

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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July 13, 2025

5th Sunday After Pentecost



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 — Marylee Thomsen

Loving God, you call us to live out your justice and righteousness. Help us to walk in your footsteps, so that we may never lose your way. Enable us to live and love in the way you have taught us, so that we can act in love, even with those who we struggle with. In the name of Jesus, we pray. Amen.

HYMN: "Morning Has Broken"

1. Morn-ing has bro - ken like the first morn - ing; black-bird has
2. Sweet the rain's new fall sun - lit from Heav - en, — like the first
3. Mine is the sun - light! Mine is the morn - ing — born of the

spo - ken__ like the first bird.___ Praise for the sing - ing!__ Praise for the
dew - fall__ on the first grass.___ Praise for the sweet - ness__ of the wet
one light E - den saw play!__ Praise with e - la - tion,__ praise ev - 'ry

morn - ing!__ Praise for them, spring - ing__ fresh from the Word!__
gar - den,__ sprung in com - plete - ness__ where their feet pass.___
morn - ing,__ God's re - cre - a - tion__ of the new day!__

[please be seated]

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION — Rev. Johan Dodge

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

Loving God, we come to pray for your world and all that is in it.

God of justice, work your will through us. Free us to speak your word in a world that needs to be reminded of your love. Greed has overtaken the land and ego rides unchecked. Ambition has taken the place of the values you have called us to. Iniquity has taken hold, making the rich richer and the poor poorer. Give us your voice, that your church can serve as shepherd, guiding your people to your will for the world.

God of compassion, work your will through us. Free us to tend to those who are weak and needy. You have shown us your desire to care for those abandoned or rejected; for the sick, and those on the margins. Give us eyes to recognize them in our midst; people living with disease; people without legal status; people in abusive relationships; those who live in the shadows of fear and indifference' use us to bring your revolution of love into these places of despair.

God of all, work your will through us. Free us from asking “who is our neighbor?” Teach us again your way, that we might show compassion; anoint us and send us forth that we might bring your love to those in need. Carry us, and give us strength to carry others.

Heal your aching world, we pray and use us to work out your will. In the name of Love, Way, and Spirit. **Amen.**

[please stand as you are able]

HYMN: “Whatsoever Your Do”

Refrain

What - so - ev - er you do to the least of my

peo - ple, so you do un - to me.

Verses

1. When I was hun - gry, you gave me to eat; When I was
2. When I was wea - ry, you helped me to find rest; When I was

thirst - y, you gave me to drink. When I was a home - less, you
anx - ious, you calmed all to my fears. When in was a pri - son, you

o - pened your door; When I was a na - ked, you gave me your coat.
came to my cell; When on a sick - bed, you cared for my needs.

25

Now en - ter in - to the kin - dom of Hea - ven. *To Refrain*

31 **Verse 3**

3. When I was laughed at, you stood by my side;

35

When I was hap - py, you shared in my joy.

39

Now en - ter in - to the kin - dom of Hea - ven.

45 **Final Refrain**

What - so - ev - er you do to the least of my peo - ple,

50

so you do un - to me.

[please be seated]

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION — Marylee Thomsen

Holy God, this is the time when we quiet our hearts and our minds, to pay attention — to *really* pay attention — to what you have to say to us today. Fill us with your Word, and give us understanding of the heart through your Holy Spirit, that hearing your Word, we may live lives worthy of you and please you in every way. **Amen.**

SCRIPTURE — Marylee Thomsen

Colossians 1:1-14

¹Paul, an apostle of Christ Jesus by the will of God, and Timothy our brother, ²To the saints and faithful brothers and sisters in Christ in Colossae: Grace to you and peace from God our Father. ³In our prayers for you we always thank God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, ⁴for we have heard of your faith in Christ Jesus and of the love that you have for all the saints, ⁵because of the hope laid up for you in heaven. You have heard of this hope before in the word of the truth, the gospel ⁶that has come to you. Just as it is bearing fruit and growing in the whole world, so it has been bearing fruit among yourselves from the day you heard it and truly comprehended the grace of God. ⁷This you learned from Epaphras, our beloved fellow servant. He is a faithful minister of Christ on our behalf, ⁸and he has made known to us your love in the Spirit. ⁹For this reason, since the day we heard it, we have not ceased praying for you and asking that you may be filled with the knowledge of God's will in all spiritual wisdom and understanding, ¹⁰so that you may walk worthy of the Lord, fully pleasing to him, as you bear fruit in every good work and as you grow in the knowledge of God. ¹¹May you be made strong with all the strength that comes from his glorious power, so that you may have all endurance and patience, joyfully ¹²giving thanks to the God and Father, who has called you to share in the inheritance of the saints in the light. ¹³He has rescued us from the power of darkness and transferred us into the kingdom of his beloved Son, ¹⁴in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins.

Luke 10:25-37

²⁵An expert in the law stood up to test Jesus. "Teacher," he said, "what must I do to inherit eternal life?" ²⁶He said to him, "What is written in the law? What do you read there?" ²⁷He answered, "You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your strength and with all your mind and your neighbor as yourself." ²⁸And he said to him, "You have given the right answer; do this, and you will live." ²⁹But wanting to vindicate himself, he asked Jesus, "And who is my neighbor?" ³⁰Jesus replied, "A man was going down from Jerusalem to Jericho and fell into the hands of robbers, who stripped him, beat him, and took off, leaving him half dead. ³¹Now by chance a priest was going down that road, and when he saw him he passed by on the other side. ³²So likewise a Levite, when he came to the place and saw him, passed by on the other side. ³³But a Samaritan while

traveling came upon him, and when he saw him he was moved with compassion. ³⁴He went to him and bandaged his wounds, treating them with oil and wine. Then he put him on his own animal, brought him to an inn, and took care of him. ³⁵The next day he took out two denarii, gave them to the innkeeper, and said, 'Take care of him, and when I come back I will repay you whatever more you spend.' ³⁶Which of these three, do you think, was a neighbor to the man who fell into the hands of the robbers?" ³⁷He said, "The one who showed him mercy." Jesus said to him, "Go and do likewise."

MESSAGE: "Who Is My Neighbor?" — Rev. Johan Dodge

QUESTIONS FOR REFLECTION — Rev. Johan Dodge

Now knowing that we are neighbors to all of creation, how might you respond to your neighbors in new ways? What changes in your view of the world if we are all connected? Who else needs to hear this message of new neighborhood? And how might you share it with them?

REFLECTION: "In This Very Room" — John Fluker, *pianist*

INVITATION TO THE OFFERING — Marylee Thomsen

As children of God, we live in the love of God. We understand that everything we do and everything we have, comes from God, whose unconditional love lifts us up each day. Let us continue our thanksgiving with grateful hearts, by giving from what God has blessed us with. **Amen.**

[Ushers, please come forward]

OFFERTORY: "Won't You Be My Neighbor?" — Jennifer Rudy, *soprano*

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING — Marylee Thomsen

Thank you God: you are the ground of our being, our food, our water, our sun, everything we need to flourish. We offer these gifts to you, asking for your guidance, as we work each day to build your kingdom of love in this world of our making. **Amen.**

GOOD NEIGHBORS
are a BLESSING

[please stand as you are able]

HYMN: “Let There Be Peace on Earth”

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

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

16



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

25 

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; _____

[illegible]

BLESSING — Rev. Johan Dodge

May God fill you with love, may Jesus send you out in love, and may the Holy Spirit continue to fill you with love as you pour out love upon the world around you. May you love your neighbor, may you do acts of justice, may you speak out, and may you defend those who are oppressed. Go and do! 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

"Morning Has Broken"
Traditional Gaelic *BUNESSAN*; Words by Eleanor Farjeon, based on Lam. 3:22-23;
Piano arr. by Yusuf Islam (*née Cat Stevens*)

"Whatsoever You Do"
Music by Willard F. Jabusch;
Words based on Matthew 25:35-40;
Arranged by David Albulario

"In This Very Room"
Words & Music by Ron & Carol Harris
Piano arrangement by John Fluker

"Won't You Be My Neighbor?"
Music and Words by Fred Rogers
Arranged by Johnny Costa

"Let There Be Peace on Earth"
Music & Words by Sy Miller & Jill Jackson
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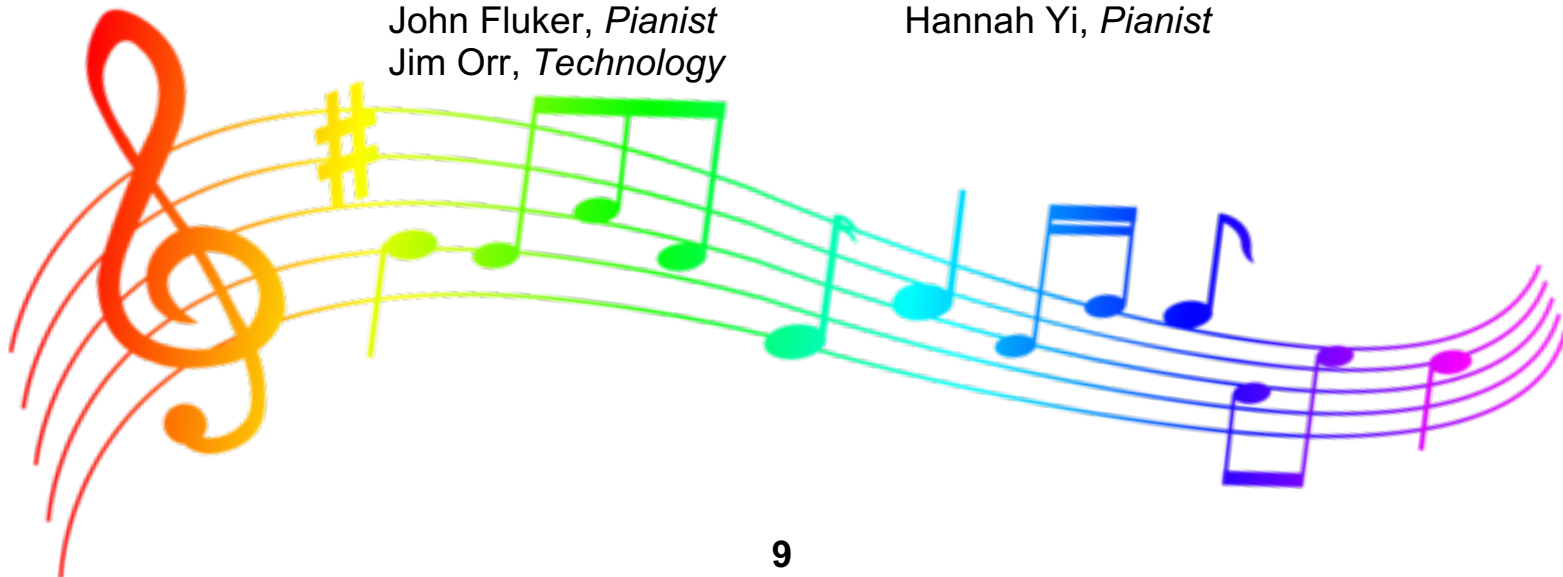
"Blest Be the Tie That Binds" (Dennis SM)
Music by Johann G. Nægeli, 1768-1836
Words by John Fawcett, 1740-1817
Arr. by Lowell Mason, 1792-1872

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John Fluker, *Pianist*
Jim Orr, *Technology*

Dave Albulario, *Tenor / Music Dir.*
Hannah Yi, *Pianist*



PRAYER REQUESTS

new Linda and Lewis Hildreth – Linda & Lewis have recently moved to Home at Cascade, a board & care facility in Huntington Beach. Tending to their overall well-being, they expect to be there for the next several weeks and hope to be back at Leisure World soon. Prayers for comfort in their new surroundings, and a robust return to strength and health.

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 flowers and Fellowship refreshments are provided by Lois & Jim Dimos. 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.

COFFEE WITH PASTOR: Regular "Coffee with Pastor" is **on hiatus** this week, while Pastor Johan is away with his family. We will resume weekly "Coffee with..." on Thursday, July 24th at 10 AM.

TWO PIANOS IN CONCERT: TODAY! Sunday, July 13th, at 3:30 pm, LWCC resident pianist **Hannah Yi**, will perform a **Concert for Two Pianos** entitled "**Key Conversations**" with fellow pianist **Susan Kim-Pedroza**. The performance will feature music by Anderson and Roe, Rachmaninoff, 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.*

DONATIONS of FOOD & OTHER ITEMS: Your donations of non-perishable food have provided much-needed relief for those in need. As **We Care** provides aid for people, they have mentioned that items like *shampoo, body wash, paper towels, and toilet paper* would also be a great help. The next **We Care** pickup will be Wednesday, July 16th. Our LWCC love continues to spread – **THANK YOU!**

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

RECENT LWCC WORSHIP ATTENDANCE:

June 15th: 31 | June 22nd: 34 | June 29th: 36 | July 6th: 30

PEACE LOVE HOPE JOY
KINDNESS FORGIVENESS
COMPASSION MUSIC

Key Conversations



Susan Kim-Pedroza

TODAY! and **Hannah Yi**

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Featuring works written for 2 Pianos and 4 Hands

By Anderson and Roe, Rachmaninoff, Gershwin and More



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Seal Beach at sunset

July 13, 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

Holy God, prepare my heart to listen to you today. Prepare my hands and feet to serve you today. Prepare my lips, that I might speak justice into your world today. Prepare my soul, that I can overcome fear and ego to do your will today. Prepare me to be your presence in the world today. Amen.

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

Household Prayer: Evening

O great source of love, you have called me to love you and your creation with all my heart, soul, mind, and strength, and to love my neighbors as I love myself. Where I have failed to love myself or to love those around me this day, forgive me. Grant me a good night's rest that as I recover in your love, I will be better prepared to go forth in your love tomorrow. Amen.