

COMMUNITY CHURCH LEISURE WORLD

LIGHTING
A pathway into community

GROWING
Disciples in God's Love

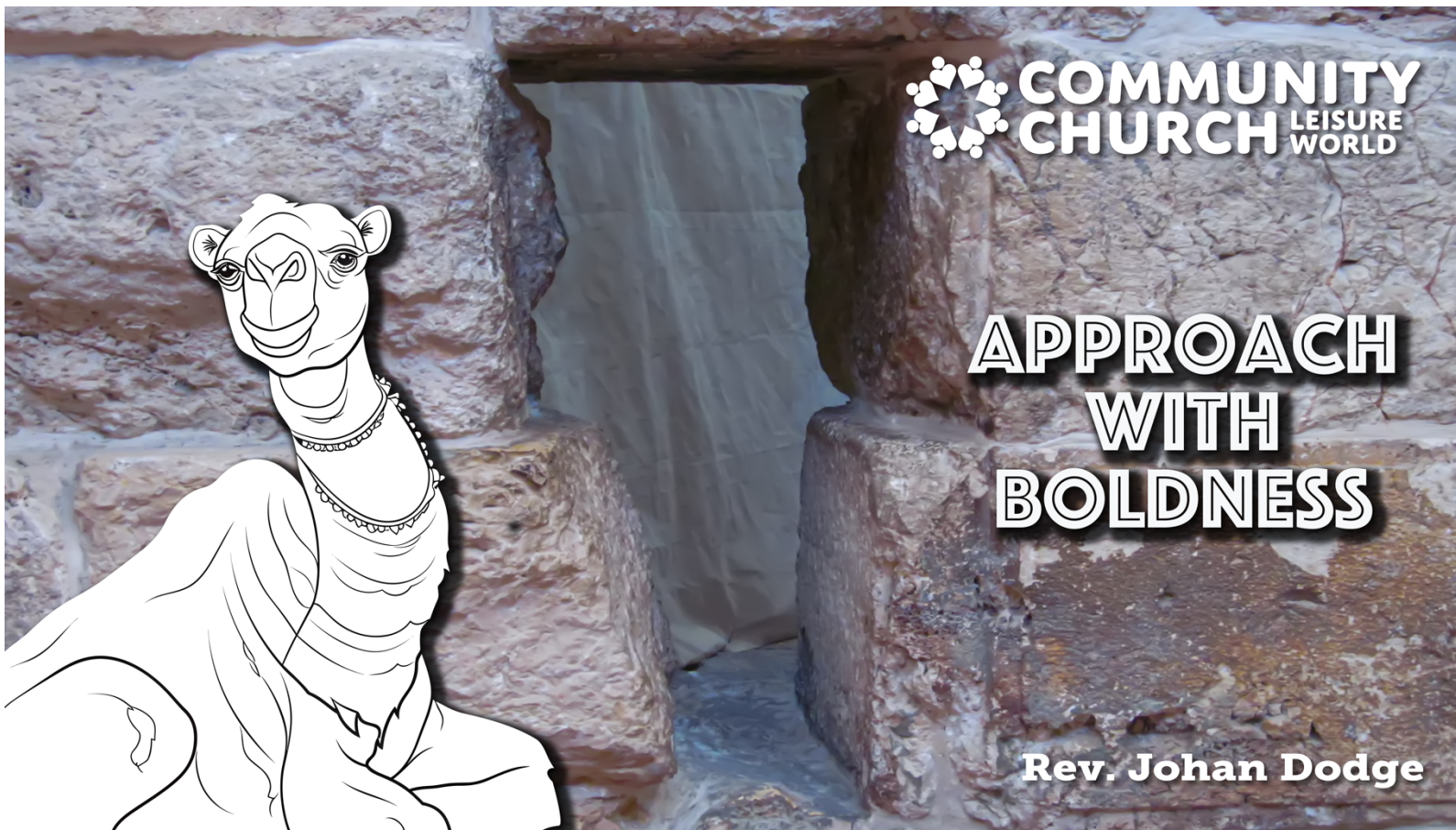
SENDING
The Hope and Joy of Jesus

Our Vision: To Be Love to Leisure World

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Sunday Service: 9:50 AM
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October 13, 2024
21st 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: "The Lord's Prayer" — Marylee Thomsen

Our Father who art in Heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kindom come, thy will be done on Earth as it is in Heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kindom, and the power, and the glory forever. Amen.

HYMN: "Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing"

1. Come, thou fount of ev - ry bless - ing, tune my heart to sing thy
2. Here I raise mine Eb - e - ne - zer; hith - er by thy help I'm
3. O to grace how great a debt - or dai - ly I will al - ways

5
grace; streams of mer - cy, nev - er ceas - ing call for
come; and I hope, by thy good plea - sure, safe - ly
be! Let thy good - ness, like a fet - ter, bind my

8
songs of loud - est praise. Teach me some me - lo - dious
to ar - rive at home. Je - sus sought me when a
wan - d'ring heart to thee. Prone to wan - der, Lord, I

11
son - net, sung by flam - ing tongues a - bove. Praise the
stran - ger, wan - d'ring from the fold of God; and to
feel it, prone to leave the God I love; here's my

14
mount! I'm fixed up - on it, mount of thy re - deem - ing love.
res - cue me from dan - ger, fill the heav'ns with sweet - est laud.
heart, O take and seal it, seal it for thy home a - bove.

[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.]***

Sometimes the troubles of the world seem impossible to address, and the burdens of our lives seem too much for us to bear. Yet we trust that, for God,

all things are possible. Therefore, in love, we pray for God's holy boldness to work through us.

We pray for peace among the nations, food for the hungry, justice for the poor, and a life of dignity for all people.

We pray for new life in the church, fresh energy in mission, faithfulness in ministry, and reconciliation in the body of Christ.

We pray for the welfare of this community, safe streets and homes, good schools and jobs, and the spirit of love among neighbors.

We pray for the healing of all who suffer, comfort for the afflicted, hope for the despairing, and strength for those who care for them.

Loving God, in whom all things are possible, we commend these prayers to you and commit our lives to seek your will; through Jesus the Christ. **Amen.**

STEWARDSHIP MOMENT — Virginia Olejnik

[please stand as you are able]

HYMN: "Nobody Knows the Trouble I've Seen"

The musical score is written for a piano and voice. It features a treble and bass staff with a key signature of one sharp (F#) and a common time signature (C). The melody is primarily in the treble staff, with the piano accompaniment in the bass staff. The lyrics are written below the notes.

No-bod-y knows the trou-ble I've seen, no-bod-y knows, but Je-sus; oh,

no-bod - y knows the trou-ble I've seen, glo - ry hal-le - lu - jah!

9

Some - times I'm up, some - times I'm down,
 Al - though you see me goin' long so, Oh, — yes, — Lord! —
 What makes the de - vil hate me so?

12

Some - times I'm al - most to the ground,
 I have my trou - bles here be - low, — Oh, — yes, — Lord! Oh, —
 He got me once and let me go, —

[please be seated]

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION — Marylee Thomsen

Reveal to us your Word, O God, living and active in our world by the power of the Holy Spirit. Let your Word work within our hearts and open our minds, dividing good from evil, truth from falsehood, life from death; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

SCRIPTURE — Marylee Thomsen

Hebrews 4:12-16

¹²Indeed, the word of God is living and active, sharper than any two-edged sword, piercing until it divides soul from spirit, joints from marrow; it is able to judge the thoughts and intentions of the heart. ¹³And before him no creature is hidden, but all are naked and laid bare to the eyes of the one to whom we must render an account. ¹⁴Since, then, we have a great high priest who has passed through the heavens, Jesus, the Son of God, let us hold fast to our confession. ¹⁵For we do not have a high priest who is unable to sympathize with our weaknesses, but we have one who in every respect has been tested as we are, yet without sin. ¹⁶Let us therefore approach the throne of grace with boldness, so that we may receive mercy and find grace to help in time of need.

Mark 10:17-31

¹⁷As he was setting out on a journey, a man ran up and knelt before him, and asked him, “Good Teacher, what must I do to inherit eternal life?” ¹⁸Jesus said to him, “Why do you call me good? No one is good but God alone. ¹⁹You know the commandments: ‘You shall not murder; You shall not commit adultery; You shall not steal; You shall not bear false witness; You shall not defraud; Honor your father and mother.’” ²⁰He said to him, “Teacher, I have kept all these since my youth.” ²¹Jesus, looking at him, loved him and said, “You lack one thing; go, sell what you own, and give the money to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven; then come, follow me.” ²²When he heard this, he was shocked and went away grieving, for he had many possessions.

²³Then Jesus looked around and said to his disciples, “How hard it will be for those who have wealth to enter the kingdom of God!” ²⁴And the disciples were perplexed at these words. But Jesus said to them again, “Children, how hard it is to enter the kingdom of God! ²⁵It is easier for a camel to go through the eye of a needle than for someone who is rich to enter the kingdom of God.” ²⁶They were greatly astounded and said to one another, “Then who can be saved?” ²⁷Jesus looked at them and said, “For mortals it is impossible, but not for God; for God all things are possible.”

²⁸Peter began to say to him, “Look, we have left everything and followed you.” ²⁹Jesus said, “Truly I tell you, there is no one who has left house or brothers or sisters or mother or father or children or fields, for my sake and for the sake of the good news, ³⁰who will not receive a hundredfold now in this age—houses, brothers and sisters, mothers and children, and fields with persecutions—and in the age to come eternal life. ³¹But many who are first will be last, and the last will be first.”

MESSAGE: “Approach with Boldness” — Rev. Johan Dodge

QUESTIONS FOR REFLECTION — Rev. Johan Dodge

For the prophet Amos, the city gate is a place of judgement: a place to discern and decide between good and evil, justice and injustice, loving-kindness and self-centeredness. Jesus has similar things to say about entrance into the kin-dom of God: a difficult choice is required — letting go of privilege, power, and possessions. What have you left behind to follow Jesus?

REFLECTION: “Shall We Gather at the River?” — Hannah Yi, *pianist*

INVITATION TO THE OFFERING — Marylee Thomsen

All that we have — our lives, our possessions — comes from God, to whom we owe everything. Come then, let us give for the Scripture tells us that in giving, we will have treasure in heaven. Come! Give!

[Ushers, please come forward]

OFFERTORY: “Steal Away” — Dave Albulario, *tenor*

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING — Marylee Thomsen

Gracious God, we present these gifts and renew our commitment to leave everything behind and follow you. Give us the courage to fulfill your will so that with everything we do and say we can become a living offering worthy of being called your disciples. 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. _____

9 Let there be peace on Earth, the peace that was meant to be. _____

16 _____ With God, our Cre - a - tor, _____ we are fam - i - ly. _____

25 Let us walk with each oth - er _____ in per - fect har - mo - ny. _____

33 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

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 God bless you, providing you with a listening ear. May Christ bless you, giving you the will you need to truly follow in his way. May the Holy Spirit bless you, instilling in you the boldness to seek God's direction for your life. May the triune God bless you and give you peace. **Amen.**

SENDING FORTH: "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.

PRAYER REQUESTS

Jo Rousey – Jo Rousey passed away last week. Prayers of comfort for her family, and peaceful rest for Jo. As it becomes available, information regarding memorial arrangements will be shared in this space.

NOTES AND ANNOUNCEMENTS:

COFFEE FELLOWSHIP: Flowers for today's service are provided anonymously, and refreshments for Fellowship are provided by Jeanette Williams and Prince Pierson. 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.

STEWARDSHIP: Please find the attached Offering Envelope containing your Pledge Card. Leisure World Community Church is **your** church – we ask that you prayerfully consider a regular pledge to support our ministries and ongoing mission work, so that we may continue to serve our community **together**. Fill out the Pledge Card, include it with your offering, and place it in the collection plate, or submit it to the Church Office, at your convenience.

SOCK-IT TO EM

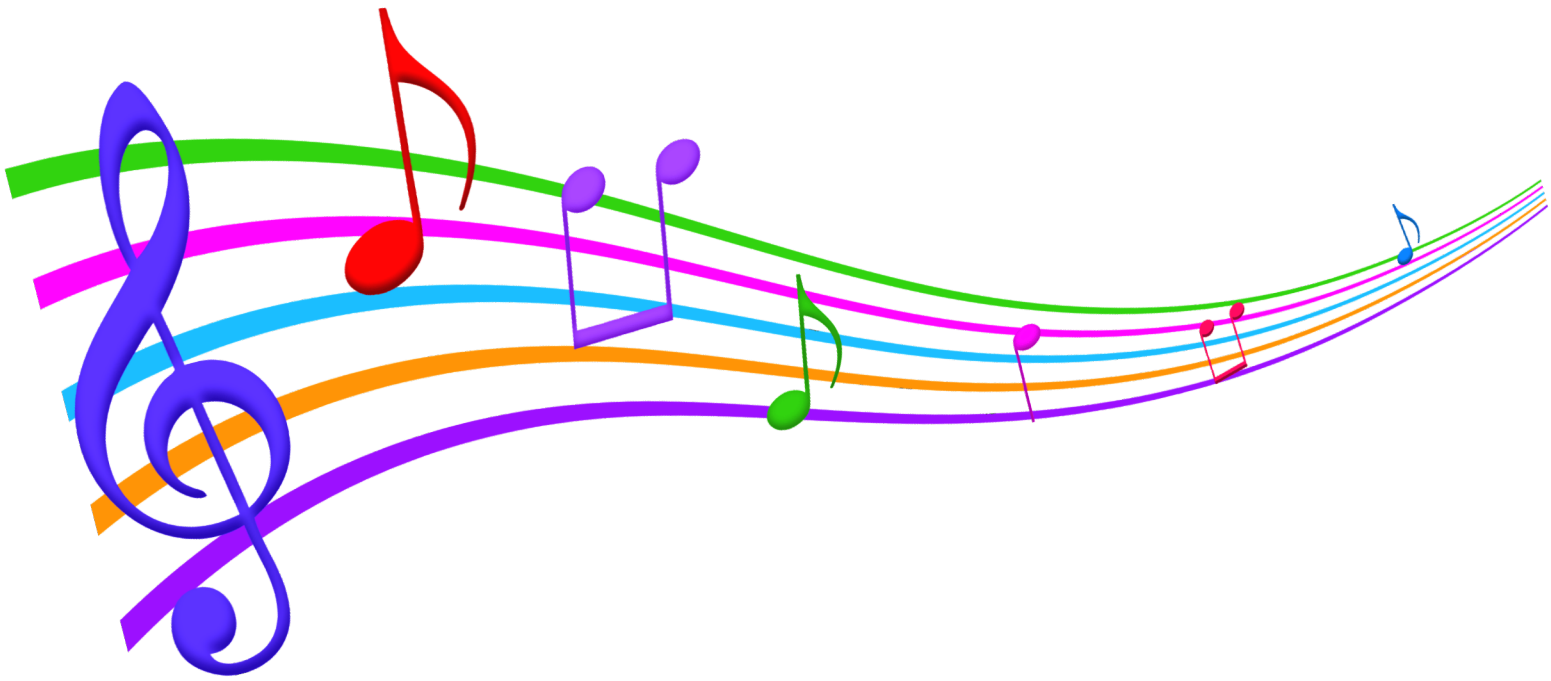


Our annual "Sock It to 'Em" sock drive begins today

Please bring new packages of men's and women's white athletic socks to Sunday worship or to the church office during the week.

You may also provide a cash/check offering toward the purchase of socks.

Socks will be given to the Veterans Administration for distribution.



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

Jennifer Scoullar, *Soprano*
John Fluker, *Pianist*

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

"Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing"
Tune: *NETTLETON* by John Wyeth
Words by Robert Robinson

"Nobody Knows the Trouble I've Seen"
African American Spiritual
Adapted & arranged by William Farley Smith

"Shall We Gather at the River?"
Music by Robert Lowry
Piano arrangement by Mark Hayes

"Steal Away"
African American Spiritual
Music & Words by Wallace Willis, an enslaved man (pre-1862). Transcribed by Alexander Reid

"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."

October 13, 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, in the morning I sing your praise. Give me wisdom for this day and rejoice in me, as I rejoice in you. Amen.

Household Prayer: Midday

Loving God, help me let go of worldly goods and leave lesser things behind as I place my trust in you and in your community. Amen.

Household Prayer: Evening

Loving God, in the evening I bless your name. Give me grace for this night and abide with me, as I abide in you. Amen.