

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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Sunday Service: 9:50 AM
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October 27, 2024
22nd Sunday after Pentecost

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The
Word
of the
Bath

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: "The Lord's Prayer" — Phyllis Spencer

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: "Wonderful Words of Life"

Sing them o - ver a - gain to me,
Christ, the bless - ed one, gives to all, won - der - ful words of life,
Sweet - ly ech - o the Gos - pel call,

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Let me more of their beau - ty see,
 Let us list to the lov - ing call, won - der - ful words of life;
 Of - fer par - don and peace to all,

9

Words of life — and beau - ty teach me faith and du - ty.
 All so free - ly giv - en, woo - ing us — to Hea - ven.
 Je - sus Christ our bro - ther, sanc - ti - fy us for - ev - er.

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Beau - ti - ful words, won - der - ful words, won - der - ful words of life, —

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Beau - ti - ful words, won - der - ful words, won - der - ful words of life.

[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.]***

Loving God, we come to you because we know you are present with us. We come to you, because you call us near to you. We come to you, because you have shown us what love is and what our love can do to remake your world.

We pray for the local and universal church. Give us the humility to walk in your way.

We pray for the leaders in our nation and the nations around the world. Give them the courage to walk in peace. We pray for those who are in need. Give us ears to hear their cries and be agents of your mercy.

We pray for those who have pain. Heal, touch, and deliver them, O God.

We remember those who have died. Help us to give comfort to those who are left behind.

We lift our hidden prayers to you in silence, for you hear even that which weighs upon our hearts.

Loving God, all glory and praise is yours now and forever. **Amen.**

STEWARDSHIP MOMENT — Taylor White

[please stand as you are able]

HYMN: "Open My Eyes, That I May See"

1. O - pen my eyes, that I may see glimps-es of truth thou
2. O - pen my ears, that I may hear voi - ces of truth thou
3. O - pen my mouth, and let me bear glad - ly the warm truth

4
hast for me; Place in my hands the won - der - ful key
send - est clear; And while the wave - notes fall on my ear,
ev' - ry-where; O - pen my heart, and let me pre-pare

7
that shall un - clasp and set me free;
ev' - ry - thing false will dis - ap - pear; Si - lent - ly now I
love with thy chil - dren, thus to share;

10

wait for thee, rea - dy, my God, thy will to see;

13

O - pen my eyes, il - lu - mine me, Spi - rit di - vine! —

[please be seated]

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION — Phyllis Spencer

God of Light, let your Holy Spirit come into our darkness and open our hearts, that your word may show us the blessings you intend for all creation.
Amen.

SCRIPTURE — Phyllis Spencer

Hebrews 7:23-28

²³Furthermore, the former priests were many in number, because they were prevented by death from continuing in office; ²⁴but he holds his priesthood permanently, because he continues forever. ²⁵Consequently he is able for all time to save those who approach God through him, since he always lives to make intercession for them. ²⁶For it was fitting that we should have such a high priest, holy, blameless, undefiled, separated from sinners, and exalted above the heavens. ²⁷Unlike the other high priests, he has no need to offer sacrifices day after day, first for his own sins, and then for those of the people; this he did once for all when he offered himself. ²⁸For the law appoints as high priests those who are subject to weakness, but the word of the oath, which came later than the law, appoints a Son who has been made perfect forever.

Mark 10:46-52

⁴⁶They came to Jericho. As he and his disciples and a large crowd were leaving Jericho, Bartimaeus son of Timaeus, a blind beggar, was sitting by the roadside. ⁴⁷When he heard that it was Jesus of Nazareth, he began to shout out and say, “Jesus, Son of David, have mercy on me!” ⁴⁸Many sternly ordered him to be quiet, but he cried out even more loudly, “Son of David, have mercy on me!” ⁴⁹Jesus stood still and said, “Call him here.” And they called the blind man, saying to him, “Take heart; get up, he is calling you.”

⁵⁰So throwing off his cloak, he sprang up and came to Jesus. ⁵¹Then Jesus said to him, "What do you want me to do for you?" The blind man said to him, "My teacher, let me see again." ⁵²Jesus said to him, "Go; your faith has made you well." Immediately he regained his sight and followed him on the way.

MESSAGE: "The Word of the Oath" — Rev. Johan Dodge

QUESTIONS FOR REFLECTION — Rev. Johan Dodge

The Gospel lesson this week tells the story of blind Bartimaeus and invites us to see the world differently. How might the order and restoration that comes from the word of the oath guide your life going forward? How does the concept of forgiveness play into your life? Where has a lack of forgiveness kept you from seeing clearly?

REFLECTION: "Abide with Me" — Hannah Yi, *pianist*

INVITATION TO THE OFFERING — Phyllis Spencer

God of light, let your Holy Spirit come into our darkness and open our hearts, that your word may show us the blessings you intend for all creation. **Amen.**

[Ushers, please come forward]

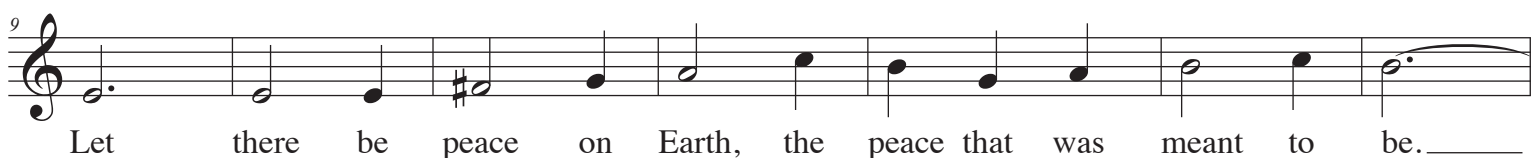
OFFERTORY: "God Covers Me" — Music Team: Jennifer Scoullar, soprano
Dave Albulario, *tenor*
Hannah Yi, *pianist*

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING — Phyllis Spencer

Loving God, you have created the universe and all within it. We offer to you these gifts for the glory of your kin-dom, in the name of God, Parent, Child, and Holy Spirit. Amen.

[please stand as you are able]

HYMN: "Let There Be Peace on Earth"



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

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

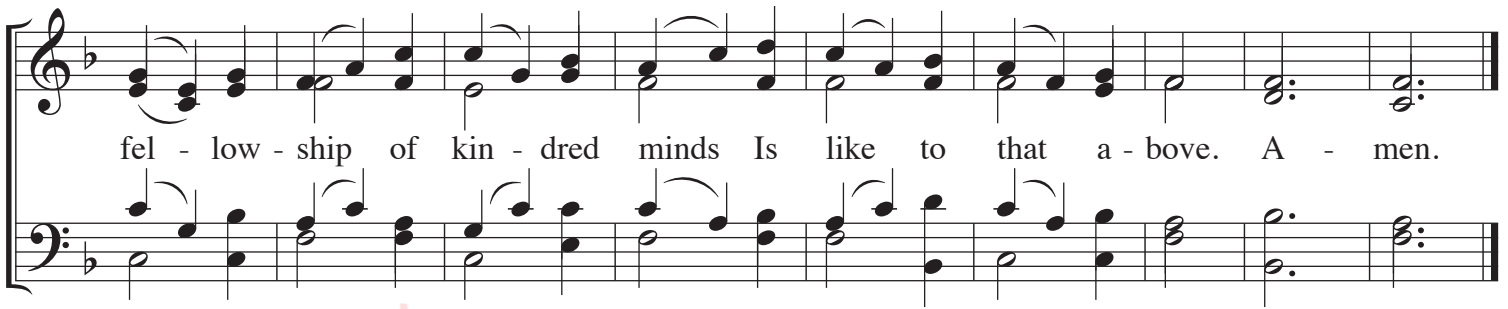
57 Let there be peace on Earth, and let it be - gin with me.

BLESSING — Rev. Johan Dodge

And now, may the healing love of Christ, the wisdom of God, and the strengthening power of the Spirit be with you this day and always. **Amen.**

SENDING FORTH: "Blest Be the Tie that Binds"

Blest be the tie that binds Our hearts in Chris - tian love: The



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

"Abide with Me"
Tune: EVENTIDE by William H. Monk,
written for text by Henry Francis Lyte.
Piano arrangement by Phillip Keveren

"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

"Wonderful Words of Life"
Music and Words by Philip Paul Bliss, 1874
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Cyber Hymnal

"God Covers Me"
Music by Craig Courtney
Words by Susan Bentall Boersma

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Music and Words by Clara H. Scott.
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"Let There Be Peace on Earth"
Music & Words by Sy Miller & Jill Jackson
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Lee Music, Beverly Hills, California

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PRAYER REQUESTS

Carol Burge – Carol recently had a fall and broke her shoulder and sprained her wrist. Her shoulder will need surgery, which will be scheduled soon. Prayers for comfort and speedy recovery. She was so happy to receive your cards and get-well cards at home, where you're welcome to visit her if you can.

SOCK-IT TO EM



Our annual "Sock It to 'Em" sock drive continues!

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.

NOTES AND ANNOUNCEMENTS:

COFFEE FELLOWSHIP: Flowers for today's service are provided by Sandy Walker. Refreshments for Fellowship are provided by Jon Sofian. 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.

ALL SAINTS SUNDAY: Next Sunday, November 3, 2024, is *ALL SAINTS SUNDAY*. If you've had a loved one pass away in the past year, and you would like to remember them, their name will be read aloud, and a candle lit in their honor. *Please submit their names on the cards available in the narthex, by October 30th.*

STEWARDSHIP: Please find the attached Offering Envelope containing your Pledge Card. Leisure World Community Church is ***your*** church – we ask that you prayerfully consider tithing to the church through your pledge at either a weekly, monthly or annual schedule. Pledged giving allows our finance team to prepare a budget that both meets our needs and guides our activity for the coming year. “What is a tithe?” you might then ask. That's a good question. For an answer, consider Deuteronomy 26:1-11 where the instructions on giving concern both the first fruits of our labor and 10% of our income. And when you read Deuteronomy, your first response might be — “Yeah, but we have Jesus, so do we really need to follow these old rules?” The answer is no. In Jesus we can move beyond the tithe and the first-fruits giving, but Jesus invites us to give everything we have as the first disciples did in the Book of Acts, where we are told that they had all things in common, they sold what they owned individually and gave to anyone as they had need. Suddenly, the first fruits and 10% sound like a bargain. The reality is most of us find ourselves somewhere in the middle.

Please 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.

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 27, 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

Holy Jesus, when I awaken each day, I long to sing with joy for another span of hours to spend in your company. I long to rejoice that you have placed before me the day ahead. Give me wisdom to enter into each encounter with thanksgiving, for you hold me in your care and give me words, in Jesus name. Amen.

Household Prayer: Midday

God of power and mercy, you gather your people with the love of a parent for a child. You hear my cries in the night and in the day; you answer healing with hope. Draw me closer to you as I go through this day and guide me in your wisdom. Amen.

Household Prayer: Evening

Ruler of all creation, I thank you for the time of rest beginning now, for all that I have seen, tasted, touched, heard, and smelled this day, and for all the people and creatures I have shared this day with. Bless them with sufficient rest and peace, that together we may all rise in the morning with new strength, in Jesus' name. Amen.