

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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November 3, 2024

All Saints Day

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MY

NEIGHBOR

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 all glory, we gather here today with the saints of every time and place to honor and praise your holy name. As you have revealed your mercy and might to your faithful people in every age, so let us glimpse — even through our tears — the mystery of your life-giving love that even death cannot destroy; through Jesus Christ, Alpha and Omega. Amen.

HYMN: "For All the Saints"

Unis.

1. For all the saints, who from their la - bors rest,
2. O blest com - mu - nion, fel - low - ship di - vine
3. From Earth's wide bounds, from o - cean's far - thest coast,

Unis.

Who Thee by faith be - fore the world con - fessed, Thy
We fee - bly strug - gle, they in glo - ry shine; yet
Through gates of pearl streams in the count - less host; They

name, O Je - sus, be for - ev - er__ blest —
all are one in Thee, for all__ are__ Thine —
sing to Fa - ther, Son and Ho - ly__ Ghost:

Al - le - lu - ia, Al - le - lu - ia!
Al - le - lu - ia, Al - le - lu - ia!

[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.]***

Let us pray for all of the needs of the world.

For the Church of Christ and for all people of faith who call upon God by other names, that where there is need and division, your Spirit will bring understanding and reconciliation.

For Earth, for minerals, bacteria, microbes, and all that lives and breathes in every size and shape; for the healing of all Earth's scars and toxins; for wisdom to deal well and equitably with every landscape.

For nations, leaders, armies, town councils, and mutuals, peacekeepers and peacemakers, legislation at all levels of government; for voters and for people who work toward democracy; for those who fight against change and those who fight for change in the name of Justice.

For children and those who are raising up children in this complicated world, that in the midst of their common struggles there will be times of great joy and happiness.

For all who daily show us how to live well and in accord with your commands.

For all who suffer in our land from hunger, houselessness, poverty, and illness.

For all else we hold in our hearts this day, especially those we name before you spoken aloud or in silence.

In thanksgiving for those who have taught us faith, we ask you to hear our please and our words of gratitude. Keep us in your care and bring us to the feast that has no end, through Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, now and forever. **Amen.**

[please stand as you are able]

HYMN: "Sing with All the Saints in Glory"

Sing with all the saints in glo - ry, sing the res - ur - rec - tion song!
O what glo - ry, far ex - ceed - ing all that eye has yet per - ceived!
Life e - ter - nal! Heav'n re - joi - ces: Je - sus lives, who once was dead.
Life e - ter - nal! O what won - ders crowd on faith; what joy, what love!

Death and sor - row, Earth's dark sto - ry, to the for - mer days be - long.
Ho - liest hearts, for a - ges plead - ing, nev - er that full joy con - ceived.
Join we now the death - less voi - ces; child of God, lift up your head!
when, a - midst Earth's clos - ing thun - ders, saints shall stand with God, a - bove.

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All a-round the clouds are break-ing, soon the storms of time shall cease;
 God has prom-ised, Christ pre-pares it, there on high our wel-come waits.
 An-ces-tors from dis-tant a-ges, saints all long-ing for their Heav'n,
 Ev-er sing-ing, march we on-ward, vic-tors in the midst of strife;

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in God's like-ness we, a-wak-ing, know the ev-er-last-ing peace.
 Ev-'ry hum-ble spir-it shares it; Christ has passed th'e-ter-nal gates.
 proph-phets, psalm-ists, seers, and sa-ges, all a-wait the glo-ry giv'n.
 joy-ful mu-sic leads us sun-ward, in the tri-umph song of life.

[please be seated]

BLESSING THE PLEDGE CARDS — Rev. Johan Dodge

Loving God of all creation, you are the source of all our provisions. May our material and temporal giving reflect not our bounty, but yours. We bring you this day the pledges of our time, talent, and treasure, as we pledge ourselves to building your Kin-dom here on earth. Receive our oath of time, talent and treasure and bless us that these gifts may serve beyond us. **Amen.**

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION — Jeanette Williams

Almighty God, your word is life and your promise is true. By the power of your Holy Spirit write your words upon our hearts so that we may be agents of your love sharing your new creation through the teachings of Jesus.
Amen.

SCRIPTURE — Jeanette Williams

Hebrews 9:11-14

¹¹But when Christ came as a high priest of the good things that have come, then through the greater and perfect tent (not made with hands, that is, not of this creation), ¹²he entered once for all into the Holy Place, not with the blood of goats and calves, but with his own blood, thus obtaining eternal redemption. ¹³For if the blood of goats and bulls, with the sprinkling of the ashes of a heifer, sanctifies those who have been defiled so that their flesh is purified, ¹⁴how much more will the blood of Christ, who through the eternal Spirit offered himself without blemish to God, purify our conscience from dead works to worship the living God!

Mark 12:28-34

²⁸One of the scribes came near and heard them disputing with one another, and seeing that he answered them well, he asked him, “Which commandment is the first of all?” ²⁹Jesus answered, “The first is, ‘Hear, O Israel: the Lord our God, the Lord is one; ³⁰you shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind, and with all your strength.’ ³¹The second is this, ‘You shall love your neighbor as yourself.’ There is no other commandment greater than these.” ³²Then the scribe said to him, “You are right, Teacher; you have truly said that ‘he is one, and besides him there is no other’; ³³and ‘to love him with all the heart, and with all the understanding, and with all the strength,’ and ‘to love one’s neighbor as oneself,’ —this is much more important than all whole burnt offerings and sacrifices.” ³⁴When Jesus saw that he answered wisely, he said to him, “You are not far from the kingdom of God.” After that no one dared to ask him any question.

MESSAGE: “Won’t You Be My Neighbor?” — Rev. Johan Dodge

QUESTIONS FOR REFLECTION — Rev. Johan Dodge

We serve a living God. In the days to come, look for the presence of God alive in the midst of God’s people and the creation God has made. Where is God at work, bringing people together for good?

REFLECTION: “The Twelfth of Never” (with “Wind Beneath My Wings”)

— John Fluker, *pianist*

in loving memory of John’s beloved sister, Sharyn Anita McIntyre

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; but God is encouraging you to grow. You need not belong to this or 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 our 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.**

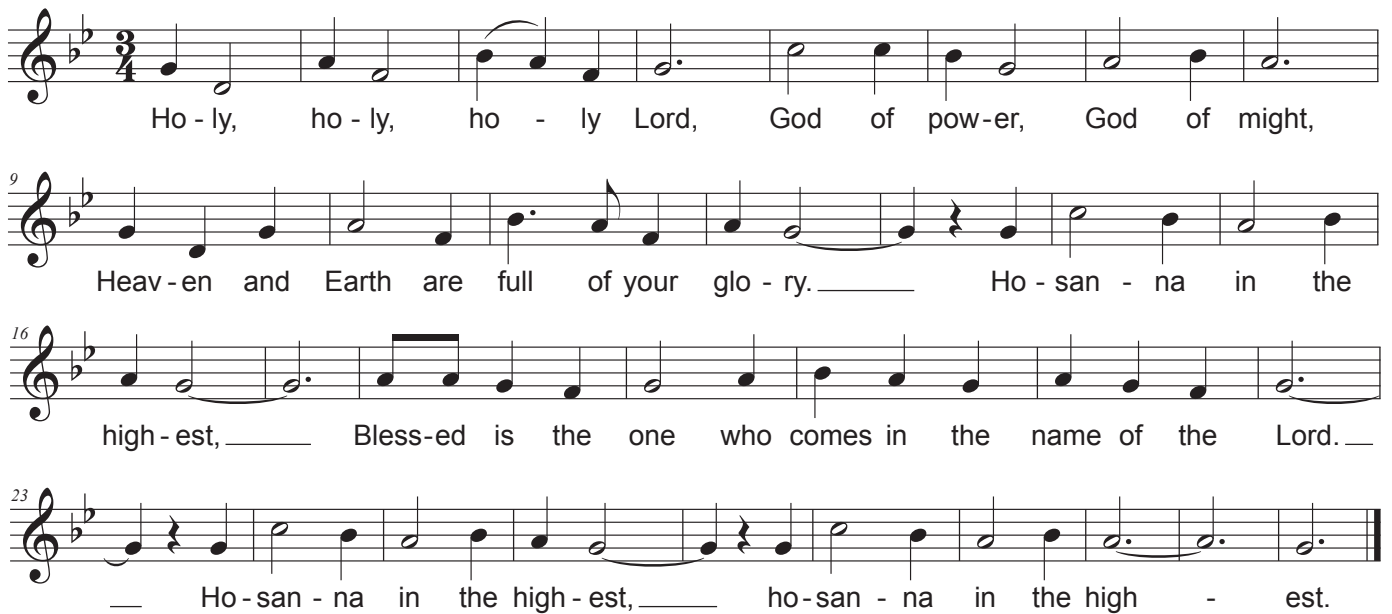
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

[Ushers, please come forward and distribute the elements]

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

God of Abraham and Sarah, God of Miriam and Moses, God of Joshua and Deborah, God of Ruth and David, God of the priests and the prophets, God of Mary and Joseph, God of the apostles and the martyrs, God of our parents and our ancestors, God of our children to all generations. And so, with your people on earth and all the company of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow - er, God of might,
Heav - en and Earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the
high - est, Bless - ed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord.
Ho - san - na in the high - est, ho - san - na in the high - est.

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

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 may be for the world the body of Christ, redeemed by his blood.

Renew our communion with all your saints, especially those whom we name before you —

Don Ashley	– Absent from the Body, present with the Lord.
Rosie Ashley	– Absent from the Body, present with the Lord.
Tobin Bolter	– Absent from the Body, present with the Lord.
Peggy Coles	– Absent from the Body, present with the Lord.
Joanna Matos	– Absent from the Body, present with the Lord.
Sharyn Anita McIntyre	– Absent from the Body, present with the Lord.
Phyllis Poper	– Absent from the Body, present with the Lord.
Jo Rousey	– Absent from the Body, present with the Lord.
Betty Sargent	– Absent from the Body, present with the Lord.
Cristina Vegas	– Absent from the Body, present with the Lord.

By your Spirit make us one with Christ, one with each other, and one in ministry to all the world, 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. Since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, strengthen us to run with perseverance the race that is set before us, looking to Jesus, the Pioneer and Perfecter of our faith. Amen.

INVITATION TO THE OFFERING: Based on Psalm 24 — Jeanette Williams

Who will enter the presence of the Lord? Who will stand in this holy place?
Those who offer their whole lives to God — heart and mind and soul and
strength — they will receive the blessing of the Lord. **Amen.**

[Ushers, please come forward]

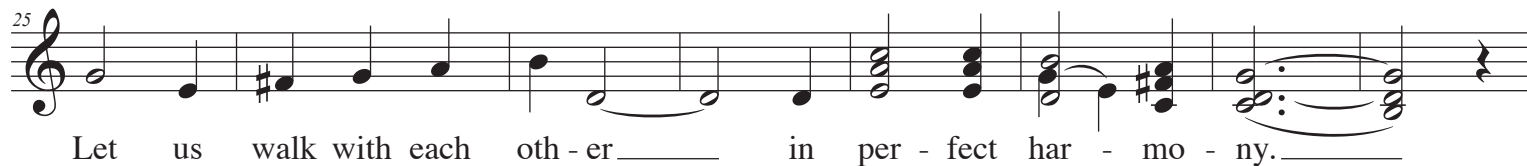
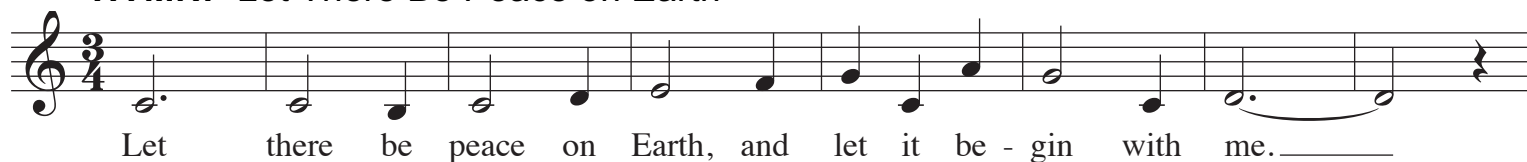
OFFERTORY: “Always” — Jennifer Scoullar, *soprano*

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING — Jeanette Williams

The earth belongs to you, O God, the world and all its people. For the
blessings of this life and the gift of your love we give you thanks and
praise. As you have sought us to bring us your love, help us to seek
your face among our neighbors so that all may know the wonder of
your love; through Jesus Christ our lord. **Amen.**

[please stand as you are able]

HYMN: “Let There Be Peace on Earth”



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

My siblings, Jesus calls us to go forth in faith and love, to live each day as a gift and sharing the good news of God's love for all through our words and actions. May the Lord our God — Alpha and Omega, the first and the last, the beginning and the end — 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

fel - low - ship of kin - dred minds Is like to that a - bove. A - men.

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

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

Doxology (Old Hundredth LM)

Music by Louis Bourgeois, 1551
Words by Thomas Ken, 1674

"For All the Saints"

Music: *SINE NOMINE* by Ralph V. Williams, 1906; Words by William H. How, 1864, arr. Public Domain

"Sing with All the Saints in Glory"

Music based on *ODE TO JOY* by Ludwig van Beethoven, Words by William J. Irons

"The Twelfth of Never"

Music & Words by Jerry Livingston & Paul Francis Webster, Piano arrangement by John Fluker

"The Wind Beneath My Wings"

Music & Words by Jeff Silbar and Larry Henley, 1982, Piano arrangement by John Fluker

"Always"

Music and Words by Scott Alan
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"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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PRAYER REQUESTS

Carol Burge – Carol had a fall and broke her shoulder and sprained her wrist. She is scheduled for surgery on Monday, November 4th, and will be recuperating in a nursing home. Prayers for comfort and speedy recovery. She was so happy to receive your get-well cards and well-wishes at home, where you're welcome to visit her before November 4th.

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 rafters:

"All are welcome in this place."

Autumn on The Lake, Central Park, New York City

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NOTES AND ANNOUNCEMENTS:

COFFEE FELLOWSHIP: Flowers for today's service are provided anonymously. Refreshments for Fellowship are provided by Jenny Chang. 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 an Offering Envelope and Pledge Card in the narthex. 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.

If you're reading this before service begins, it's not too late to fill out a Pledge Card and submit it in the narthex. Please do so before the start of service today. Of course, if you need more time, we accept pledge cards throughout the year.

MEMORIAL FOR JOANNA MATOS: On Saturday, November 16, 2024, at 11 AM, a Celebration of Life will be held at LWCC to honor the memory of *Joanna Matos*, who passed away in September. All are welcome and invited. Please call the Church Office at 562-431-2503 to RSVP, so we may plan accordingly. The event will be in the church, and a reception will follow immediately after in Edgar Hall.

DUO SYNCOPA CONCERT: On Sunday, November 17, 2024, at 3:00 PM, LWCC proudly welcomes the talents of **Duo Syncopa**, featuring violinist **Yue Qian** and pianist **Tomomi Sato** and music by Franz Schubert, Béla Bartók, Amy Beach, and Richard Strauss. Tickets are \$20, Seniors & Students are \$15. Refreshments will be served afterward. ***ALL-Are-Welcome Ticket Policy:*** 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.

November 3, 2024



GROW
PRAY
STUDY

Notes from the Service

This image shows a blank sheet of white paper with horizontal ruling lines. The lines are evenly spaced and run across the width of the page. There is no handwriting 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

As I live this day, O Lord, let me be a sign of your love to myself and my neighbors. For I know that you love when we share your love with the world. Amen.

Household Prayer: Midday

Dear Lord, as I continue through this day, may your loving kindness produce a sense of hope that my neighbors will notice and appreciate. Amen.

Household Prayer: Evening

Gracious Lord, thank you for watching over me throughout the day. Help me to meditate on your way of love as I rest tonight. In Jesus name I pray. Amen.