

COMMUNITY CHURCH LEISURE WORLD

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Disciples in God's Love

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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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June 15, 2025
Trinity Sunday – Father's Day



Rev. Johan Dodge

In the Trinity

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

Loving, ever-present God, we honor this day the majesty and the mystery of your name. You are both infinite and intimate, known and beyond our individual knowing. In love you have made us and invite us to join your divine dance. May we find our step and may the dance go on. Amen.



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

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! — Lord — God Al - might - 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.]

Holy God, you call us into your triune nature. Your steadfast love surrounds us all our days. Wherever we may be — on a high mountain or a path in a shadowed valley, at a crossroads on our journey, outside the gates of welcome, or in some inner circle — you call us, delighting in your creation.

We come before you in thanksgiving for all the gifts you have given that delight us so: for the beauty of this season; for the lives of those who bless us beyond their knowing; for this community of faith by which we are nurtured and challenged; for the opportunities to serve you by serving others; for goals accomplished; and for the gift of life granted yet again today.

We come before you humble, hopeful, and in need: for those we know who are suffering today because of the acts of empire around us; for those grieving a loss, an ending, a dream deferred. We pray for strength and healing in the broken places of our community. We long for the power and presence that only comes when we align our lives with your way of love.

We pray for those whose livelihood is precarious, for those who live at the edge of poverty's precipice, and for those who live in temporary shelter and tenuous provision. In the public square and in the privacy of our conscience, help us find the will and the way to bring about your preferred kin-dom.

We come before you earnestly and urgently for this world in turmoil: for the chaos loose on the streets; those who are hiding in fear and those who are emboldened in their hate. Root out of our hearts the seeds of bigotry and narrow-mindedness. Stir us from apathy, increase our empathy that we may be your love in the world.

Holy God, we have done so much to disrupt, and even destroy what you have created and called good. Still, you are determined to delight in us and challenge us to join in your care for creation. So, make us delight-full. Help us delight in your creation by playing and serving in ways that please you. Help us delight in neighbors far and nearby, living and playing in ways that restore true communion. Make us delight in our days as we serve with you to usher in your coming kin-dom of joy. In Jesus, who taught us the way.

Amen.

[please stand as you are able]

HYMN: "Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise"

Im - mor - tal, in - vis - i - ble, God on - ly wise,
Un - rest - ing, un - hast - ing, and si - lent as light,
To all, life thou giv - est, to both great and small;
Thou art love and glo - ry; Thou dwell - est in light;

in light in - ac - ces - si - ble hid from our eyes,
nor want - ing, nor wast - ing, e - ter - nal - ly bright;
in all life thou liv - est, the true life of all;
thine an - gels a - dore thee, all veil - ing their sight;

most bless - ed, most glo - rious, the An - cient of Days
thy jus - tice like moun - tains high soar - ing a - bove
we blos - som and flour - ish as leaves on the tree,
all laud we would ren - der: O help us to see

al - might - y, vic - to - rious, thy great name we praise.
thy clouds which are foun - tains of good - ness and love.
and with - er and per - ish, but naught chang - eth thee.
'tis on - ly the splen - dor of light hid - eth thee.

In the  Trinity

[please be seated]

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION — Jeanette Williams

Living Word, you still have many things to say to us. Speak, and we will try to bear them. By your word, may the Holy Spirit guide us into your truth, that our lives may reflect your love for your creation. **Amen.**

SCRIPTURE — Jeanette Williams

Proverbs 8:1-4, 22-31

^{8:1}Does not wisdom call and understanding raise her voice? ²On the heights, beside the way, at the crossroads she takes her stand; ³beside the gates in front of the town, at the entrance of the portals she cries out: ⁴“To you, O people, I call, and my cry is to all who live.

²²“The Lord created me at the beginning of his work, the first of his acts of long ago. ²³Ages ago I was set up, at the first, before the beginning of the earth. ²⁴When there were no depths I was brought forth, when there were no springs abounding with water. ²⁵Before the mountains had been shaped, before the hills, I was brought forth, ²⁶when he had not yet made earth and fields or the world’s first bits of soil. ²⁷When he established the heavens, I was there; when he drew a circle on the face of the deep, ²⁸when he made firm the skies above, when he established the fountains of the deep, ²⁹when he assigned to the sea its limit, so that the waters might not transgress his command, when he marked out the foundations of the earth, ³⁰then I was beside him, like a master worker, and I was daily his delight, playing before him always, ³¹playing in his inhabited world and delighting in the human race.

John 16:12-15

¹²“I still have many things to say to you, but you cannot bear them now.

¹³When the Spirit of truth comes, he will guide you into all the truth, for he will not speak on his own but will speak whatever he hears, and he will declare to you the things that are to come. ¹⁴He will glorify me because he will take what is mine and declare it to you. ¹⁵All that the Father has is mine. For this reason I said that he will take what is mine and declare it to you.

MESSAGE: “In the Trinity” — Rev. Johan Dodge

QUESTIONS FOR REFLECTION — Rev. Johan Dodge

Have you ever considered yourself as a part of the trinity? How does the trinity empower you to act in the world? What might you do differently as a part of God in the trinity?

**REFLECTION: “A Father’s Love” — John Fluker, *pianist*
— *playing his own original composition***

INVITATION TO THE OFFERING — Jeanette Williams

Out of God's abundance we are God's creation and God's love in the world. Why then should we live as though we are threatened with scarcity? Let us return to God in thanksgiving a portion of what God has bestowed upon us. Amen.

[Ushers, please come forward]

OFFERTORY: "I Got Rhythm" — Jennifer Rudy, *soprano*

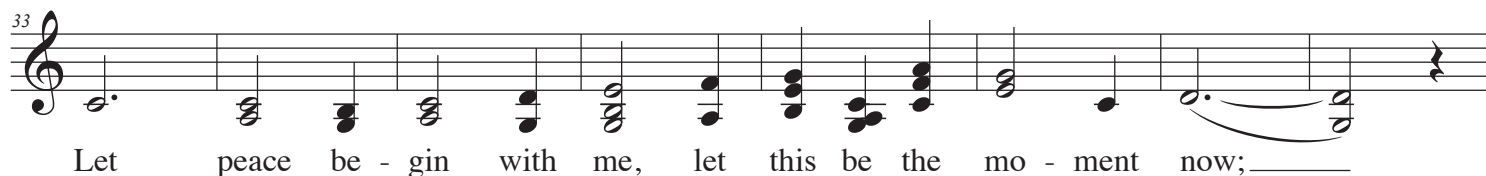
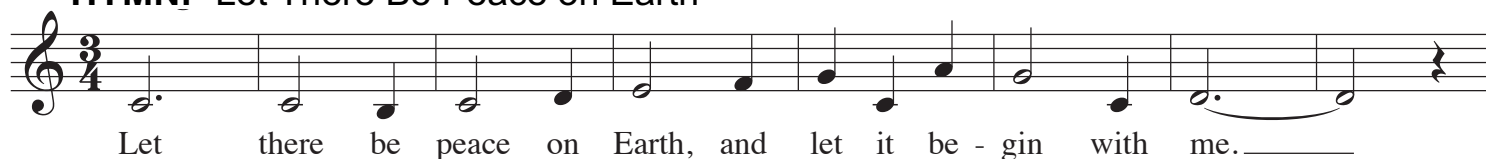


PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING — Jeanette Williams

Holy God, you have poured out so much for us — the beauty of the world, the care of family and friends, meaningful activity, and the gift of community. We give you thanks for these and many other gifts. Most especially we thank you for pouring your love into our hearts through the power and presence of the Holy Spirit. Through these gifts we have brought today, may your love spill over in glad abundance that brings relief, renewal, and hope to those in need. In the way of Jesus we pray. 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, go out this day participating in the work of the triune God — by honoring mutuality, living in equality and justice, and celebrating the amazing diversity by which our community is enriched. And may the love of God fill your heart so that you may find hope in every circumstance of this life. May the Holy Spirit guide you in patient endurance, that you may stand firm in the love that comes from God, that others may see the love of God made known through you. **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.

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

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

"Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise"
Welsh melody from *Canaidau y Cyssegr*; adapt. by John Roberts; Words by Walter Chalmers Smith, based on 1 Tim. 1:17

"A Father's Love"
Music by John Fluker

"I Got Rhythm"
Music by George Gershwin;
Words by Ira Gershwin

"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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Music Team:	Jennifer Rudy, <i>Soprano</i> John Fluker, <i>Pianist</i>	Dave Albulario, <i>Tenor / Music Dir.</i> Hannah Yi, <i>Pianist</i> Jim Orr, <i>Technology</i>
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PRAYER REQUESTS

Our **LWCC Prayer Chapel** is a quiet place to pray that is always open. These two anonymous prayer requests were recently left in the chapel:

- Please pray for granddaughter, Abby.
- Prayers for Jeishyel, Della, and Mila.

Whenever 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:

FLOWERS and **FELLOWSHIP**: Today's Father's Day flowers & Fellowship refreshments are provided by the Fellowship Team. 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.

GERSHWIN CONCERT – FATHER'S DAY: TODAY! 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 talents of LWCC resident soprano Jennifer Rudy, alto Lisa Margaroli, bass Sean Gabel, and narrated by 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.

FOOD FOR THOSE IN NEED: If you're able to bring donations of cans or non-perishable food items this week, **We Care** will pick up our LWCC Food Donations this Wednesday, June 18th, as well as the third Wednesday of every month.

COFFEE WITH PASTOR: Thursday, June 19th, 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!

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 grand piano, and our newly-donated Baldwin grand piano – *courtesy of Will Mulcahy and the Mulcahy Family, in memory of their mother Judy Mulcahy.*

NEED A BIBLE?: Free Bibles on the small bookshelf in the narthex. Help yourself.

RECENT LWCC WORSHIP ATTENDANCE:

May 18th: 35 | May 25th: 36 | June 1st: 35 | June 8th: 32

Breathe in me, O Holy Spirit, that my thoughts may be holy.
Act in me, O Holy Spirit, that my work, too, may be holy.
Draw my heart, O Holy Spirit, that I love but what is holy.
Strengthen me, O Holy Spirit, to defend all that is holy.
Guard me, then, O Holy Spirit, that I always may be holy.
Amen.

Dear Members of Leisure World Community Church,

At “Coffee with Pastor” the other day, someone brought up the fear that we will all be eating gruel again soon, the way things are going in this country and I shared that we are indeed at a tipping point, but we have control over which tipping point we tip toward. One direction is led by the Holy Spirit toward a world of inclusion, love, and safety for all. The other direction gives more to those with the most and leaves us eating gruel. The time for dynamic action is now. This is the season of the Holy Spirit sent to bring transformation to the world through you and me.

To that end, our Pentecost Offering is being dedicated to the work of missions that we support around the world. As we look around on Sunday morning, we may feel insignificant, but we are part of a much larger church that is organized and active in mission both here in the United States and around the world. As U.S. government support for Ukraine decreases, we are stepping in to fill some of the gaps and create facilities for communities displaced by the war. In the Philippines, we are assisting communities suffering through major storms and the environmental impact of three oil-carrying ships that sank in the storms. Here in the United States, we have a director of FEMA who is quoted as saying “I didn’t know we had a hurricane season.” But we also have our own ministry that not only knows there is a hurricane season each year, we prepare for it collect resources so that health kits and hygiene kits can be distributed to communities where basic food, water, and sanitation systems have failed.

At Pentecost, we are given the opportunity to reflect again on the mystery of God’s continual care for us, to give thanks for the Spirit which sustains us, and to continue to look for the authentic signs of God’s presence in our midst. We believe that God is Love and that we are surrounded in God’s Love even as we are surrounded by God. This indwelling of the Holy Spirit empowers us to recreate the face of the earth in the image of God’s love. Our special offering this Pentecost season is in lieu of our Easter offering, and will go to support the many ways the Holy Spirit is working through us and the larger church to bring love and care to communities of people who are suffering. Pentecost often seems to be a time that slips by with ecstatic but brief fanfare. We are hoping to lean into the season of Pentecost this year as a time in which we turn our attention to the power and presence of the Holy Spirit in our lives.

Yours in Pentecost power,

The Leadership Team
Leisure World Community Church

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



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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

Creator God, I wake this morning to the beauty of the world as though it were the first morning of creation. As the light of the sun rises on all that you have made, I pray my spirit may rise also. Help me to be ready to greet you however and whomever you make yourself known to me today. Help me to pause in moments of this day to glimpse the beauty you have created, offered as gift and sign of your abiding presence. I entrust myself and those I love to you today, knowing that you abide in us even as we abide in you. Amen.

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

Household Prayer: Evening

O God, my Creator and Comforter, I rest in you. The evening falls and the darkness does not overcome me, for you are my light. You are the light of the world. I bring to you the passing cares of my life and those I love. Breathe peace on all that stirs in me and whirls around me. Breathe peace into every troubled place and person this night. Shine in us, in me, and through me. I know that come the morning, I will still be with you, Holy Three in One. Amen.