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Sunday Service: 9:50 AM
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October 5, 2025

Season of Creation – 6th Sunday

All the Small Things

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 Creation Collect of the Day*” — Marylee Thomsen

All-loving God, you have so linked our lives one with another that all we do affects, for good or ill, all other lives: So guide us in our labor and leisure that it may be for the common good of all Creation; and, as we seek the proper share for all, make us supportive of the rightful needs of all creatures who live and love on this earth; through Jesus the Wisdom of Creation, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

HYMN: “Great Is Thy Faithfulness”

Great is Thy faith - ful - ness, O God, Cre - a - tor;
Sum - mer and win - ter, and spring - time and har - vest,
Par - don for sin and a peace that en - dur - eth,
there is no shad - ow of turn - ing with Thee.
sun, moon, and stars in their cours - es a - bove
Thine own dear pres - ence to cheer and to guide,

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Thou chang - est not; Thy com - pas - sions they fail not.
 join with all na - ture in man - i - fold wit - ness
 strength for to - day and bright hope for to - mor - row:

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As Thou hast been Thou for - ev - er wilt be.
 to Thy great faith - ful - ness, mer - cy, and love.
 bless - ings all mine, with ten thou - sand be - side!

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Great is Thy faith - ful - ness! Great is Thy faith - ful - ness! Morn - ing by

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morn - ing, new mer - cies I see. All I have need - ed Thy

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hand hath pro - vid - ed. Great is Thy faith - ful - ness,

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1, 2. Lord un - to me! Final Lord un - to me!

[please be seated]

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION — Rev. Johan Dodge

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

In the beginning, the Spirit of God hovered over the waters.
The water that God called into being is at the heart of all that lives. Mindful of the many ways water affects our lives, let us pray for our waters and for the life of the world around us.

I ask your prayers for all people of faith, and for the transformations in their lives that are marked by the sacredness of water: at the Red Sea, in the Jordan River, in ritual baths, in the washing of feet, and in Holy Baptism.

I ask your prayers for the leaders of nations, corporations, and communities around the world, that they may exercise wise stewardship over the waters of their lands, so that all people may have clean water to drink and may live free from waterborne diseases.

I ask your prayers for the wisdom to shape creative solutions to conflicts over water in the dry places of our planet, and for justice and peace in desert lands.

I ask your prayers for all the waters of the earth: for oceans and seas, for rivers and streams, for lakes and ponds, for watersheds, marshes, and swamps, for the waters beneath the ground; and for all creatures that live in the waters of the earth.

I ask your prayers for all who travel or work at sea or on inland waterways.

I ask your prayers for all afflicted with too much water in flood or tsunami, storm or ice; and for those people and creatures who suffer as glaciers and ice floes melt and shrink.

I ask your prayers for all who have died and for all who mourn, that their tears of grief may be turned to wellsprings of joy.

[please stand as you are able]

HYMN: "What a Friend We Have in Jesus"

The musical score is written for a piano accompaniment. It features a treble and bass staff with a 4/4 time signature and a key signature of one sharp (F#). The melody is primarily in the treble staff, with the bass staff providing harmonic support. The lyrics are written below the notes.

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?



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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.

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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.

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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 — Marylee Thomsen

All-loving and everliving God, you are always more ready to give than we are to receive: Pour upon us your abundance of insight that through the Holy Spirit. the Wisdom of Creation, we might hear through these words your insight for us this day. **Amen.**

SCRIPTURE — Marylee Thomsen

Luke 17:5-10

⁵ The apostles said to the Lord, "Increase our faith!" ⁶ The Lord replied, "If you had faith the size of a mustard seed, you could say to this mulberry tree, 'Be uprooted and planted in the sea,' and it would obey you. ⁷ "Who among you would say to your slave who has just come in from plowing or tending sheep in the field, 'Come here at once and take your place at the table'? ⁸ Would you not rather say to him, 'Prepare supper for me; put on your apron and serve me while I eat and drink; later you may eat and drink'? ⁹ Do you thank the slave for doing what was commanded? ¹⁰ So you also, when you have done all that you were ordered to do, say, 'We are worthless slaves; we have done only what we ought to have done!'"

MESSAGE: “All the Small Things” — Rev. Johan Dodge

QUESTIONS FOR REFLECTION — Rev. Johan Dodge

Small things, minor changes, can add up to make major changes. Where have you seen small changes turn into big results? Were they positive or negative results? What is a small thing you might change today?

REFLECTION: “Melodies by Lerner & Loewe” — John Fluker, *pianist*

INVITATION TO THE OFFERING — Marylee Thomsen

We thank you for the wealth of blessings from land and sea; for the power of wind, and the warmth of sun. We pray for the nations of the earth, give us the will to cherish this planet and to use our resources sustainably for the welfare of all. **Amen.**

[Ushers, please come forward]

OFFERTORY: “Canticle of the Sun” — Dave Albulario, *tenor*

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING — Marylee Thomsen

Loving God, we thank you for the beauty of the World: for the teeming life of the seas, the flight of birds, and the diversity of animal life. With these gifts and those still gifts still in our possession, may we treat Creation with respect and care; to protect endangered species, to preserve the variety of habitats, and to honor the delicate balance of nature. Amen.

HOLY COMMUNION | THE EUCHARIST

We offer both white and red grape juice. If you are afraid of spilling red grape juice, a limited number of cups with white grape juice are provided.

INVITATION TO COMMUNION — Rev. Johan Dodge

We gather round this table now as fellow creatures, at God’s calling flock, huddle, shoal or swarm ... Drawn together to receive identity: more than our communities, or even our churches, can be alone. Like the Earth, we do not own Christ’s table which feeds and sustains us like our common home, it is ‘ours’ only when we share. Yet here, we’re welcome: like those friends Christ first gathered. Welcome for justice, fulfillment and love. Welcome, with prophets, publicans with eco-warriors and dodgy characters with those you’d expect and those you’d rather weren’t here. Called to re-celebrate; to be a work of God repurposed as friends of Jesus refreshed by bread and wine through human hands, from Earth’s own self *on* whom, *and* whom, and as whom we feed.

God be with you and in you
Lift up your hearts
Give thanks to the Lord our God

And also with you
We lift them up to God
It is right to give our thanks and praise

Throughout all ages, as mountains dance and trees applaud the cries of birth are also loud for all to hear and tend. Your Sabbath and Jubilee insist: "Refreshment and rest for all Creation". But we made exceptions. Your People sought milk and honey, yet injustice laid lands waste. Your prophets: priests and farmers call us to account. Yet your loving signs of warning fall often by the wayside. And greed and pride insist on harmful choices knowingly embraced. Yet still comes Christ Jesus, friend of wildlife, beloved

of the poor scolding the seas teaching with trees, and God's wildness in Wind. When with Christ we shoulder the cross of healing; we shudder at the disaster of truth denied by power; and yet ... risen and present through food and faith Christ calls us afresh to care for a damaged world. And so, as God's people on earth and all the company of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

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Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly _____ God of pow - er shared, ____

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Sky and soil's a - bun - dant glo - ry. _____ Ho - san - na: We are one! ____

¹⁷
_____ Bless - ed is the one who serves in the name of love. ____

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_____ Ho - san - na: Heal Cre - a - tion! _____ Ho - san - na: Heal Cre - a - tion.

BLESSING OF BREAD & WINE:

God, Sustainer, gusting and fluttering life with the good things of the Earth: food and drink we *offer*; flesh and blood we *are*. As Jesus did, so do we: We break this bread [*bread is broken*]. We share this cup [*cup is raised*]. We trust that Jesus revealed your way of living in this world — a commonwealth of shared living as the body of Christ empowered by the Holy Spirit.

And now, in remembrance of your mighty acts in Jesus Christ, we offer ourselves in praise and thanksgiving as a holy and living sacrifice, in union with Christ's offering for us, as we proclaim the mystery of faith:



Pour out your Holy Spirit on us gathered here, and on these gifts of bread and fruit of the vine. Make them be for us the symbols of your love and desire for us to be your body knit together to build the new creation, your preferred future for us.

By your Spirit help the body of Christ be one. Help the left hand and the right hand work as one in ministry to all the world. Help the eyes and the ears sense your present and coming kin-dom. Bring the blessing of the diversity of the body to bear fruit until Christ comes in final victory and we feast at his heavenly banquet.

Through your Son Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit in your holy church, all honor and glory is yours, Almighty God, now and forever. **Amen.**

ST. FRANCIS' PRAYER FOR ALL CREATED THINGS:

God created us and placed us on the earth to be stewards of all living things, therefore let us proclaim the glory of our Creator, saying:

O God, how wonderful are the works of your hands.

Blessed are you, O Lord of the Universe; you create the animals and give us the ability to train them to help us in our work.

O God, how wonderful are the works of your hands.

Blessed are you, O Lord of the Universe; you give us food from animals to replenish our energies.

O God, how wonderful are the works of your hands.

Blessed are you, O Lord of the Universe; for the sake of our comfort you give us domestic animals as companions.

O God, how wonderful are the works of your hands.

Blessed are you, O Lord of the Universe; you care for us even as you care for the birds of the air.

O God, how wonderful are the works of your hands.

Blessed are you, O Lord of the Universe; you offered your Son to us as the passover lamb and in him willed that we should be called your children.

O God, how wonderful are the works of your hands.

***You are invited to come forward now to receive communion and
a blessing for you and your pet if you have brought one.***

Dog treats and cat treats are available

UNISON PRAYER:

**Eternal God, we give you thanks for this holy mystery in which you
have given yourself to us. Grant that we may go into the world in the
strength of your Spirit, to give ourselves for others, in the name of
Jesus Christ our Lord. 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;_____

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

BLESSING — Rev. Johan Dodge

Let us join with the Earth and each other—to bring new life to the land, to restore the waters, to refresh the air, to protect the animals, to treasure the trees, to gaze at the stars, to cherish the human community, to heal the Earth, to remember the children. Let us go forth to put our words into action. 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.

The image shows a musical score for the hymn "Blest Be the Tie that Binds". It is written for voice and piano. The score consists of two systems of staves. The first system has a vocal line (treble clef) and a piano accompaniment line (bass clef). The second system also has a vocal line and a piano accompaniment line. The lyrics are written below the vocal line. The music is in 3/4 time and the key signature has one flat (B-flat).

Music Team: Dave Albulario, *Tenor / Music Dir.*
John Fluker, *Pianist*

Jennifer Rudy, *Soprano*
Hannah Yi, *Pianist*

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

“Great Is Thy Faithfulness”
Music by Alexander William Marion Runyan;
Words by Thomas O. Chisholm

“Melodies by Lerner & Loewe”
“Brigadoon,” from *Brigadoon*, “Thank Heaven
For Little Girls,” from *Gigi*, and “If Ever I
Would Leave You” from *Camelot*. Music by
Frederick Loewe, Words by Alan Jay Lerner.

“What a Friend We Have in Jesus”
Music by Charles C. Converse;
Words by Joseph M. Scriven

“Canticle of the Sun”
Music by Marty Haugen; Words inspired by
Laudes Creaturarum by Francis of Assisi,
and Psalm 148

“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

*All music herein transcribed & adapted by
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PRAYER REQUESTS

Taylor White – Continued prayers of comfort for Taylor, who is at Harrison's Board & Care, 2932 Channing Way, Los Alamitos. Cards and visits are welcome. Text her daughter Hilary at 562-225-7401 to schedule visits. She loves her Prayer Shawl, and enjoys songs, readings for joy, and spiritual comfort.

Linda & Lewis Hildreth – Prayers for continued progress with medical treatments, and general good health and comfort.

Sandy Walker – Sandy is staying with her daughter for now, and hopes to return to her home soon, as well as to LWCC. Prayers for continuing progress on her road to recovery.

Joyce Reed – Prayers for wellness and comfort in her new home. She can be reached by phone at 562-252-2042. If you wish to send correspondence, please mail to *Joyce Reed, Clearwater Beaverton, 910 NW 185th Ave, #A407, Beaverton, OR 97006*

NOTES AND ANNOUNCEMENTS:

FLOWERS and **FELLOWSHIP**: Today's flowers are provided by Melinda Cowan. 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. Phyllis, Jeanette, & Virginia coordinate arrangements.

A COURSE IN MIRACLES: Our weekly discussion of "**A Course in Miracles**" will be on hiatus this week, and will resume on Tuesday, October 14th at 1:00 PM in the Music Room. More information on the book at www.acim.org.

COFFEE WITH PASTOR: Enjoy "Coffee with Pastor" Thursday, October 7th at 10 AM. Join Pastor Johan and other members of our congregation for a relaxed time to discuss any questions you may have, current events, or just to get something off your chest. Come share coffee & conversation.

BROADWAY'S LERNER & LOEWE: TODAY, October 5, 2025, at 3:30 PM, the LWCC Music Team presents "**Broadway's Lerner & Loewe**," a musical history of lyricist Alan Jay Lerner & composer Frederick Loewe. Led by John Fluker, and featuring Lisa Margaroli, Jennifer Rudy, Sean Gabel, & Dave Albulario, and songs from *My Fair Lady*, *Brigadoon*, *Camelot*, *Paint Your Wagon*, and *Gigi*! Broadway favorites include "I Could Have Danced All Night," "Almost Like Being in Love," "They Call the Wind 'Mariah'," "On the Street Where You Live," "Get Me to the Church on Time," and more, accompanied by their life stories written by Grace Zangwill. Tickets at the door or call the Church Office at 562-431-2503.

SAVE THE DATE: Jim & Lois Dimos will celebrate their 20th Wedding Anniversary with a renewal of their vows and a reception supper with **LIVE MUSIC** on Saturday, October 25, 2025, 4 – 6 pm at LWCC. *ALL are welcome!*

NEED A BIBLE or DEVOTIONAL?: Free Bibles on the small bookshelf in the narthex. Free Devotional Books outside the Library. *Help yourself!*

RECENT LWCC WORSHIP ATTENDANCE:

September 7th: 33 | September 14th: 31 | September 21st: 40 | September 28th: 35

BROADWAY'S LERNER & LOEWE

A Celebration of the Musical Theater Sensations

Alan Jay Lerner & **Frederick Loewe**
Lyricist *Composer*



*Pianist/vocalist John Fluker, alto vocalist Lisa Margaroli, soprano vocalist Jennifer Rudy,
bass vocalist Sean Gabel, & narrator Dave Albulario*

Sunday, October 5, 2025 • 3:30 PM

An afternoon of the music and history of Broadway lyricist Alan Jay Lerner and composer Frederick Loewe, including songs from *My Fair Lady*, *Brigadoon*, *Camelot*, *Paint Your Wagon*, and *Gigi*! Broadway favorites include "I Could Have Danced All Night," "Almost Like Being in Love," "They Call the Wind 'Mariah,'" "On the Street Where You Live," "Get Me to the Church On Time," 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.*

October 5, 2025



GROW
PRAY
STUDY

Notes from the Service

This image shows a blank sheet of white paper with horizontal ruling lines. The lines are evenly spaced and extend across the width of the page. There is no handwriting or other markings on the paper.

My Prayers this week:

Prayer Journal

Use this prayer in your time with God each day.

Household Prayer: Morning

The Lord's Prayer

O Birther! Father-Mother of the Cosmos,
you create all that moves in light.

O Thou! The Breathing Life of all, Creator of the Shimmering Sound
that touches us.

Respiration of all worlds, we hear You breathing
- in and out - in silence.

Source of Sound in the roar and the whisper, in the breeze and
the whirlwind, we hear Your Name.

Radiant One: You shine within us, outside us -
even darkness shines - when we remember.

Name of names, our small identity unravels in You.
You give it back as a lesson.

Wordless Action, Silent Potency - where ears and eyes awaken,
there heaven comes.

O Birther! Father-Mother of the Cosmos! Amen

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

Household Prayer: Evening

The Lord's Prayer

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 kin-dom, and the power,
and the glory, forever. Amen.