



COMMUNITY CHURCH

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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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August 24, 2025
11th Sunday After Pentecost

What Remains



Rev. Johan Dodge

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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: "The Prayer of Jesus" — Marylee Thomsen

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: "Hymn of Promise"

In the bulb there is a flow - er; in the seed, an ap - ple tree; in co -
There's a song in ev - 'ry si - lence, seek - ing word and mel - o - dy; There's a
In our end is our be - gin - ning; in our time, in - fin - i - ty; In our
coons, a hid - den prom - ise: but - ter - flies will soon be free! In the
dawn in ev - 'ry dark - ness, bring - ing hope to you and me. From the
doubt there is be - liev - ing; in our life, e - ter - ni - ty, In our

cold and snow of win - ter there's a spring that waits to be, Un - re -
 past will come the fu - ture; what it holds, a mys - te - ry,
 death, a res - ur - rec - tion; at the last, a vic - to - ry,

vealed un - til its sea - son, some-thing God a - lone can see.

[please be seated]

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION — Rev. Johan Dodge

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

God of Wisdom, you work for vindication and justice for your creation, and you call us to work with you to fulfill that purpose. The God of Love hears our desire to serve and says, "I am here."

We pray for the church and for all who work to bring justice to the oppressed.

We pray for peace with justice among nations, religions, and people.

We pray for those suffering in places torn by war and natural disasters.

We pray for those who are bent over by oppression, especially women, immigrants, natives, people of color, and our LGBTQIA siblings.

We pray for those living with long-term illness who are longing for relief.

God of healing love, through Jesus you have come to us and shown us the way of renewal and restoration. Empower us now that we may do your work in the world and bring your Kin-dom into hand. **Amen.**

[please stand as you are able]

HYMN: "This Little Light of Mine"

This lit - tle light of mine, ___
Ev - 'ry - where I go, ___
Je - sus gave it to me, ___

I'm gon - na let it shine, ___

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This lit - tle light of mine, ___
Ev - 'ry - where I go, ___
Je - sus gave it to me, ___

I'm gon - na let it shine; ___

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This lit - tle light of mine, ___
Ev - 'ry - where I go, ___
Je - sus gave it to me, ___

I'm gon - na let it shine, ___

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Let it shine, ___ let it shine, ___ let it shine. ___

[please be seated]

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION — Marylee Thomsen

Ever-present God, you walk with us as you have the generations before us. By your word give us wisdom, by your Spirit, grant us restoration, and set us free to serve you in love. We ask this in the name of the one who has shown us your way — Jesus the Christ. **Amen.**

SCRIPTURE — Marylee Thomsen

Luke 13:10-17

¹⁰ Now he was teaching in one of the synagogues on the Sabbath. ¹¹ And just then there appeared a woman with a spirit that had crippled her for eighteen years. She was bent over and was quite unable to stand up straight. ¹² When Jesus saw her, he called her over and said, “Woman, you are set free from your ailment.” ¹³ When he laid his hands on her, immediately she stood up straight and began praising God. ¹⁴ But the leader of the synagogue, indignant because Jesus had cured on the Sabbath, kept saying to the crowd, “There are six days on which work ought to be done; come on those days and be cured and not on the Sabbath day.” ¹⁵ But the Lord answered him and said, “You hypocrites! Does not each of you on the Sabbath untie his ox or his donkey from the manger and lead it to water? ¹⁶ And ought not this woman, a daughter of Abraham whom Satan bound for eighteen long years, be set free from this bondage on the Sabbath day?” ¹⁷ When he said this, all his opponents were put to shame, and the entire crowd was rejoicing at all the wonderful things being done by him.

MESSAGE: “What Remains” — Rev. Johan Dodge

QUESTIONS FOR REFLECTION — Rev. Johan Dodge

Jesus healing the woman who is bent over on the Sabbath reveals the deeper truth of the way of Jesus; the way of Jesus is not the way of the temple. The way of Jesus is not the way of the Law of the ten commandments. Jesus elsewhere sums up the commandments into two — Love God with all your heart, soul, mind, and strength, and love your neighbor as yourself. Given that these are the commandments that remain — and that they shift the conversation from what we ought not to do to what we ought to do; What do you feel God is calling you to do now? How do you know it is God who is speaking?

REFLECTION: “Because He Lives” — John Flucker, *pianist*

INVITATION TO THE OFFERING — Marylee Thomsen

Mindful of the generosity of God and the awareness that all we have has been given, let us respond with the offerings of our lives and labor. **Amen.**

[Ushers, please come forward]

OFFERTORY: “Here I Am, Lord” — Jennifer Rudy, *soprano*

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING — Marylee Thomsen

Lord of the Sabbath, we rejoice in offering you these gifts, that our lives may show forth the wondrous healing of your love in the world. 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._____

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

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

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

May the love of God sustain you;
May the peace of God protect you;
May the hope of God enlighten you
This day and forevermore. **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, *Soprano*
John Fluker, *Pianist*
Jim Orr, *Technology*

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

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

“Hymn of Promise”
Words and Music by Natalie Sleeth
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“This Little Light of Mine”
African American Spiritual
Harmony by Horace Clarence Boyer

“Because He Lives”
Music by Bill Gaither
Piano arrangement by John Fluker

“Here I Am, Lord”
Music & Words by Dan Schutte, Arranged by
Craig Courtney, Words based on Isaiah 6

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

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PRAYER REQUESTS

update Taylor White – Taylor continues her recovery at Alamitos Belmont Rehabilitation Hospital, Room 406, 3901 E 4th St, Long Beach 90814. Prayers for pain relief, and steady progress and healing. Please contact Taylor’s daughter Hilary to arrange a visit: 562-225-7401.

NOTES AND ANNOUNCEMENTS:

FLOWERS and **FELLOWSHIP**: Today's flowers are provided by Lorna Lass. Fellowship refreshments are provided by Phyllis Spencer. See the sign-up charts to provide refreshments or cover the cost of altar flowers for future services. Altar flowers are \$35. Please check with Phyllis, Jeanette, or Virginia to coordinate arrangements.

COFFEE WITH PASTOR: Thursday, August 28th, 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!

VISITING PASTOR LISA: While Pastor Johan is away for Reading Week, we welcome Pastor Lisa Williams who will lead us in Worship on Sunday, September 7, 2025 at our regular service.

LW KOREAN COMMUNITY CHURCH: Our wonderful friends at LW Korean Community Church invite us all to join their annual barbecue picnic at Clubhouse 1 on Sunday, September 7, 2025, at 11:30 AM, immediately following our regular Sunday Worship.

BLESSING OF THE ANIMALS: Our Sunday Worship on October 5, 2025, will take place **outside** on the front patio of the church. Observing the Feast of St. Francis of Assisi, who had a deep love and respect for animals, the service will include a ceremony for "The Blessing of the Animals." **ALL Leisure World residents are invited to bring their well-behaved pets for a blessing.** We ask that dogs be leashed according to LW rules. Please use good judgment regarding the use of kennels and cages. You are responsible for the behavior of your pets.

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

RECENT LWCC WORSHIP ATTENDANCE:

July 27th: 32 | August 3rd: 32 | August 10th: 37 | August 17th: 40



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Notes from the Service

My Prayers this week:

Prayer Journal

Use this prayer in your time with God each day.

Household Prayer: Morning

God of life and love, I come to this new day refreshed and/or exhausted. Sleep often isn't what it was these days and yet because I walk with you, I have hope for this day. May your Spirit guide me to see your presence in the faces of those around me and even in the face of creation itself. Amen.

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

Household Prayer: Evening

Loving God, you have walked through this day with me and you have brought me to this night for rest and rejuvenation. Abide with me in the night that I may rise refreshed in the new day and ready to be in search to your way of love, the way of Jesus. Amen.