



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
562-431-2503

November 17, 2024
2nd Sunday of Extended Advent



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: Creation — Taylor White

As our nights grow longer and our days grow short, we look on these earthly signs — light and green branches — and remember God's promise to our world:

Christ, our Light and our Hope, will come.

Listen to the words of Creation in Genesis

And God said, "Let the waters under the sky be gathered together into one place, and let the dry land appear." And it was so. God called the dry land Earth, and the waters that were gathered together he called Seas. And God saw that it was good. Then God said, "Let the earth put forth vegetation: plants yielding seed, and fruit trees of every kind on earth that bear fruit with the seed in it." And it was so. The earth brought forth vegetation: plants yielding seed of every kind, and trees of every kind bearing fruit with the seed in it. And God saw that it was good. And there was evening and there was morning, the third day. — Genesis 1:9-13

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

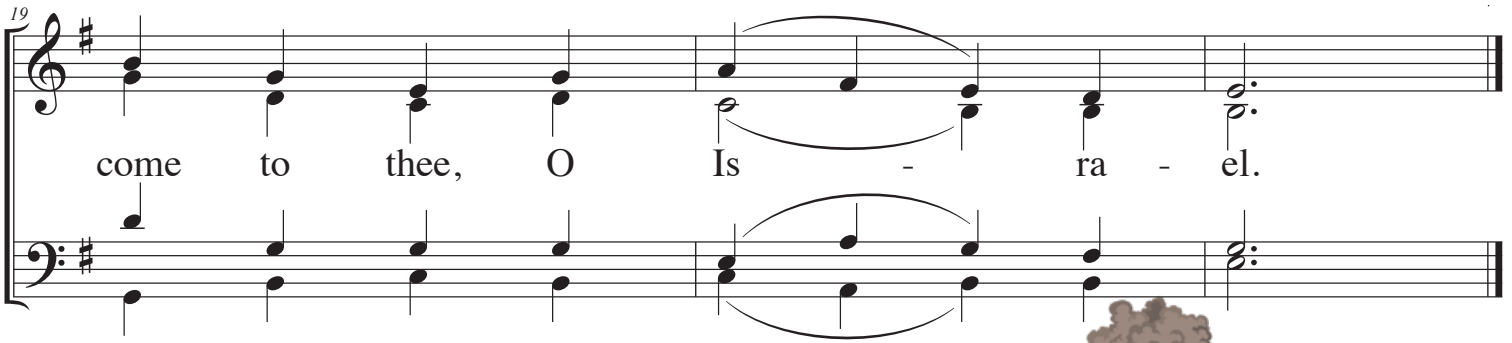
CALL TO WORSHIP: Doxology for Advent ("O Come, O Come, Emmanuel")

Praise God from whom all blessings flow. Praise

God, all crea - tures here be - low. Praise God a - bove, ye

heav'n - ly host: Cre - a - tor, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost.

Re - joice! Re - joice! Em - man - u - el shall

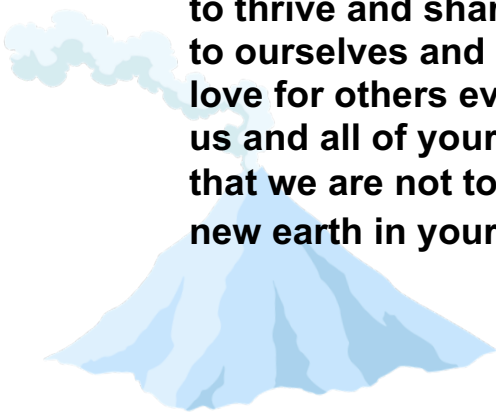


Liturgist — Taylor White

Let us pray ...



ALL: O Lord our God, you gave us, your creation, the earth upon which to thrive and share in your gifts of abundance. And yet we have turned to ourselves and held our desires above yours. Place into our hearts a love for others even as we grow in our understanding of your love for us and all of your creation. May the light that we light today remind us that we are not to place ourselves first as we labor together to build the new earth in your name. Amen.



HYMN: "Angels We Have Heard on High"

1. An - gels we have heard on high Sweet - ly sing-ing o'er the plains,
2. Shep-herds, why this ju - bi - lee? Why your joy-ous strains pro - long?
3. Come to Beth - le - hem and see Christ whose birth the an - gels sing;
4. See Him in a man - ger laid, Whom the choirs of an - gels praise;

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And the moun-tains in re - ply E - cho - ing their joy - ous strains.
What the glad-some ti - dings be, Which in - spire your heav'n-ly song?
Come, a - dore on bend-ed knee, Christ the Lord, the new - born King.
Ma - ry, Jo - seph, lend your aid, While our hearts in love we raise.

Glo - - - - ri-a, in ex-cel-sis De - o!

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[please be seated]

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION — Rev. Johan Dodge

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

Loving God, in your mercy you hear our cries and know the hidden desires of our hearts. We come to you praying for ourselves and your community.

We pray for the witness of the church, that we might live the good news.

We pray for the global community, that we might learn from each other and live in peace.

We pray for the needs in our community, for we know that you, O God, are our provider.

We pray for those who suffer in mind, body, or spirit; make us agents of your healing power.

We remember those who have died; help us to comfort those who grieve.

We lift up to you the silent prayers we hold in our hearts and minds.

We ask all these things for the glory and honor of your name, through Jesus Christ, by the power of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

[please stand as you are able]

HYMN: "Go Tell It on the Mountain"

Go,— tell it on the moun - tain, o-ver the hills and ev - 'ry-where;

go,— tell it on the moun - tain, that Je - sus Christ is born. **Fine**

While shep-herds kept their watch-ing o'er si - lent flocks by night, be -
The shep-herds feared and trem - bled, when lo! a - bove the earth, rang
Down in the low - ly man - ger the hum - ble Christ was born, so

hold through-out the heav-ens there shown a ho - ly light.____
out the an - gel cho - rus to her - ald Je - sus' birth.____
God could be here with us that bless - ed Christ - mas morn.____ **D.C. al Fine**

[please be seated]

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION — Taylor White

O Lord, you have the words of eternal life. Speak to us by the power of your Holy Spirit, that we might hear what you would say to us today. **Amen.**

SCRIPTURE — Taylor White

Mark 13:1-8

¹As he came out of the temple, one of his disciples said to him, “Look, Teacher, what large stones and what large buildings!” ²Then Jesus asked him, “Do you see these great buildings? Not one stone will be left here upon another; all will be thrown down.” ³When he was sitting on the Mount of Olives opposite the temple, Peter, James, John, and Andrew asked him privately, ⁴“Tell us, when will this be, and what will be the sign that all these things are about to be accomplished?” ⁵Then Jesus began to say to them, “Beware that no one leads you astray. ⁶Many will come in my name and say, ‘I am he!’ and they will lead many astray. ⁷When you hear of wars and rumors of wars, do not be alarmed; this must take place, but the end is still to come. ⁸For nation will rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom; there will be earthquakes in various places; there will be famines. This is but the beginning of the birthpangs.

MESSAGE: “Birth Pangs” — Rev. Johan Dodge

QUESTIONS FOR REFLECTION — Rev. Johan Dodge

How do you live into the forming Kin-dom of God amidst the face of injustice and hate of our troubled world?

REFLECTION: “Shout to the Lord” — John Fluker, *pianist*

INVITATION TO THE OFFERING — Taylor White

People of God, the Lord has given us so much. Let us praise the Lord through our gifts for the uplift of God’s kin-dom. **Amen.**

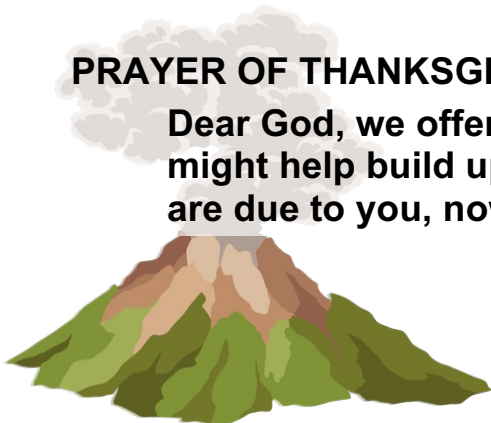
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OFFERTORY: “Give Thanks – Now Thank We” — Dave Albulario, *tenor*

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING — Taylor White

Dear God, we offer those gifts back to you. Multiply them so that they might help build up your kingdom on earth. All glory, praise and honor are due to you, now and forever. **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

My siblings, be encouraged in the Lord, and do not be led astray. Stand firm in the witness of the gospel and do good deeds that bring about the kin-dom.
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.*
 John Fluker, *Pianist*

Jennifer Scoullar, *Soprano*
 Hannah Yi, *Pianist*

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

"Angels We Have Heard on High"
 French Carol: *GLORIA*, Setting by Edward S.
 Barnes (before 1916), Translation by James
 Chadwick (1862), Public Domain, *Open*
Hymnal Project, 2005 Revision

"Go, Tell It on the Mountain"
 African American Spiritual, first published by
 John Wesley Work, Jr.

"Shout to the Lord"
 By Darlene Zschech
 Piano arrangement by John Fluker

"Give Thanks – Now Thank We"
 Music & Words by Henry Smith (Luke 1:49-53);
 arr. by Ken Barker © 1978 Integrity's Hosanna!
 Music; Traditional German *NUN DANKET ALLA*
GOTT, Words by Martin Rinkart, Translated by
 Catherine Winkworth; Medley by David Albulario

"Let There Be Peace on Earth"
 Music & Words by Sy Miller & Jill Jackson
 © 1955, 1983; Arr. Copyright © 1991 by Jan
 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."

NOTES AND ANNOUNCEMENTS:

COFFEE FELLOWSHIP: Refreshments for Fellowship are provided by Lorna Lass. 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: Yesterday, November 16, 2024, a Celebration of Life was held to honor *Joanna Matos*, who passed away in September. Cards 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.

DUO SYNCOPA CONCERT: 3:00 PM **TODAY**, Sunday, November 17, 2024, we proudly welcome 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 FREE sponsored ticket. Likewise, if you wish to buy a ticket for someone else, please call the church office.

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.

YOUR HELP IS REQUESTED: In preparation for the **Christmas Bazaar**, on December 7th, see below for opportunities to serve. Please sign up on the sheet in the narthex or Edgar Hall, or you may contact Sandy Walker or Virginia Olejnik.

- *Bake cookies or treats to be sold at bake sale*
- *Help at the event: set up - work a station - clean up*
- *Loan a Nativity set for display (not sell) at the event. Bring in by Dec 2nd for Patty Jo to set up the Nativity display in the Narthex.*

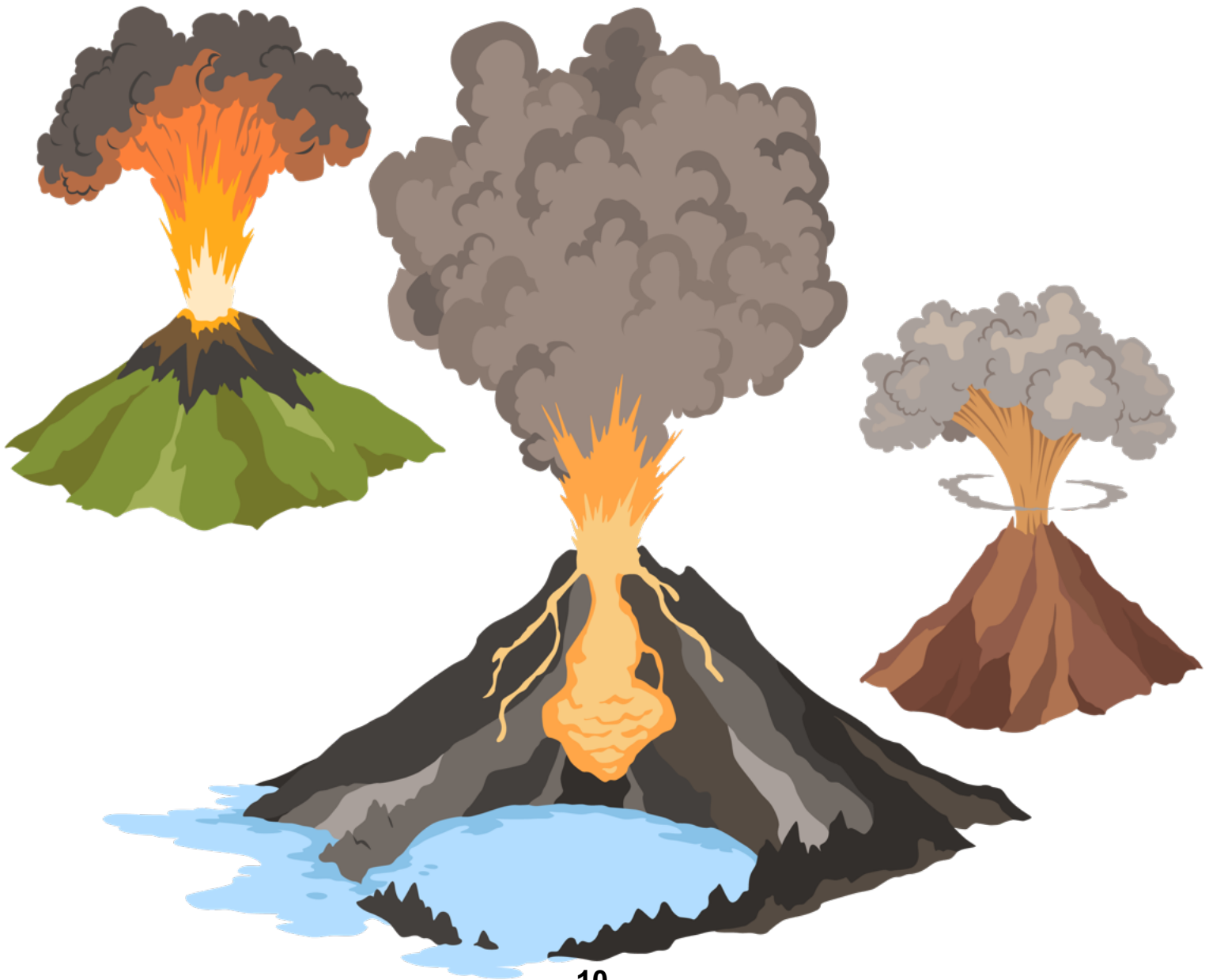
PRAYER REQUESTS

new Shirley Bator – Shirley will be at Seal Beach Rehab for pain-related issues. Phone calls and visits are welcome. Prayers for relief from pain, and that she can return home soon.

new Lois Gordon – The LWCC Care Team continues to celebrate Lois Gordon, age 101. She was formerly active at LWCC, and she continues to thrive with the help of her caregiver. Please continue to pray for Lois.

new Nancy Westcott – dear family friend, Shannon Hanley, who was suffering from terminal brain cancer, passed away November 10, 2024, at the age of 52. Prayers of comfort, strength, & provision for her family, especially her 14-year-old son, Liam, who will now live with his childhood nanny.

new Nancy Westcott – Nancy's daughter's mother-in-law, SuZan had emergency abdominal surgery on November 12th, and is recovering in the hospital, but still needs more surgery. Prayers for healing and recovery.



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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

Loving God, thank you for waking me up this morning and giving me another day to love and serve you well. Thank you for the ways you will lead me today; help me to trust in you. Amen.

Household Prayer: Midday

Merciful God, you hear my cries and honor my tears. Stir in me such a passion this day that I might vow to give you the best of me in service to your creation. Amen.

Household Prayer: Evening

Gracious God, you blessed me today even when i turned away from the opportunities you presented. Forgive my fickle and heartless ways, and conform my will to yours. Grant me a safe rest and strengthen me in mind, body, and spirit, that I may serve you faithfully and love you well when I awake to greet your new day. Amen.