

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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Sunday Service: 9:50 AM
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Leisure World Community Church's 62nd Anniversary



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



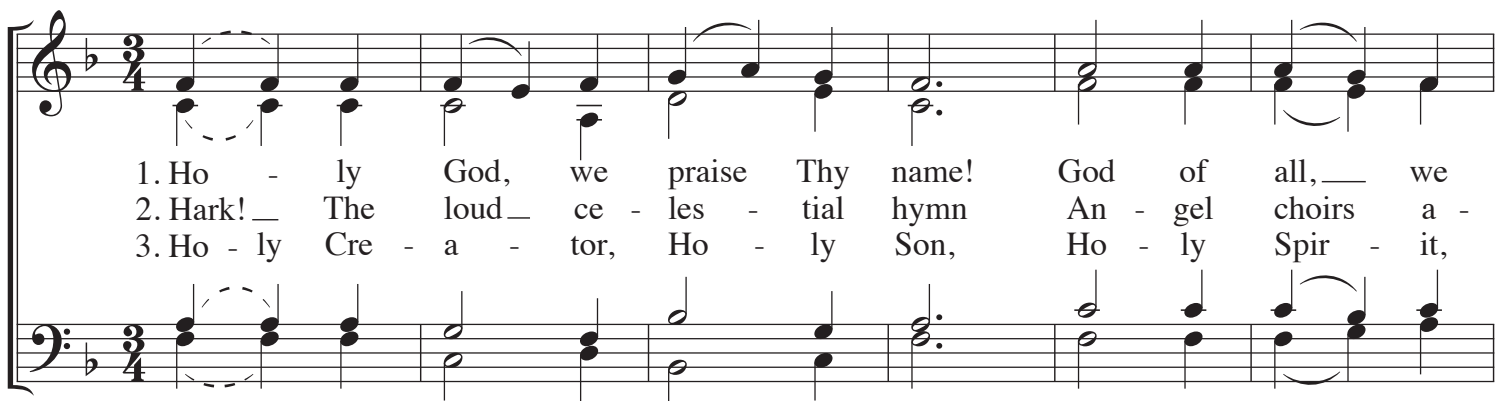
Praise God from whom all blessings flow; praise God, all creatures
here be - low; praise God a - bove, ye Heav'n - ly
host: praise Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost. A - men.

The musical score is written for a four-part choir (Soprano, Alto, Tenor, Bass) in G major and 4/4 time. It consists of three systems of staves. The first system covers measures 1-5, the second system covers measures 6-9, and the third system covers measures 10-13. The lyrics are printed below the staves, with some words hyphenated across measures. The score ends with a double bar line and a repeat sign.

PRAYER OF THE DAY — Jeanette Williams

Faithful God, we give you thanks that nothing can separate us from your love. Receive us as beloved children so that we may enter your presence this day and abide with you forever; through Jesus the Christ. 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,

The musical score is written for a four-part choir (Soprano, Alto, Tenor, Bass) in G major and 3/4 time. It consists of three systems of staves. The first system covers measures 1-4, the second system covers measures 5-8, and the third system covers measures 9-12. The lyrics are printed below the staves, with some words hyphenated across measures. The score ends with a double bar line and a repeat sign.

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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,

13

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

19

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.]***

Knowing the grace of God, we entrust our lives to God as taught to us by Jesus. God of Creation, protect this earth from our negligence that causes pollution and destruction; now we pray for...

God of peace, deliver the nations from poverty and violence; especially...

God of Redemption, build up your church in faith and faithfulness; especially...

God of healing, soothe the suffering with tenderness and strength; especially...

All this we ask in the name of the one who welcomes us as beloved children in the eternal glory of your realm. In the name of Jesus the Christ we pray.
Amen. **Amen.**

[please stand as you are able]

HYMN: "Jesus Loves Me! This I Know"

1. Je - sus loves me! This I know, for the Bi - ble tells me so.
2. Je - sus loves me! This I know, as he loved so long a - go,
3. Je - sus loves me still to - day, walk-ing with me on my way,

Lit - tle ones to him be-long; they are weak, but he is strong.
tak - ing chil-dren on his knee, say-ing, "Let them come to me."
want-ing as a friend to give light and love to all who live.

Refrain

Yes, Je - sus loves me! Yes, Je - sus loves me!

Yes, Je - sus loves me! The Bi - ble tells me so.

[please be seated]

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION — Jeanette Williams

Loving God, as you spoke long ago through your prophets, speak to us here, speak to us now, through the power of your Spirit and the promise of Jesus.
Amen.

SCRIPTURE — Jeanette Williams

Hebrews 1:1-4; 2:5-12

^{1:1}Long ago God spoke to our ancestors in many and various ways by the prophets, ²but in these last days he has spoken to us by a Son, whom he appointed heir of all things, through whom he also created the worlds. ³He is the reflection of God's glory and the exact imprint of God's very being, and he sustains all things by his powerful word. When he had made purification for sins, he sat down at the right hand of the Majesty on high, ⁴having become as much superior to angels as the name he has inherited is more excellent than theirs.

^{2:5}Now God did not subject the coming world, about which we are speaking, to angels. ⁶But someone has testified somewhere, "What are human beings that you are mindful of them, or mortals, that you care for them? ⁷You have made them for a little while lower than the angels; you have crowned them with glory and honor, ⁸subjecting all things under their feet." Now in subjecting all things to them, God left nothing outside their control. As it is, we do not yet see everything in subjection to them, ⁹but we do see Jesus, who for a little while was made lower than the angels, now crowned with glory and honor because of the suffering of death, so that by the grace of God he might taste death for everyone.

¹⁰It was fitting that God, for whom and through whom all things exist, in bringing many children to glory, should make the pioneer of their salvation perfect through sufferings. ¹¹For the one who sanctifies and those who are sanctified all have one Father. For this reason Jesus is not ashamed to call them brothers and sisters, ¹²saying, "I will proclaim your name to my brothers and sisters, in the midst of the congregation I will praise you."

MESSAGE: "Creation Has Been Entrusted to Us" — Rev. Johan Dodge

QUESTIONS FOR REFLECTION — Rev. Johan Dodge

We were created to live in relationship — with neighbors, friends, loved ones, and above all with God. Think about the relationships in your life. Where do you find partnership? Where do you feel the strain of separation? Who do you allow to get close to you, and who do you turn away? In what ways do those relationships reflect your relationship with God?

REFLECTION: "Blessed Assurance" — John Fluker, *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. Johan Dodge

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.

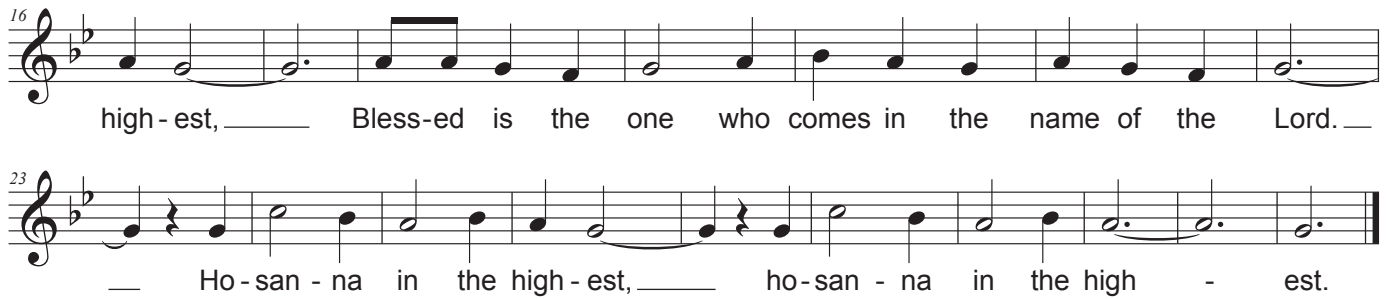
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It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Lord God Almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

You created for yourself a world filled with diversity and blessed by your breath of life. Rainbow colors bloom in spring, summer breezes bring garden delight, and now as autumn comes our way, we see the work of your paintbrush upon every face and tree. In mercy, while we still held to the chains of our winter, of pride, self-righteousness, and historic egos you loved us steadfastly and delivered us as babes to reflect the beauty and diversity of your grace, to bring us into a community of love, hope, and peace.

And so, with all your people on earth in every place where two or more are gathered in your name and all the company of heaven who have gone before us, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:





Holy are you, and blessed is your Son Jesus Christ. 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.

He healed the sick, fed the hungry, and ate with sinners. By the baptism of his suffering, death, and resurrection you gave birth to your church, delivered us from slavery to sin and death, and made with us a new covenant by water and the Spirit.

He prayed that we might be one, as he is one with you, and he asked that we might be known by the love we have for one another.

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 the body and blood of Christ that we, together as a new creation and a new community around the globe may be for the world the body of Christ, redeemed by his blood.

By your Spirit help the body of Christ be one. Help the left hand and the right hand work as one in ministry to all the world. Help the eyes and the ears sense your present and coming kingdom. Bring the blessing of the diversity of the body to bear fruit 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 — Jeanette Williams

The heavens and the earth, the sun and moon and stars, the beasts of the field, the birds of the air, the fish of the sea — all things belong to God, and to God all things return. **Amen.**

[Ushers, please come forward]

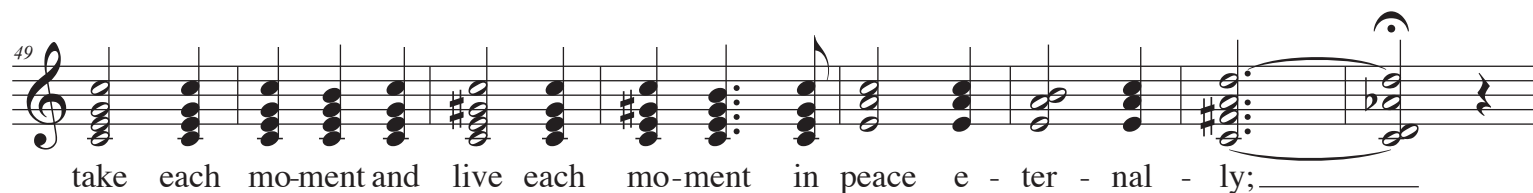
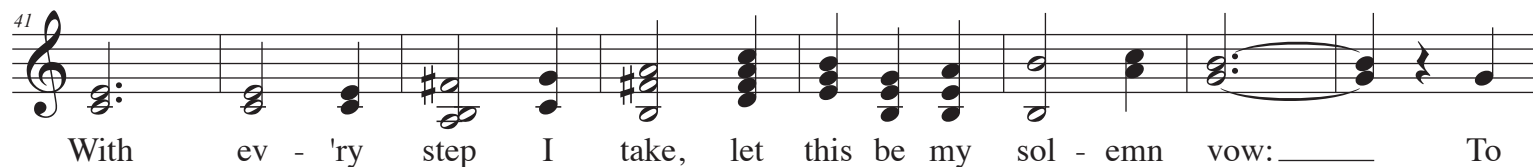
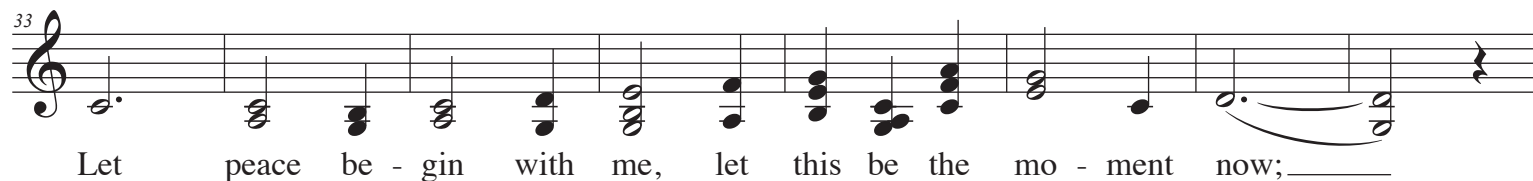
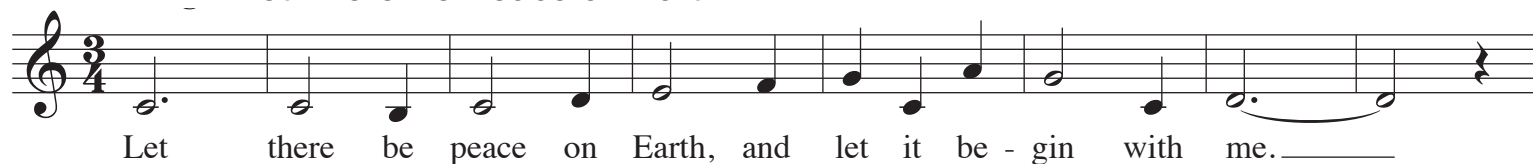
OFFERTORY: “Go Share the Lord” — Music Team: Jennifer Scoullar, *soprano*
Dave Albulario, *tenor*
John Fluker, *pianist*

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING — Jeanette Williams

Blessed are you, our Comfort. You have given Jesus, your only son, who taught us a new way to not only exist, but to thrive. With thanksgiving, we give of what you have provided, that your will may be done in this world. Give us the wisdom and courage to do so. In the name of Jesus we pray. Amen.

[please stand as you are able]

HYMN: "Let There Be Peace on Earth"



BLESSING — Rev. Johan Dodge

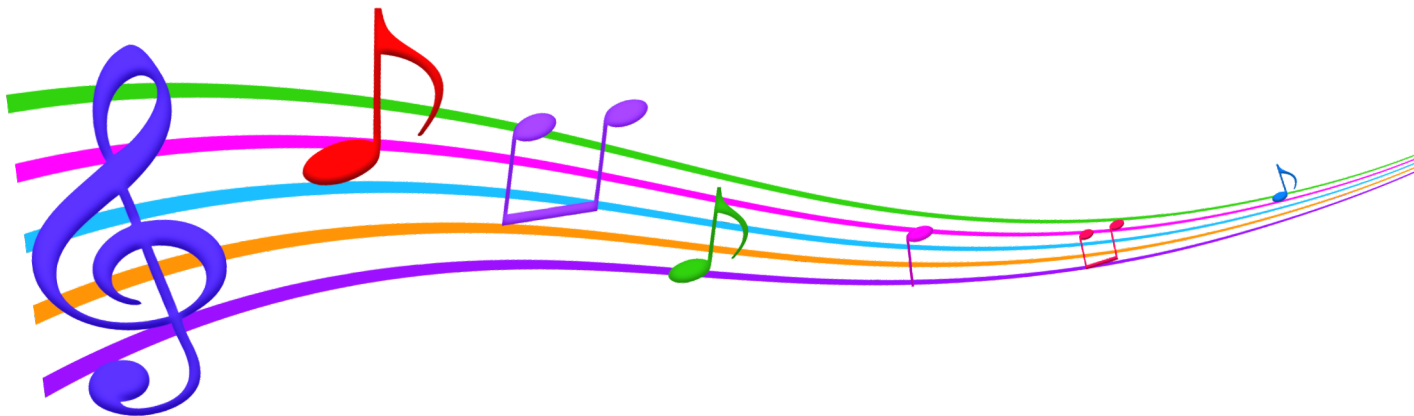
Go out into the world and live as children of God, holding tight to God's hand, and may the Holy Spirit embrace us each day through the arms of those around us so that we know that we are loved and that we belong. Amen.

SENDING FORTH: "Blest Be the Tie that Binds"

The musical score is written for voice and piano. It features a treble and bass clef with a key signature of one flat (B-flat) and a 3/4 time signature. The melody is primarily in the treble clef, with the piano accompaniment in the bass clef. 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 various musical notations such as eighth notes, quarter notes, and half notes, along with rests and dynamic markings.

Music Team: Jennifer Scoullar, *Soprano*
John Fluker, *Pianist*

Dave Albulario, *Tenor / Music Dir.*
Hannah Yi, *Pianist*



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Doxology (*Old Hundredth LM*)
Music by Louis Bourgeois, 1551
Words by Thomas Ken, 1674

"Holy God, We Praise Thy Name"
Trad. German *GROSSER GOTT WIR LOBEN*
DICH Katholisches Gesangbuch, Words ascr.
to Ignaz Franz, tr. by Clarence Walworth

"Jesus Loves Me! This I Know"
Music by William B Bradbury
Words by Anna Bartlett Warner

"Blessed Assurance"
Music by Phoebe P. Knapp,
Piano arrangement by John Fluker

"Come Share the Lord"
Music and Words by Bryan Jeffery Leech
Arranged by Roland Tabell

"Let There Be Peace on Earth"
Music & Words by Sy Miller & Jill Jackson
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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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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."

PRAYER REQUESTS

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: Flowers and refreshments for today's 62nd Anniversary Service are provided by the Fellowship Team. See the sign-up charts to provide refreshments or cover the cost of altar flowers for future services. Altar flowers are \$35. Sandy Walker coordinates arrangements.

FALL FLING: THANK YOU to everyone who worked to make our "Fall Fling Bazaar" a great success! Sandy Walker, Taylor White, Carol Burge, Mara Williams, Patty Jo Schmitz, Alvin Knowles, Virginia Olejnik, Jeanette Williams, Renate Carnegie, Danny Carnegie, Cindy Pierskalla, and ALL our volunteers – **we love you!** To all who attended, lunched, and found treasures – ENJOY!

LWCC ANNIVERSARY: Today, October 6, 2024, is our **62nd Anniversary** here at **Leisure World Community Church!** Please join us in Edgar Hall after service today for a delicious lunch lovingly prepared, as we celebrate sixty-two years of worship, community, fellowship, service, and love.



Early fall foliage, Pocono Mountains, northeastern Pennsylvania

October 6, 2024



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

Help me O God, as I rise this day, to seek out your will as we enjoy the good and suffer through the bad. Prove us, O God, and try us so that we can learn the steps we need to take to follow your ways. Amen.

Household Prayer: Midday

O God, my Caretaker, be with me through good and bad, give me wisdom to recognize each lesson and each blessing. May the Holy Spirit continually show us God's actions in our lives as we are reconciled to one another, siblings, one family in God's love. Amen.

Household Prayer: Evening

When I felt like a dejected child, rejected and lost, your comfort surrounded me, and I felt as if I was home. Thank you for your embracing heart, for making me feel special and loved, for helping me up, and for saying that you are my sibling and my friend. Thank you Jesus. Amen.