

COMMUNITY CHURCH LEISURE WORLD

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Our Vision: To Be Love to Leisure World

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Sunday Service: 9:50 AM
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November 10, 2024
1st Sunday of Extended Advent



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WELCOME

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.

ADVENT 1: Wisdom — Marylee Thomsen

As our nights grow longer and our days grow short,
we look on these earthly signs – and remember God's promise to our world:
Christ, our Light and our Hope, will come.



In the beginning when God created the heavens and the earth, the earth was a formless void and darkness covered the face of the deep, while a wind from God swept over the face of the waters. Then God said, "Let there be light"; and there was light. And God saw that the light was good; and God separated the light from the darkness. God called the light Day, and the darkness he called Night. And there was evening and there was morning, the first day. – Genesis 1:1-5

[As the candle is lit, all stand as you are able and sing:]

CALL TO WORSHIP: Doxology for Advent ("O Come, O Come, Emmanuel")



Liturgist — Marylee Thomsen

Let us pray ...



ALL: Eternal God, your Word of wisdom goes forth and does not return empty: Grant us such knowledge and love of you that we may perceive your presence in all creation and every creature; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who with you and the Holy Spirit lives and reigns, now and forever. Amen.

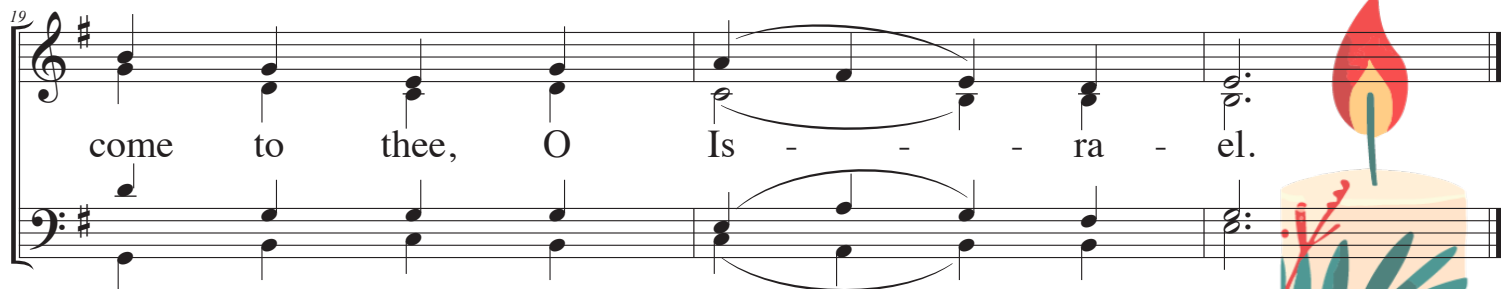
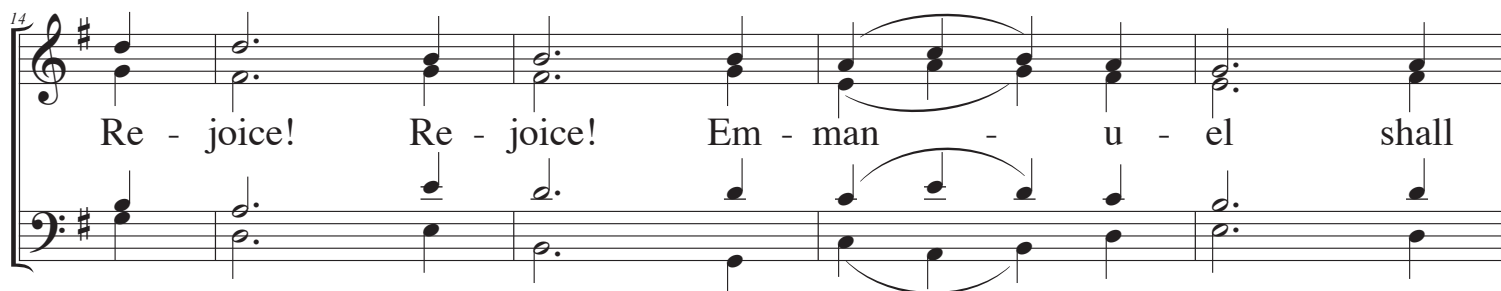


HYMN: "O Come, O Come, Emmanuel"

1. O come, O come, Em - man - u - el, and
2. O come, O Wis - dom from _____ on high, who
3. O come, O come great Lord _____ of night, who
4. O come, O Branch of Jes - se's stem, un -

ran - som cap - tive Is - ra - el that mourns in lone - ly
or - dered all things might - i - ly to us the path of
to your tribes on Si - nai's height in an - cient times did
to your own and res - cue them! From depths of hell your

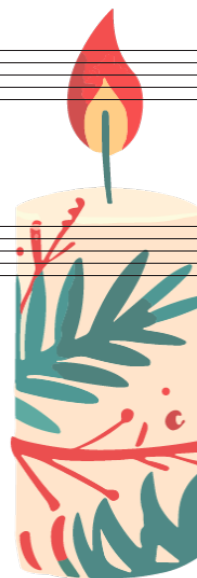
ex - ile here un - til the Son of God _____ ap - pear.
know - ledge show and teach us in its ways _____ to go.
give _____ the law in cloud and maj - es - ty _____ and awe.
peo - ple save, and give them vic - t'ry o'er _____ the grave.



[please be seated]

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION — Rev. Johan Dodge

[A time of silence is kept after each petition.]



Loving God, you never leave us alone, nor fail to watch out for our well-being, restoring us and providing for us. Because you are faithful, we come to you now to make our petitions known to you.

We pray for the church and its leaders; may we continue to be living witnesses for you.

We pray for the global community; enable us to serve those in need and work for peace.

We pray for all those who are cheated and abused; help us be advocates for the powerless, that we might enact godly justice.

We pray for those who suffer; make us agents of your restoration and healing.

We pray for your creation; make us good stewards, that many generations will know the goodness of your gifts.

We remember those who have come to their eternal rest; help us to comfort those who grieve their loss.

We lift up to you the prayers we hold secretly, for we know that you know all things.

All these things we ask in Jesus' name. **Amen.**

[please stand as you are able]

HYMN: "Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus"

Come, thou long - ex - pec - ted Je - sus, born to set thy
Born thy peo - ple to de - li - ver, born a child and

7
peo - ple free; from our to fears and sins re - lease us,
born our kin, born to reign in us for - e - ver,

13
let us find our rest in thee. Is - rael's strength and con - so -
now thy gra - cious kin - dom bring. By thine own e - ter - nal

20
la - tion, hope of all the Earth thou art; dear de - sire of
spi - rit, love us with thy ten - der grace; by thine all suf -

27
ev - 'ry na - tion, joy of ev - 'ry long - ing heart.
fi - cient me - rit, hold us in thy warm em - brace.

[please be seated]

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION — Marylee Thomsen

By the power of your Holy Spirit, startle us with your Word, O God, and awaken us to your love for your creation. **Amen.**

SCRIPTURE — Marylee Thomsen

Mark 12:38-44

³⁸As he taught, he said, “Beware of the scribes, who like to walk around in long robes, and to be greeted with respect in the marketplaces, ³⁹and to have the best seats in the synagogues and places of honor at banquets! ⁴⁰They devour widows’ houses and for the sake of appearance say long prayers. They will receive the greater condemnation.”

⁴¹He sat down opposite the treasury, and watched the crowd putting money into the treasury. Many rich people put in large sums. ⁴²A poor widow came and put in two small copper coins, which are worth a penny. ⁴³Then he called his disciples and said to them, “Truly I tell you, this poor widow has put in more than all those who are contributing to the treasury. ⁴⁴For all of them have contributed out of their abundance; but she out of her poverty has put in everything she had, all she had to live on.”



MESSAGE: “All In” — Rev. Johan Dodge



QUESTIONS FOR REFLECTION — Rev. Johan Dodge

Where has doubt gotten the better of you? Where has God needed your confidence to go all in with God’s love in a particular situation? How might you sense that moment sooner next time and make the choice to go all in?

REFLECTION: “Sing We Now” — Hannah Yi, *pianist*

INVITATION TO THE OFFERING — Marylee Thomsen

The Lord has blessed us richly. Let us give cheerfully what we have for the upkeep and uplift of God’s kin-dom. **Amen.**

[Ushers, please come forward]

OFFERTORY: “I Can Only Imagine” — Dave Albulario, *tenor*

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING — Marylee Thomsen

Almighty God, whether we have given from abundance or from little, we humbly offer these gifts to you and for the glory of your name, through your son Jesus Christ with the Holy Spirit. 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. _____

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

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

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

Let peace be - gin with me, let this be the mo - ment now; _____

With ev - 'ry step I take, let this be my sol - emn vow: _____ To

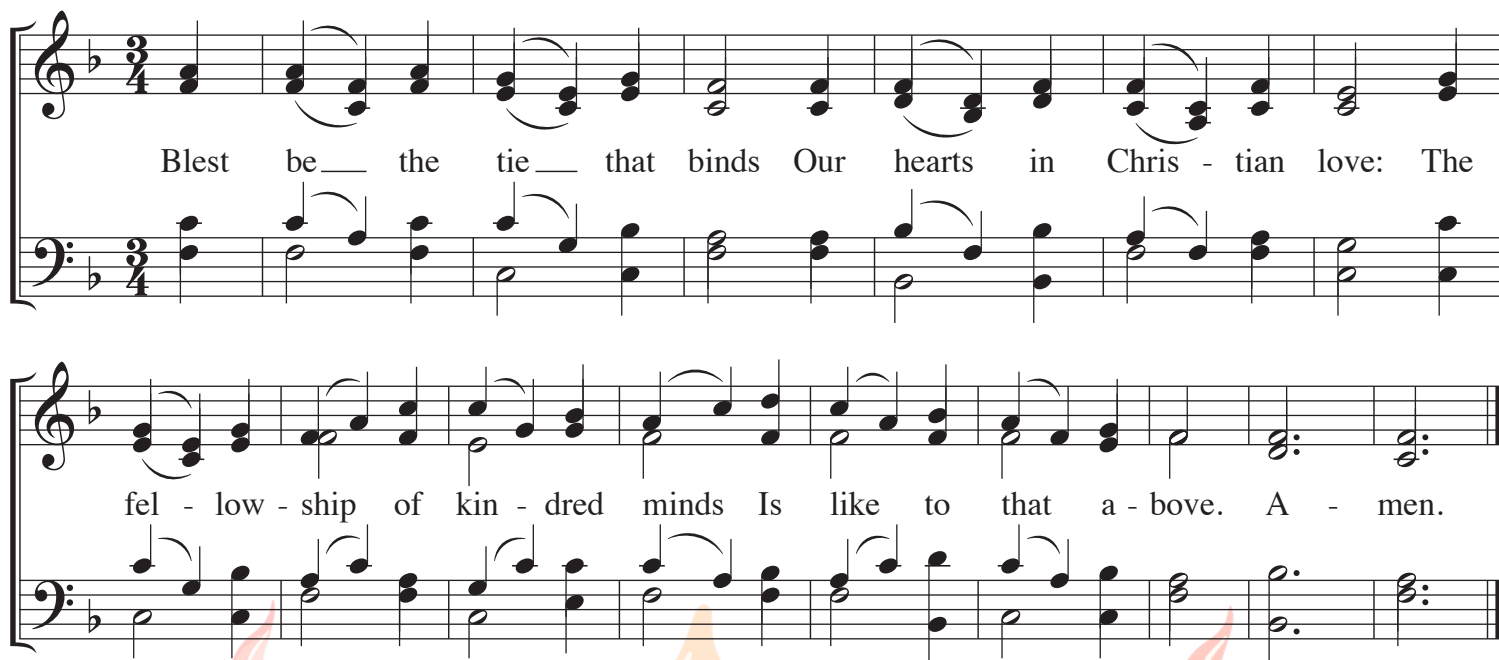
take each mo - ment and live each mo - ment in peace e - ter - nal - ly; _____

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

BLESSING — Rev. Johan Dodge

May the abundant goodness of God, the generous mercy of Christ, and the sustaining power of the Spirit be with you today and every day until the end of days. **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: Dave Albulario, *Tenor / Music Dir.*
Hannah Yi, *Pianist*

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

Doxology for Advent (*Veni, Immanuel*)
15th Century French Hymn, Words by
Thomas Ken, Text and Tune adapted by
Dean McIntyre

"O Come, O Come, Emmanuel"
15th Century French Hymn *VENI IMMANUEL*,
Adapted by Thomas Helmore, 12th Century
Latin text

"Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus"
Tune: *HYFRYDOL* by Rowland H. Prichard,
Words by Charles Wesley

"Sing We Now of Christmas"
Tune: *NOEL NOUVELET*
Traditional French Carol,
Piano arrangement by Glenda Austin

"I Can Only Imagine"
Words and Music by Bart Millard,
© 2002 Simpleville Music, c/o Fun Attic Music,
PO Box 681633, Franklin, TN 37068

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

"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: Refreshments for Fellowship are provided by Jeanette Williams. 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.

THANKFUL TREE: Spend some time in prayer and reflect on the ways that God has blessed you this past year. Jot a note of gratitude on a leaf and affix it to the tree in the Narthex. Leaves will also be available to fill out in the office to be mounted on the tree.

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 Fellowship Hall. Card of condolence may be sent to:

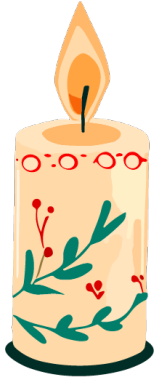
The Matos Family
16558 Wren Lane
Sisters, OR 97759-6905

COFFEE WITH THE PASTOR: Every Thursday at 10 AM, you are invited to join Pastor Johan for a time of fellowship and check-in over coffee, and perhaps a little conversation around the book cultivating Christlikeness: loving as Jesus loved.

THANKSGIVING OFFERING: Please find the attached Thanksgiving Offering Envelope, and prayerfully consider a special contribution. The proceeds will be used by SPRT for end-of-year gifts to our staff.

ANNUAL CHARGE CONFERENCE: On Saturday, December 14th, at 2:00 PM, the annual all-church conference is scheduled in person in Edgar Fellowship Hall. Everyone is invited to attend.

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.





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Notes from the Service

My Prayers this week:

Prayer Journal

Use these prayers in your time with God each day.

Household Prayer: Morning

With the rising sun I sing my praise to you, O God, who gives me breath. Keep me mindful of the ways you are at work in the world and use me for your purposes, for the sake of Jesus Christ. Amen.

Household Prayer: Midday

Loving God, you have set me free from fear and filled me with good things. Even when I lose sight of your ways, you pull me back into your embrace and remind me of your love and compassion. Help me to be your compassion and justice in the world this day.

Household Prayer: Evening

Blessed are you, O God. You guide the stars on their courses, yet still you remember me. Thank you for bringing me through this day, and for welcoming me into this night. Amen.