NOTES AND ANNOUNCEMENTS:

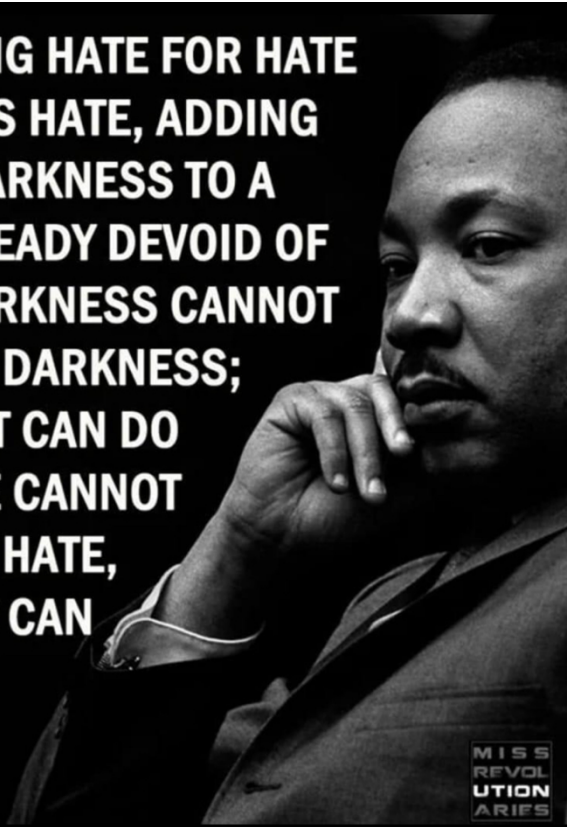
COFFEE FELLOWSHIP: Today's flowers are provided by Joanna Matos, and refreshments are provided by Sandy Walker. See the sign-up charts to provide refreshments or cover cost of altar flowers for future services. Altar flowers are \$35. Sandy Walker coordinates arrangements.

CAMILLI TRIO CONCERT: It's **TODAY**, Sunday, July 28th at 3 PM! We proudly welcome **The Camilli Trio** for an afternoon concert performed by Ken Aiso (violin), Jerome Kessler (cello), and Valeria Morgovskaya (piano) playing the music of Joseph Suk, Vaja Azarashvili, and Ludwig van Beethoven. Tickets are \$15 for seniors/students, \$20 general, and will be available at the door. Our ***ALL-Are-Welcome Ticket Program*** is in full-effect, so if the ticket price is a challenge, just show up and ask 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!

**"RETURNING HATE FOR HATE
MULTIPLIES HATE, ADDING
DEEPER DARKNESS TO A
NIGHT ALREADY DEVOID OF
STARS. DARKNESS CANNOT
DRIVE OUT DARKNESS;
ONLY LIGHT CAN DO
THAT. HATE CANNOT
DRIVE OUT HATE,
ONLY LOVE CAN
DO THAT."**

MLK



**MISS
REVOL
UTION
ARIES**

**"Control
how you
respond to
things sent
to destroy
your peace."**

Unknown

I have no energy
for hate- I either love you,
wish you well, or hope
you heal.

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**Power of
POSITIVITY**

**Why do we
only rest in peace?
Why don't we live
in peace too?**



Power of Positivity

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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 the sunrise, ground me and root me in love today. As I move through all of the different roles I play — be my companion and strengthen my inner being where you abide with me. Amen.

Household Prayer: Midday

Holy God, thank you for the gift of this new day.
Loving God, I rejoice with thanksgiving for all that I have received. Multiply these gifts that I have, as I seek to share them with others this day. Open my eyes to see where I can be your abundance to someone in need. Amen.

Household Prayer: Evening

God of the embracing darkness, thank you for dwelling in my heart. I was able to accomplish some of the things today and not others. Thank you for letting me rest in the promise that you are able to accomplish abundantly more in my life than all I can ask or imagine. I will sleep in peace. Amen.