

COMMUNITY CHURCH LEISURE WORLD

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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 27, 2025

6th Sunday After Pentecost



Teach Us to Pray

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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

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kin-dom come, thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

HYMN: "Open My Eyes That I May See"

1. O - pen my eyes, that I may see glimps-es of truth thou
2. O - pen my ears, that I may hear voi - ces of truth thou
3. O - pen my mouth, and let me bear glad - ly the warm truth

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hast for me; Place in my hands the won-der-ful key
 send - est clear; And while the wave - notes fall on my ear,
 ev' - ry-where; O - pen my heart, and let me pre-pare

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that shall un - clasp and set me free;
 ev' - ry - thing false will dis - ap - pear; Si - lent - ly now I
 love with thy chil - dren, thus to share;

10

wait for thee, rea - dy, my God, thy will to see;

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O - pen my eyes, il - lu - mine me, Spi - rit di - vine! —

[please be seated]

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION — Rev. Johan Dodge

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

God knows us better than we know ourselves. Relying on the Spirit, let us pray for the needs of the world. God of Love, hear our prayers.

For your whole, nursing, hating world:
 Lead us in the ways of peace, especially in places where tyrants reign and
 people eat the bread of conflict every day.

For your church, whose body is strong in some places and frail in others:
Nourish your church in the world, Loving God, that those who are flourishing
might proclaim your word with power, and those who are weak might be
strengthened to do your word.

For your earth, that suffers at the hands of your own people:
Pour out your healing mercy upon this planet and prod us to be worthy
stewards of its beauty and its gifts, that in honoring the earth we may also
honor you.

For those who suffer because of disease or injury, the addicted, the abused,
the feeble, and the ill:
Sooth our suffering and heal our wounds. Protect us from evil and calm our
anxious hearts. Make us whole in you.

For those who are dying and the ones who care for them:
Receive them into your arms of mercy and welcome them into the company
of the saints in light.

For all whose burdens we carry in our hearts, and those known only to you:
Bestow your good gifts as you see fit, supplying every need by the power of
your Spirit. Accept all these prayers even as you teach us to pray through
Jesus our guide in The Way. **Amen.**

[please stand as you are able]

HYMN: "What a Friend We Have in Jesus"

The musical score is written for a four-part choir (Soprano, Alto, Tenor, Bass) in 4/4 time, with a key signature of one flat (B-flat). The melody is primarily in the Soprano and Alto parts, with the Tenor and Bass parts providing harmonic support. The lyrics are written below the vocal lines.

What a friend we have in Je - sus, all our sins and griefs to bear!
Have we tri - als and temp - ta - tions? Is there trou - ble an - y - where?
Are we weak and heav - y lad - en, cum - bered with a load of care?

What a priv - i - lege to car - ry ev - 'ry - thing to God in prayer!
We should nev - er be dis - cour - aged — take it to our God in prayer.
Pre - cious Je - sus, still our ref - uge — take it to our God in prayer.

Oh, what peace we of - ten for - feit, oh, what need - less pain we bear,
 Can we find a friend so faith - ful who will all our sor - rows share?
 Do your friends de - spise, for - sake you? Take it to our God in prayer.

all be - cause we do not car - ry ev - 'ry - thing to God in prayer!
 Je - sus knows our ev - 'ry weak - ness — take it to our God in prayer.
 In his arms he'll take and shield you; you will find a sol - ace there.

[please be seated]

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION — Jeanette Williams

God of Wisdom, you have given us the gift of your Holy Spirit. Overwhelm us with your love this day that through your Word we may know you more fully, love you more passionately, and follow you more closely; in Jesus' name we pray. **Amen.**

SCRIPTURE — Jeanette Williams

Luke 11:1-13

¹ He was praying in a certain place, and after he had finished, one of his disciples said to him, "Lord, teach us to pray, as John taught his disciples." ² So he said to them, "When you pray, say:
 Father, may your name be revered as holy. May your kingdom come. ³ Give us each day our daily bread. ⁴ And forgive us our sins, for we ourselves forgive everyone indebted to us. And do not bring us to the time of trial." ⁵ And he said to them, "Suppose one of you has a friend, and you go to him at midnight and say to him, 'Friend, lend me three loaves of bread, ⁶ for a friend of mine has arrived, and I have nothing to set before him.' ⁷ And he answers from within, 'Do not bother me; the door has already been locked, and my children are with me in bed; I cannot get up and give you anything.' ⁸ I tell you, even though he will not get up and give him anything out of friendship, at least because of his persistence he will get up and give him whatever he needs. ⁹ "So I say to you, Ask, and it will be given to you; search, and you will find; knock, and the door will be opened for you. ¹⁰ For everyone who asks receives, and everyone who searches finds, and for everyone who knocks, the door will be opened. ¹¹ Is there anyone among you who, if your child asked for a fish, would give a snake instead of a fish? ¹² Or if the child asked for an egg, would give a scorpion? ¹³ If you, then, who are evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will the heavenly Father give the Holy Spirit to those who ask him!"

MESSAGE: “Teach Us to Pray” — Rev. Johan Dodge

QUESTION FOR REFLECTION — Rev. Johan Dodge

What does it mean to pray without ceasing?

REFLECTION: “The Lord’s Prayer” — John Fluker, *pianist*

INVITATION TO THE OFFERING — Jeanette Williams

We have been invited by Jesus to follow his way of living in this world. We answer the invitation to take part in the work of God in the world, bringing our lives and the gifts of our labour to share our lives and our love with one another. Let us then return to God a portion of all that we have been blessed with this day. **Amen.**

[Ushers, please come forward]

OFFERTORY: “Seek Ye First” with “Canon in D” — Jennifer Rudy, *soprano*

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING — Jeanette Williams

Loving God, you are the giver of every good gift. Accept in return these gifts, that through them we may do justice, and love kindness, and walk humbly with you. 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. _____

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Let peace be - gin with me, let this be the mo - ment now;_____

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With ev - 'ry step I take, let this be my sol - emn vow:_____ To

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

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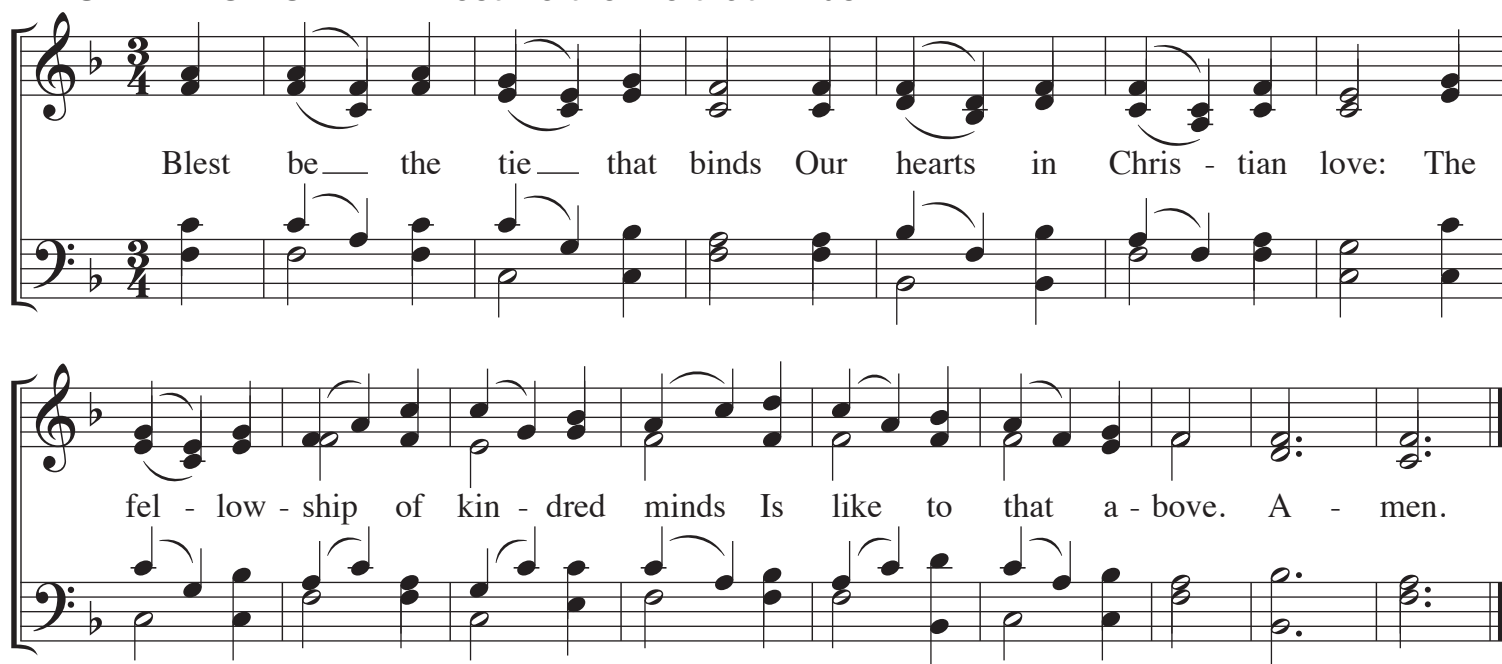


Let there be peace on Earth, and let it be - gin with me._____

BLESSING — Rev. Johan Dodge

May the way of Jesus embolden you, the love of God surround you, and the Holy Spirit support you as you go forth to build the kin-dom of God. **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 Rudy, <i>Soprano</i> John Fluker, <i>Pianist</i> Jim Orr, <i>Technology</i>	Dave Albulario, <i>Tenor / Music Dir.</i> Hannah Yi, <i>Pianist</i>
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Doxology (*Old Hundredth LM*)
Music by Louis Bourgeois, 1551
Words by Thomas Ken, 1674

"Open My Eyes, That I May See"
Music and Words by Clara H. Scott
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"What a Friend We Have in Jesus"
Music by Charles C. Converse; Words by
Joseph M. Scriven; Public Domain

"The Lord's Prayer"
Music by Albert Hay Malotte
Piano Arrangement by John Fluker

"Seek Ye First" with "Canon in D"
"Seek Ye First" Music by Karen Lafferty;
"Canon in D" music by Johann Pachelbel;
Arr. by Douglas. E. Wagner

"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

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 are Mo Ashley. Fellowship refreshments are provided by Carmen Edwards. 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: Our regular weekly "Coffee with Pastor" sessions resume this Thursday, July 31st at 10 AM. Enjoy some low-key time with Pastor Johan and members of our church community. Chat about today's sermon, have some casual conversation, talk about how we might bring more love into the world, even find some relief and take a breath from the daily grind. Come share coffee, tea, and time with friends.

"WE CARE" DONATIONS: Your donations have provided much-needed relief for people in need. Looking for ideas of what to donate? **We Care** has mentioned that canned chicken, beef stew, pasta sauce, and cooking oil are much appreciated, as well as *shampoo, body wash, paper towels, and toilet paper*. The next **We Care** pickup will be Wednesday, August 20th. **THANK YOU** for sharing the **LOVE!** 💕

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

RECENT LWCC WORSHIP ATTENDANCE:

June 29th: 36 | July 6th: 30 | July 13th: 36 | July 20th: 36

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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

Thank you, God of light, for waking me up this morning. May I live wholly for you this day, that whatever I say and do might help to bring your kin-dom to fruition.

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

Household Prayer: Evening

Thank you loving God, for the gift of this day, both the challenges and the blessings I have encountered; and the burdens and the delights. Forgive my failures and misdeeds and refine my heart, that I may greet the new day to live more faithfully for you. Amen.