

COMMUNITY CHURCH LEISURE WORLD

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GROWING
Disciples in God's Love

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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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February 9, 2025
5th Sunday after Epiphany

Don't Give Up



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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

Holy One, the earth and the heavens reverberate with your glory, and humans and creation alike sing your praises. Open our minds again to your breathtaking work in the world, even as you call us to spread the good news of Jesus, our mentor and exemplar, and in whose name we pray. Amen.

HYMN: "Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty!"

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! Lord God Al - mighty - y!

All the saints a - dore Thee,

Though the dark - ness hide Thee,

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Ear - ly in the morn - ing our song shall rise to Thee. ___
 cast - ing down their gold - en crowns a - round the glass - y sea; ___
 though the eye of sin - ful ones Thy glo - ry may not see, ___

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Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! ___ Mer - ci - ful and might - y,
 che - ru - bim and se - ra - phim fall - ing down be - fore Thee,
 on - ly Thou art ho - ly; ___ there is none be - side Thee, ___

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God ___ in three per - sons, ___ bless - ed Tri - ni - ty!
 which ___ wert, and art, and ___ ev - er - more shalt be.
 per - fect in pow'r, in ___ love, and cha - ri - ty.

[please be seated]

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION — Rev. Johan Dodge

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

Loving God, you meet us where we live and invite us to be part of your purpose.

We pray for the church and for all who work to bring others a word of compassion.

We pray for peace among nations and peace among people.

We pray for those suffering from war or calamities of nature.

We pray for those who are oppressed and need courage to resist.

We pray for those who because of illness or hardship are paralyzed by fear.

God of love and compassion, through the teachings of Jesus and the presence of the Holy Spirit you summon us into your compassion for all creation. Renew in us your call and release us from all fear, that we may testify in words and deeds to your steadfast love for all. For the sake of Jesus Christ, we pray. **Amen.**

ANTHEM: "Halle, Halle, Halle" — Music Team

*The **LWCC Vocal Quartet** joins us today
in memory of **Joanna Matos**, courtesy of **The Matos Family**.*

Hal - le, hal - le, hal - le - lu - jah.

Hal - le, hal - le, hal - le - lu - jah.
(hal - le - lu - jah.)

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PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION — Jeanette Williams

God of Exodus and Paradise,
We are grateful for the gift of Scripture. By the power of your Holy Spirit, help us to hear your word with understanding, that in our speech and actions, we may bring the presence of your love into the moments of daily life tearing down the darkness and revealing Paradise. **Amen.**

SCRIPTURE — Jeanette Williams

Luke 5:1-11

^{5:1}Once while Jesus was standing beside the lake of Gennesaret, and the crowd was pressing in on him to hear the word of God, ²he saw two boats there at the shore of the lake; the fishermen had gone out of them and were washing their nets. ³He got into one of the boats, the one belonging to Simon, and asked him to put out a little way from the shore. Then he sat down and taught the crowds from the boat. ⁴When he had finished speaking, he said to Simon, “Put out into the deep water and let down your nets for a catch.”

⁵Simon answered, “Master, we have worked all night long but have caught nothing. Yet if you say so, I will let down the nets.” ⁶When they had done this, they caught so many fish that their nets were beginning to break. ⁷So they signaled their partners in the other boat to come and help them. And they came and filled both boats, so that they began to sink. ⁸But when Simon Peter saw it, he fell down at Jesus’ knees, saying, “Go away from me, Lord, for I am a sinful man!” For he and all who were with him were amazed at the catch of fish that they had taken; ¹⁰and so also were James and John, sons of Zebedee, who were partners with Simon. Then Jesus said to Simon, “Do not be afraid; from now on you will be catching people.” ¹¹When they had brought their boats to shore, they left everything and followed him.

MESSAGE: “Don’t Give Up” — Rev. Johan Dodge

QUESTIONS FOR REFLECTION — Rev. Johan Dodge

Sometimes we are afraid to tell others about our experience of the Holy Spirit and about God’s call upon our lives, because we don’t want to annoy or oppress others. There is a difference between witnessing through indoctrination and witnessing through acts of compassion. How do you witness to others about your faith? The disciples had already fished all night without catching anything; what quality or characteristic in Peter might have helped him “give it another try” when Jesus invited him to cast his net again? What quality or characteristic within you helps you to keep trying, to start again, after disappointment or even failure?

REFLECTION: “Our God” — John Flucker, *pianist*

INVITATION TO THE OFFERING — Jeanette Williams

We are invited to cast our nets into God's abundance, and to share what we have received with others. As we give our tithes and offerings today, we put our trust in the one who has called us to follow him: Jesus, the great fisher of people. **Amen.**

[Ushers, please come forward]

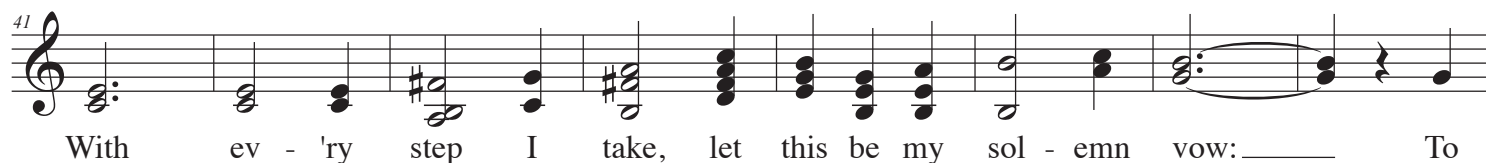
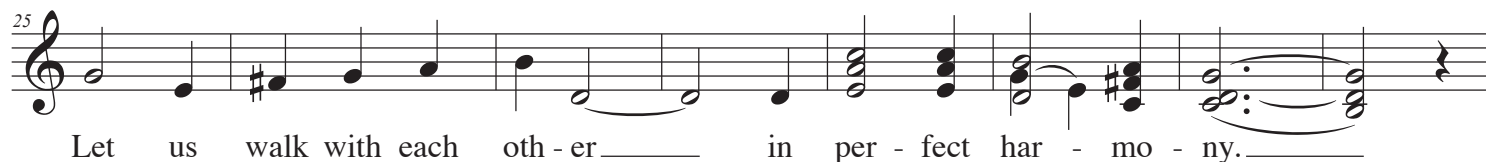
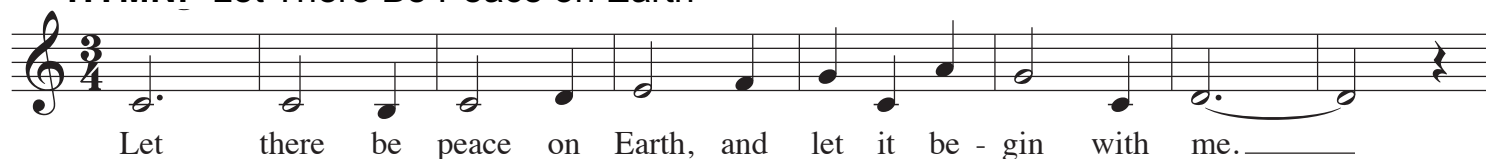
OFFERTORY: "You'll Never Walk Alone" — Jim Orr, *baritone*

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING — Jeanette Williams

Holy One, we give thanks for your generosity to us. Bless these gifts and multiply them, for the sake of those in need around us; in Jesus name. Amen.

[please stand as you are able]

HYMN: "Let There Be Peace on Earth"



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

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

BLESSING — Rev. Johan Dodge

My siblings,

Do not be afraid to put out into the deep water; we are not alone. We have partners in other boats beside us, and Christ has gone before us. Let down your nets that they may be filled with the love of God, giving thanks for the call of Love upon our lives and the community of the Holy Spirit. **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*
Kara Brouelette, *Mezzo-Soprano*

Dave Albulario, *Tenor / Music Dir.*
Hannah Yi, *Pianist*
Jim Orr, *Bass-Baritone*

Christmas Doxology (*O, Tannenbaum*)
Traditional German Carol, Words by Thomas Ken; adapt. Dale A. Schoening

“Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty!”
Tune: *NICAIA* by John B. Dykes; Words by Reginald Heber Based on Rev. 4:8-11

“Halle, Halle, Halle”
Traditional Caribbean, Vocal arr. by John Bell and Graham Maule; Verses, alt. harmony, & accompaniment by Marty Haugen

“Our God”
Music by Chris Tomlin
Piano improvisation by John Fluker

“You’ll Never Walk Alone”
Music by Richard Rodgers, Words by Oscar Hammerstein, II; Arr. by Joshua Chandra www.joshuachandra.com

“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. Nägeli, 1768-1836
Words by John Fawcett, 1740-1817
Arr. by Lowell Mason, 1792-1872

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PRAYER REQUESTS

new Lois Gordon – Lois is in the ICU receiving care to regulate her blood pressure at UCI Los Alamitos Hospital. Please continue to pray for Lois.

new Nancy Westcott – Nancy's daughter's mother-in-law, SuZan has had some recent medical challenges. Please pray for her recovery and general good health.

new Mary Maness – Mary has moved to Victorville to be closer to her son. Prayers for an easy move, and that she feels comfortable in her new home.

Marv Jahn – Marvin Louis Jahn passed away on Monday, January 20, 2025, at the age of 92. Prayers of comfort for Ella and Marv's family, and peaceful rest for Marv.

Marv's funeral will take place on Saturday, March 1, 2025, at 11 AM, graveside at:
Loma Vista Memorial Park, 701 East Bastanchury Road, Fullerton, California 92835

NOTES AND ANNOUNCEMENTS:

FLOWERS and FELLOWSHIP: Today's flowers are provided by Patty Jo Schmitz. Fellowship refreshments are provided today by Mo Ashley and Taylor White. 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.

VALENTINE'S DAY CANCER LUNCHEON: LWCC teams up with The Theater Club to host a ***Valentine's Cancer Luncheon***, this Friday, February 14, at 12 noon in Edgar Hall, Community Church. Lunch to be served, Valentine-themed games to be played, & Theater Club singers to perform, directed by Charla Gae. Anyone fighting cancer, survivors, caregivers, & those who wish to honor a loved one who passed or is fighting the fight are all invited. The party is free, but you must have a reservation – call Taylor White at 562-666-7570. Please leave your name & phone number to confirm, or you may speak to Taylor in person. Reservations may be made through February 10th.

FLUTE & PIANO CONCERT: LWCC presents ***Pija Hočevvar*** on flute and ***Sonia Lee*** on piano, performing the music of Debussy, Liszt, Dvořák, and more on Sunday, February 16, 2025 at 4 PM. Tickets are \$15 seniors/students, \$20 general, and free tickets are available, by request, as usual.

VIOLIN & PIANO CONCERT: The following Sunday, February 23, 2025 at 6 PM, we proudly present "Timeless Duets," featuring Community Church's very own resident pianist, ***Hannah Yi***, and violinist ***SoJin Kim***, in beautiful duets by César Franck and Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart. Tickets are \$15 seniors/students, \$20 general, and free tickets are available, by request, as usual.

END-OF-YEAR STATEMENTS: If you wish to receive an End-of-Year Giving Statement of your 2024 donations, please see Phyllis Spencer.

COFFEE WITH THE PASTOR: This Thur, Feb. 13th, join Pastor Johan for Coffee with the Pastor, a weekly time of fellowship & check-in over coffee, & perhaps some conversation around the book ***Cultivating Christlikeness: Loving as Jesus Loved***.

Sunday February 16th @ 4:00pm

Pija Hočevar, flute & Sonia Lee, piano



Claude Debussy: Rêverie, Arabesque & Bruyères for Flute and Piano

Saverio Mercadante: Aria con Variazioni sul tema di "La ci darem la mano" for solo flute

Carl Reinecke: Ballade for Flute and Piano

Franz Liszt: Consolations nos. 1 & 2 for solo Piano

Antonín Dvořák: American Suite arr. Frank Michael for Flute and Piano

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All-Are-Welcome Ticket Policy

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Sojin Kim
Hannah Yi



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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

Loving God, I give you thanks this morning as I watch the beauty of the newborn light, listen to the first stirrings of a new day in this world, and ponder the miracle of my own breathing and your presence in it all. Increase my strength of soul today, and whenever I see a need, help me to respond "Send me!" Amen.

*Consider The Upper Room Daily Devotional
as a resource for Midday Prayer.*

Household Prayer: Evening

Thank you, God, for the gift of this day. Like the fisher folk who became disciples, I have put in a day of work. As evening comes, it is time to rest. If, as i review my day, I am tempted to say, "I am not worthy of your presence in it, God," reassure me with the calming words of Jesus, "Do not be afraid, come be with me." Amen.