

COMMUNITY CHURCH LEISURE WORLD

LIGHTING
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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June 8, 2025
Pentecost Sunday



PARTNERS IN THE FLAME



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 — Phyllis Spencer

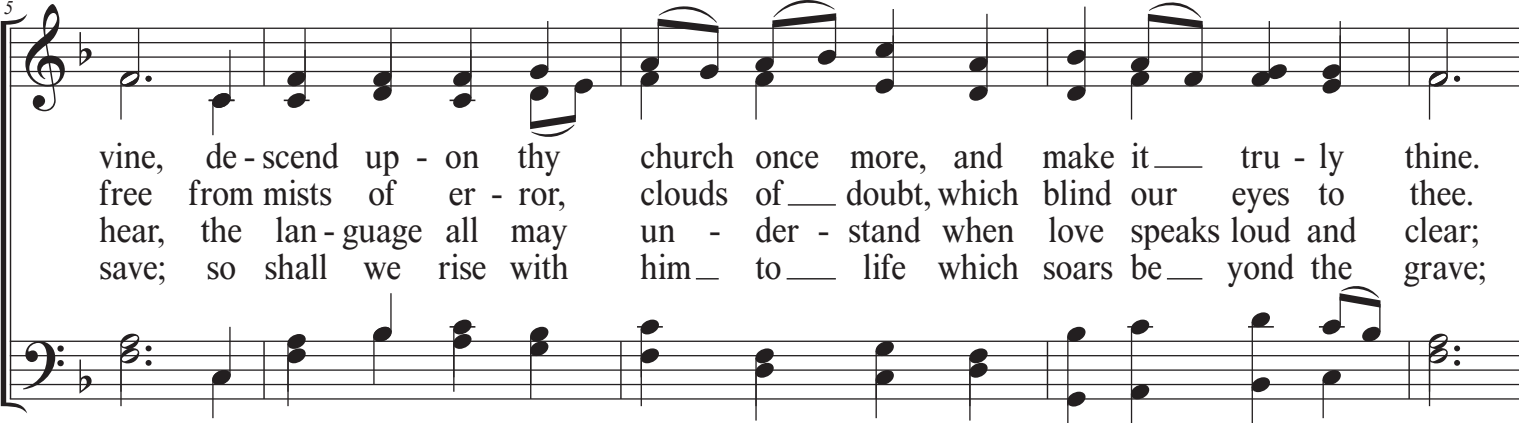
Holy God who is breath; without your power we are lost and in need of your renewing vision. By your purifying fire transform our lives; guide us into honesty and compassion so that filled with your peace, our dreams and vision may be one with yours; in the name of Jesus, we pray. Amen.

Pentecost

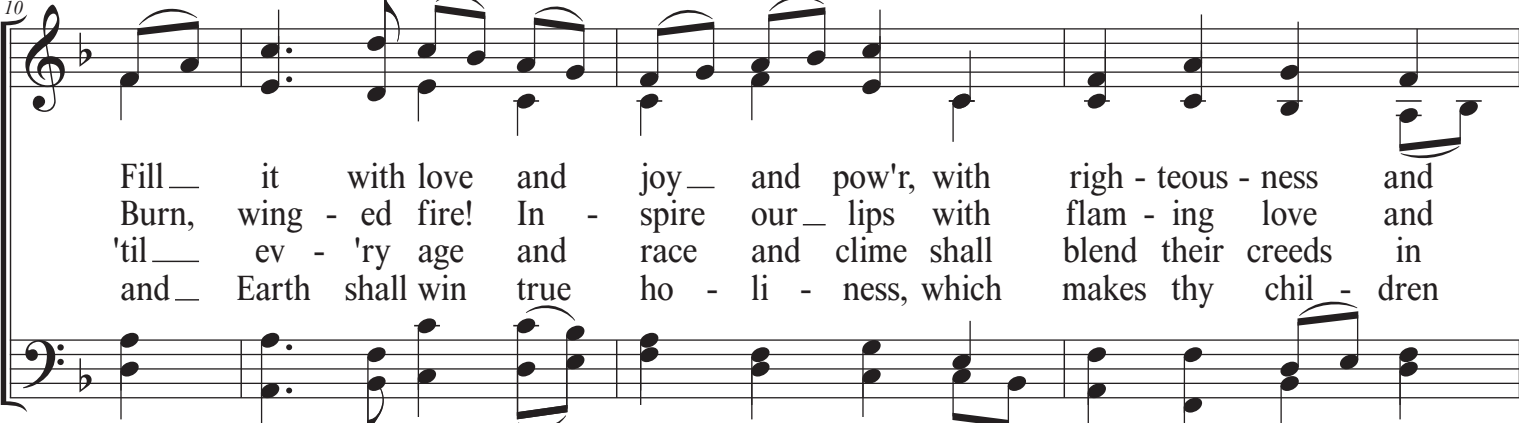
HYMN: "O Spirit of the Living God"



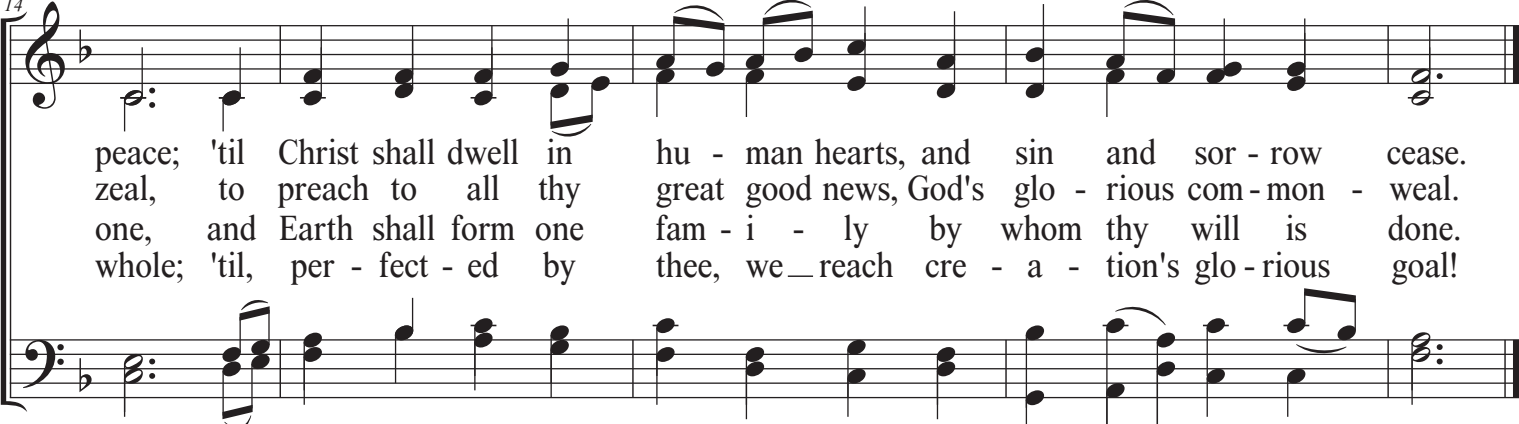
O Spir - it of the liv - ing God, thou light and fire di -
 Blow, wind of God! With wis - dom blow un - til our minds are
 Teach us to ut - ter liv - ing words of truth which all may
 So shall we know the pow'r of Christ who came this world to



vine, de - scend up - on thy church once more, and make it tru - ly thine.
 free from mists of er - ror, clouds of doubt, which blind our eyes to thee.
 hear, the lan - guage all may un - der - stand when love speaks loud and clear;
 save; so shall we rise with him to life which soars be yond the grave;



Fill it with love and joy and pow'r, with righ - teous - ness and
 Burn, wing - ed fire! In - spire our lips with flam - ing love and
 'til ev - 'ry age and race and clime shall blend their creeds in
 and Earth shall win true ho - li - ness, which makes thy chil - dren



peace; 'til Christ shall dwell in hu - man hearts, and sin and sor - row cease.
 zeal, to preach to all thy great good news, God's glo - rious com - mon - weal.
 one, and Earth shall form one fam - i - ly by whom thy will is done.
 whole; 'til, per - fect - ed by thee, we reach cre - a - tion's glo - rious goal!

[please be seated]

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION — Rev. Johan Dodge

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

With Joy for the gift of the Holy Spirit, let us pray for the well-being of the world and all in need.

We thank you for the wonder that erupted on the day of Pentecost, for the birth of the church, for the gifts of amazement and challenge, and for all the witnesses whose lives have been altered by your power alive in our world.

For the many creatures of the earth including humans whose visions differ, whose languages offer special insights, whose ways of service and compassion feed our own, we thank you.



For the earth itself, through whose majesty we see your love and in whose waters we remember the coming of the Holy Spirit, we thank you.

Make us grateful for the confounding experiences the Holy Spirit's presence creates in our lives, for the marvel of new visions, for the wisdom in prophetic words, and for the prayers of your great high priest.

Make us hungry to protect the health and nurturance of all people; let your fire burn in the leaders of the nations, in governors and mayors, on city councils and school boards; guard the lives of peacemakers, soldiers, philosophers, and artists. Pool the skills and passion of all your people for the sake of our delight and the nourishment of others.

Give comfort to all people who are refugees from war and famine, those who are lonely and frightened, ill, imprisoned, without home or without resources, and those who face death today.

We pray especially for those we name now silently. **Amen.**

[please stand as you are able]

HYMN: "I'm Gonna Sing When the Spirit Says Sing"

I'm gon - na sing
pray
clap when the Spir - it says
move
shout

sing,
pray,
clap,
move,
shout,

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I'm gon - na sing
pray
clap when the Spit - it says
move
shout

sing,
pray,
clap,
move,
shout,

7

I'm gon - na sing
pray
clap when the Spir - it says
move
shout

sing,
pray,
clap, and re -
move,
shout,

10

joice in the Spir - it of the Lord.

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION — Phyllis Spencer

Holy Wisdom, you are the pillar of fire that leads us into each new moment of our lives. By the power of your Holy Spirit, settle now into our hearts and illumine your will. Amen. **Amen.**

SCRIPTURE — Phyllis Spencer

Psalm 104:24-34, 35b

- ²⁴ O Lord, how manifold are your works!
In wisdom you have made them all;
the earth is full of your creatures.
- ²⁵ There is the sea, great and wide;
creeping things innumerable are there,
living things both small and great.
- ²⁶ There go the ships
and Leviathan that you formed to sport in it.
- ²⁷ These all look to you
to give them their food in due season;
²⁸ when you give to them, they gather it up;
when you open your hand, they are filled with good things.
- ²⁹ When you hide your face, they are dismayed;
when you take away their breath, they die
and return to their dust.
- ³⁰ When you send forth your spirit, they are created,
and you renew the face of the ground.
- ³¹ May the glory of the Lord endure forever;
may the Lord rejoice in his works—
- ³² who looks on the earth and it trembles,
who touches the mountains and they smoke.
- ³³ I will sing to the Lord as long as I live;
I will sing praise to my God while I have being.
- ³⁴ May my meditation be pleasing to him,
for I rejoice in the Lord.
- ^{35b} Bless the Lord, O my soul.
Praise the Lord!

Pentecost



Acts of the Apostles 2:1-21

The Coming of the Holy Spirit

^{2:1} When the day of Pentecost had come, they were all together in one place. ² And suddenly from heaven there came a sound like the rush of a violent wind, and it filled the entire house where they were sitting. ³ Divided tongues, as of fire, appeared among them, and a tongue rested on each of them. ⁴ All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other languages, as the Spirit gave them ability.

⁵ Now there were devout Jews from every people under heaven living in Jerusalem. ⁶ And at this sound the crowd gathered and was bewildered, because each one heard them speaking in the native language of each. ⁷ Amazed and astonished, they asked, "Are not all these who are speaking Galileans?" ⁸ And how is it that we hear, each of us, in our own native language? ⁹ Parthians, Medes, Elamites, and residents of Mesopotamia, Judea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, ¹⁰ Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya belonging to Cyrene, and visitors from Rome, both Jews and proselytes, ¹¹ Cretans and Arabs—in our own languages we hear them speaking about God's deeds of power." ¹² All were amazed and perplexed, saying to one another, "What does this mean?" ¹³ But others sneered and said, "They are filled with new wine."

Peter Addresses the Crowd

¹⁴ But Peter, standing with the eleven, raised his voice and addressed them, "Fellow Jews^[a] and all who live in Jerusalem, let this be known to you, and listen to what I say. ¹⁵ Indeed, these are not drunk, as you suppose, for it is only nine o'clock in the morning. ¹⁶ No, this is what was spoken through the prophet Joel:

¹⁷ 'In the last days it will be, God declares,
that I will pour out my Spirit upon all flesh,
and your sons and your daughters shall prophesy,
and your young men shall see visions,
and your old men shall dream dreams.

¹⁸ Even upon my slaves, both men and women,
in those days I will pour out my Spirit,
and they shall prophesy.

¹⁹ And I will show portents in the heaven above
and signs on the earth below,
blood, and fire, and smoky mist.

²⁰ The sun shall be turned to darkness
and the moon to blood,

before the coming of the Lord's great and glorious day.

²¹ Then everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved.'



MESSAGE: "Partners in the Flame" — Rev. Johan Dodge

QUESTIONS FOR REFLECTION — Rev. Johan Dodge

What gift of yours, of your family, and of your community has the Holy Spirit especially nurtured in recent times? How might that gift be expressed and used in a new way in the coming season?

REFLECTION: “Change My Heart, Oh God” — Hannah Yi, *pianist*

INVITATION TO THE OFFERING — Phyllis Spencer

Because God first loved us, we are made to love one another. For the sake of creation, offer yourselves, your time, and your possessions as signs of love. **Amen.**

[Ushers, please come forward]

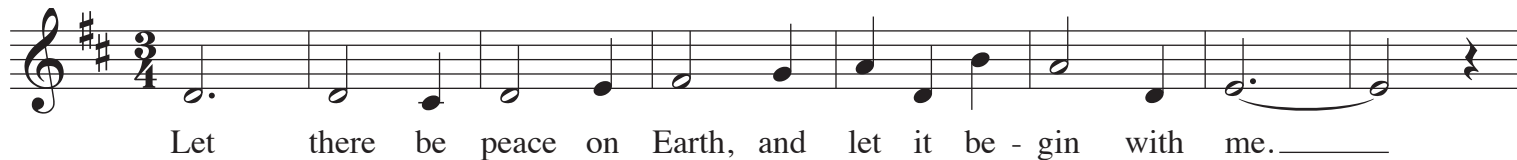
OFFERTORY: “Christ, Be Our Light” — David Albulario, *tenor*

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING — Phyllis Spencer

Make us thankful every day, O God, for the gifts that alight upon us from your bounty. Guide us to use these offerings to your glory for the health of your people and creation. Amen.

[please stand as you are able]

HYMN: “Let There Be Peace on Earth”



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

Now may the Advocate, the Holy Spirit, guide you in the ways of God and fill you with the peace that only Christ can give. **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.* Jennifer Rudy, *Soprano*
 Hannah Yi, *Pianist* John Fluker, *Pianist*
 Jim Orr, *Technology*

Doxology (*Old Hundredth LM*)
Music by Louis Bourgeois, 1551
Words by Thomas Ken, 1674

"O Spirit of the Living God"
Tune: Traditional English *FOREST GREEN*
Arr. by Ralph Vaughan Williams; Words by
HENRY H. TWEEDY

"I'm Gonna Sing When the Spirit Says Sing"
Traditional African American Spiritual
Adapted by William Farley Smith

"Change My Heart, Oh God"
Music by Eddie Espinosa
Piano Arrangement by Mark Hayes

"Christ, Be Our Light"
Words & Music by BERNADETTE FARRELL

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

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PRAYER REQUESTS

- new** **Cindy Pierskalla** – Cindy asks for our prayers for her mom, Myrna Solaas, who had a fall, ad broke her hip. Prayers for speedy recovery and healing for Myrna.
- update** **Virginia 'Ginny' Olejnik** – Ginny spent a few days in the hospital for sodium deficiency. She is home now and recovering well. Prayers for general good health and healing.
- update** **Taylor White** – Taylor continues to recover at home, with the help of her daughter, Hilary, and a visiting nurse. No visitors for now, but she is deeply grateful for our prayers and love.

NOTES AND ANNOUNCEMENTS:

FLOWERS and **FELLOWSHIP**: Today's flowers are provided anonymously. Fellowship refreshments are provided by Phyllis Spencer. See the sign-up charts to provide refresh-ments or cover the cost of altar flowers for future services. Altar flowers are \$35. Sandy Walker coordinates arrangements.

COFFEE WITH PASTOR: Thursday, June 12th, join Pastor Johan for "Coffee with Pastor," a weekly time of fellowship & check-in over coffee. Questions? Want to discuss today's message? The weight of the world on your mind? Join us for a cup of coffee or tea with good company. Come & share your thoughts and a cup o' joe! As always, [ALL](#) are invited and welcome!

GERSHWIN CONCERT – FATHER'S DAY: Next Sunday, June 15th, at 3:30 PM, LWCC resident pianist, John Fluker, will direct & perform **The Music of the Gershwin Brothers – a Father's Day Concert!** with the vocal talents of LWCC resident soprano Jennifer Rudy, alto Lisa Margaroli, bass Sean Gabel, and narrated by our own Dave Albulario. Featuring Gershwin hits like "Embraceable You," "Fascinating Rhythm," "Someone to Watch Over Me," "S'Wonderful," "Summertime," and more. Tickets are \$15 seniors/students, \$20 general, and **free tickets** are available, by request, as always.

DOUBLE PIANO CONCERT: On Sunday, July 13th, LWCC resident pianist Hannah Yi, will perform a ***Double Piano Concert*** entitled "Key Conversations" with fellow pianist Susan Kim-Pedroza. The performance will feature music by Anderson and Roe, Gershwin, and more, played on **TWO PIANOS SIMULTANEOUSLY**: our legacy Yamaha piano and our newly-donated Baldwin piano – *courtesy of Will Mulcahy and the Mulcahy Family, in memory of their mother Judy Mulcahy.*

RECENT LWCC WORSHIP ATTENDANCE:

May 11th: 41 | May 18th: 35 | May 25th: 36 | June 1st: 35

The Music of the **GERSHWIN BROTHERS**

A Father's Day Concert of Music by
George & Ira Gershwin



Pianist/vocalist John Fluker, alto vocalist Lisa Margaroli, soprano vocalist Jennifer Rudy, & bass vocalist Sean Gabel.

Sunday, June 15, 2025 • 3:30 PM

Featuring Gershwin hits like "Embraceable You," "Fascinating Rhythm," "Someone to Watch Over Me," "S'Wonderful," "Summertime," and more, accompanied by their life stories beautifully written by Grace Zangwill. LEISURE WORLD COMMUNITY CHURCH, 14000 Church Pl, Seal Beach, CA 90740. Tickets at the door or by calling 562-431-2503.

\$15 for Seniors/Students

\$20 General

All-Are-Welcome Tickets: *FREE*

If you wish to attend, but are unable to pay for a ticket, ask for an "All-Are-Welcome Ticket," and it's yours for free. Those with means are invited to subsidize these tickets with your contribution.

Key Conversations



Susan Kim-Pedroza and Hannah Yi

July 13th | 3:30pm

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Featuring works by Anderson and Roe, Gershwin and More



SCAN TO BUY TICKETS

June 8, 2025



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

Gracious God, I thank you for the peace of sleep and for keeping me safe through the night. Let this new day be a time of praise and joy as I go out to meet you in my siblings. I pray this in Jesus name. Amen.

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

Household Prayer: Evening

Ever present and loving God, as night comes to this house, I thank you for the challenges and accomplishments of this day. Give my heart and mind the comfort now to rest in your care, trusting that whatever tomorrow brings, your hand will be ready to catch me if I fall. Amen.