



COMMUNITY CHURCH

LEISURE
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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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Season of Creation – 7th Sunday

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 — Virginia Olejnik

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: "Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee"

Joy - ful, joy - ful, we a - dore thee, God of glo - ry, Lord of love;
All thy works with joy sur - round thee, Earth and Heav'n re - flect thy rays,
Thou art giv - ing and for - giv - ing, ev - er bless - ing, ev - er blest,
Mor - tals, join the might-y cho - rus which the morn - ing stars be - gan;

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hearts un - fold like flow'rs be - fore thee, ope - ning to the sun a - bove.
 stars and an - gels sing a - round thee, cen - ter of un - bro - ken praise.
 well - spring of the joy of liv - ing, o - cean depth of hap - py rest!
 love di - vine is reign - ing o'er us, bind - ing all with - in its span.

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Melt the clouds of sin and sad - ness; drive the dark of doubt a - way.
 Field and for - est, vale and moun - tain, flow - 'ry mead - ow, flash - ing sea,
 God, cre - a - tor, Christ our bro - ther, all who live in love are thine;
 Ev - er sing - ing, march we on - ward, vic - tors in the midst of strife;

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Giv - er of im - mor - tal glad - ness, fill us with the light of day!
 chant - ing bird and flow - ing foun - tain, call us to re - joice in thee.
 teach us how to love each oth - er, lift us to the joy di - vine.
 joy - ful mu - sic leads us sun - ward, in the tri - umph song of life.

[please be seated]

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION — Rev. Johan Dodge

Nothing in life or in death can separate us from the love of God.

We bless you, O God, for your watchful care: in places of excise and at home.

We bless you, O God, for your healing presence: in sickness and in brokenness.

We pray to you for the needs of the world: for those enslaved by political,
 military, or social oppression ...

For those suffering from violence and illness we can prevent ...

For those at risk from famine, drought, and natural disasters ...

God of Mercy and grace, we are meant to praise you and give you thanks.

Help us to live joyful lives that bring transformation.

We pray to you for the renewing of creation:

for an end to harmful habits and willful ruin ...

For heightened care for species at risk ...

For more faithful stewardship among us towards earth's resources ...

God of Mercy and grace, we are meant to praise you and give you thanks.

Help us to live joyful lives that bring transformation.

We pray to you for the prayers of our community:

for those who have lost jobs, homes, and hope ...

For those who are hungry today and will be again tomorrow ...

For those troubled in mind, body, or spirit, and for those recovering ...

God of Mercy and grace, we are meant to praise you and give you thanks.

Help us to live joyful lives that bring transformation.

We pray to you for the cares we hold this day:

For patience in difficulty ... For renewal of commitment ...

For grace to forgive ourselves or another ...

God of Mercy and grace, we are meant to praise you and give you thanks.

Help us to live joyful lives that bring transformation.

Heal us, we pray, in our dis-senses, estrangements, and in the broken places of our lives. May we return to you, to creation, and to community in joy and thanksgiving according to your grace.

God of Mercy and grace, we are meant to praise you and give you thanks.

Help us to live joyful lives that bring transformation.

Give this, your community, fresh courage and bold vision in this changeful time, as we pray for the welfare of all people. In the name of the one who came to restore and renovate, Jesus the Christ. **Amen.**

[please stand as you are able]

HYMN: "Now Thank We All Our God"

1. Now thank we all our God With heart and hands and voices,
2. O may this bounteous God Through all our life be near us,
3. All praise and thanks to God, Cre - a - tor now be giv - en,

Who won-drous things hath done, In whom this world re - joic - es;
With ev - er joy - ful hearts And bless-ed peace to cheer us;
The Son, and Spi-rit who dwells With them in high - est Heav - en,

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Who from our moth - er's arms, Hath blest us on our way
 And keep us in Your grace, And guide us when per - plexed,
 The one e - ter - nal God, Whom Earth and Heav'n a - dore;

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With count-less gifts of love, And still is ours to - day.
 And free us from all ills In this world and the next.
 For thus it was, is now, And shall be ev - er - more.

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[please be seated]

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION — Virginia Olejnik

These are your words, O God. Humble us to speak their weight. Strengthen us to hear their truth. Unbind us to live their call. Through the power of your Holy Spirit, for the sake of the way of Jesus, we pray. **Amen.**

SCRIPTURE — Virginia Olejnik

Luke 17:11-19

¹¹ On the way to Jerusalem Jesus was going through the region between Samaria and Galilee. ¹² As he entered a village, ten men with a skin disease approached him. Keeping their distance, ¹³ they called out, saying, "Jesus, Master, have mercy on us!" ¹⁴ When he saw them, he said to them, "Go and show yourselves to the priests." And as they went, they were made clean. ¹⁵ Then one of them, when he saw that he was healed, turned back, praising God with a loud voice. ¹⁶ He prostrated himself at Jesus's feet and thanked him. And he was a Samaritan. ¹⁷ Then Jesus asked, "Were not ten made clean? So where are the other nine?" ¹⁸ Did none of them return to give glory to God except this foreigner?" ¹⁹ Then he said to him, "Get up and go on your way; your faith has made you well."

MESSAGE: "We – Me" — Rev. Johan Dodge

QUESTIONS FOR REFLECTION — Rev. Johan Dodge

The Greek word for Eucharist means thanksgiving and is used in Luke 17:16 to describe the Samaritan's thankful response of faith to Jesus who had mercy on him. To live a eucharistic life then, is to live a life beyond oneself that is focused on giving thanks to God. The Eucharist is also the sharing of the bread and fruit of the vine that bind us together as the resurrected body of Christ. How are you living beyond yourself — glorifying and enjoying God in your daily life? What new habits or practices might cultivate in you a more eucharistic life?

REFLECTION: "I've Got Peace Like a River" — Hannah Yi, *pianist*

INVITATION TO THE OFFERING — Virginia Olejnik

Practicing gratitude can change our lives as individuals; it can change our life as a congregation. In the spirit of gratitude to God, our giving is not reduced to ethical duty but is elevated to delight and joy. As we offer to God these measured gifts, let us also offer unmeasured praise.

[Ushers, please come forward]

OFFERTORY: "Wind Beneath My Wings" — Jennifer Rudy, *soprano*

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING — Virginia Olejnik

Like the shepherds in Bethlehem's field, like the leper healed who returned to Jesus, like the Jews and Gentiles of the early church, we praise and glorify your name, O God. You have given us more than we could have imagined! For tidings of joy, for wholeness received, for the gift of belonging, we thank you. Make of us, as well as these gifts, offerings of good news to the people at the margins, may we be hope to the hopeless, and signs of your power to reconcile and redeem. We ask all these things in the name of Jesus who showed us The Way. Amen.

[please stand as you are able]

HYMN: "Let There Be Peace on Earth"

The image shows the first two staves of a hymn in 3/4 time. The first staff contains the melody for the first line of the hymn, and the second staff contains the melody for the second line. The lyrics are written below the notes.

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. _____

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

25 Let us walk with each oth - er in per - fect har - mo - ny.

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;

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

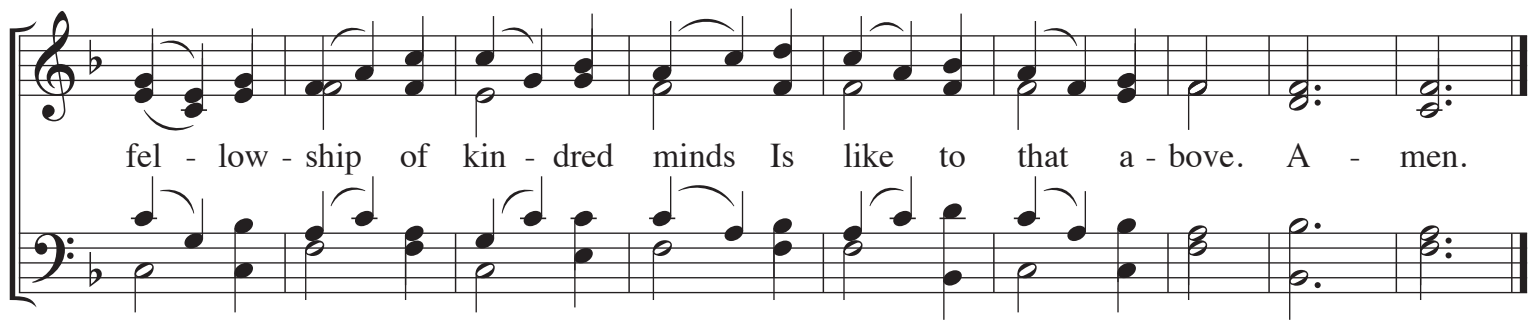
BLESSING — Rev. Johan Dodge

My siblings, practice your faith by practicing gratitude to God every day, and in all circumstances. Seek the welfare of those around you, yes even that one person who just gets on your every nerve and especially on your last one. And may God keep watch over us and all peoples; May Christ guide us in the way; and may the Holy Spirit abide with us through these moments of darkness.

Amen.

SENDING FORTH: "Blest Be the Tie that Binds"

Blest be the tie that binds Our hearts in Chris - tian love: The



Music Team: Jennifer Rudy, *Soprano*
Hannah Yi, *Pianist*

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

Doxology (*Old Hundred* LM)

Music by Louis Bourgeois, 1551
Words by Thomas Ken, 1674

"Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee"

Tune: "Ode to Joy" by Ludwig van Beethoven,
1824. Arr. by Edward Hodges, 1864. Words by
Henry Van Dyke, 1907

"Now Thank We All Our God"

Words by Martin Rinkart, tr. by Catherine
Winkworth, Traditional German *NUN DANKET*
ALLA GOTT

"I've Got Peace Like a River"

Traditional American Spiritual
Piano Arrangement by Mark Hayes

"Wind Beneath My Wings"

Music & Words by Jeff Silbar and
Larry Henley, 1982; Arr. by Vocal Chords
Sheet Music

"Let There Be Peace on Earth"

Music & Words by Sy Miller & Jill Jackson
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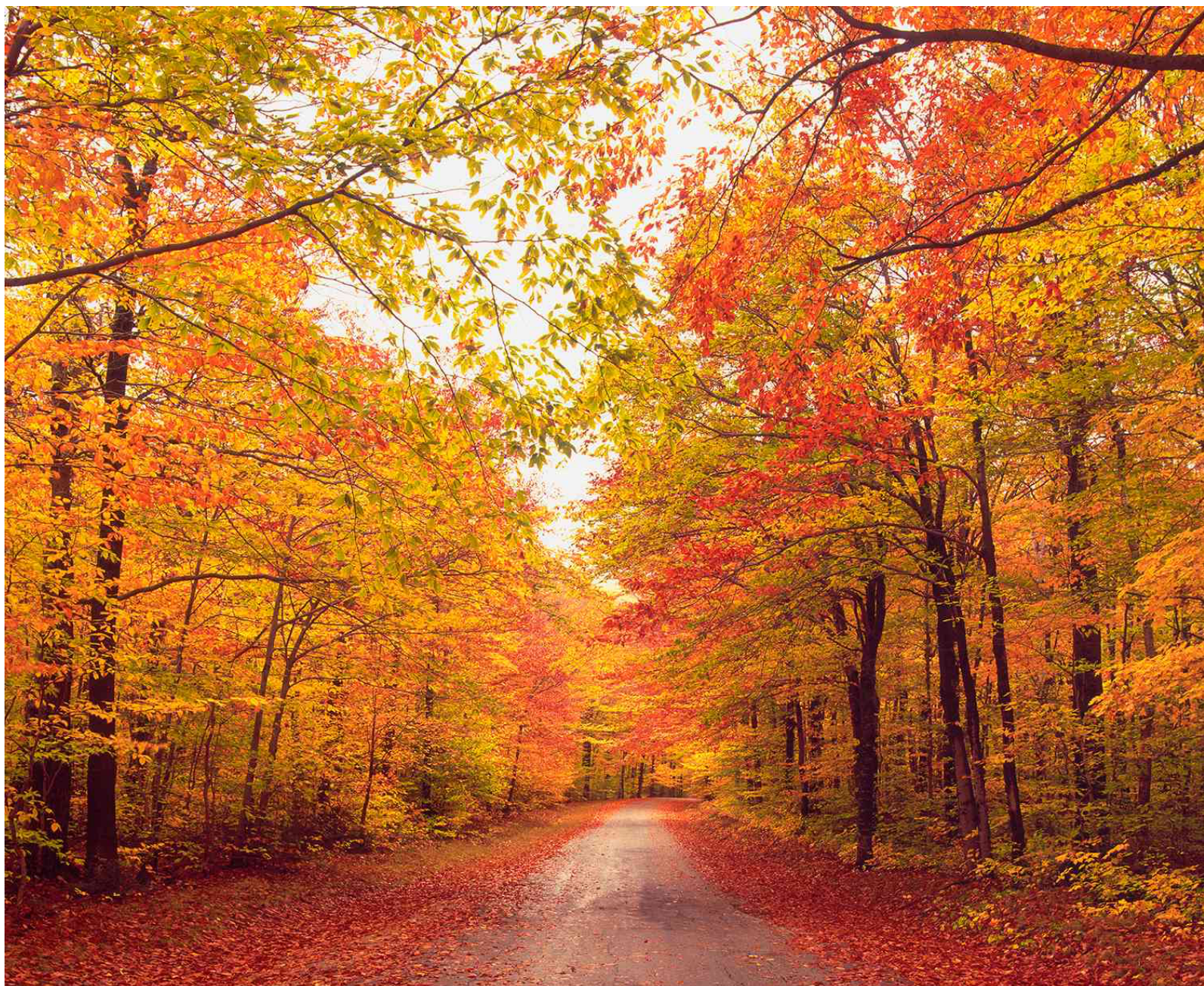
"Blest Be the Tie That Binds" (Dennis SM)

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

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PRAYER REQUESTS

Perla Rodgers – Nancy's Westcott's family friend, Perla has completed radiation therapy and now begins "cold cap" chemotherapy. She has two young children. Prayers for strength, effective treatment, good medical care, and blessings on her family.

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's healing continues, she no longer needs a walker (*pun intended*), and has graduated to using a cane. Her doctor is optimistic that she can back to her regular routine in a couple of weeks. Continued prayers for further healing and recovery.

NOTES AND ANNOUNCEMENTS:

FLOWERS and **FELLOWSHIP**: Today's flowers are anonymously provided. Fellowship refreshments are provided by Prince & Lorna Pierson, in celebration of Prince's birthday on Tuesday, October 14th! See the sign-up charts to provide refreshments or cover the cost of altar flowers for future services. Altar flowers are \$35. Phyllis, Jeanette, and Virginia coordinate the arrangements.

A COURSE IN MIRACLES: "**A Course in Miracles**" resumes this Tuesday, October 14th at 1:00 PM in the Music Room. Our FREE weekly discussion of the book "A Course in Miracles" by Dr. Kenneth Wapnick, is summed up: "**Nothing real can be threatened. Nothing unreal exists. Herein lies the peace of God.**" The book may be purchased online but is also accessible for FREE at www.miraclecenter.org. More information on the book at www.acim.org.

COFFEE WITH PASTOR: Enjoy "Coffee with Pastor" this Thursday, October 16th 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.

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!*
No gifts please, but if you wish, feel free to make a donation to LWCC (*no pressure!*).

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 14th: 31 | September 21st: 40 | September 28th: 35 | October 5th: 44

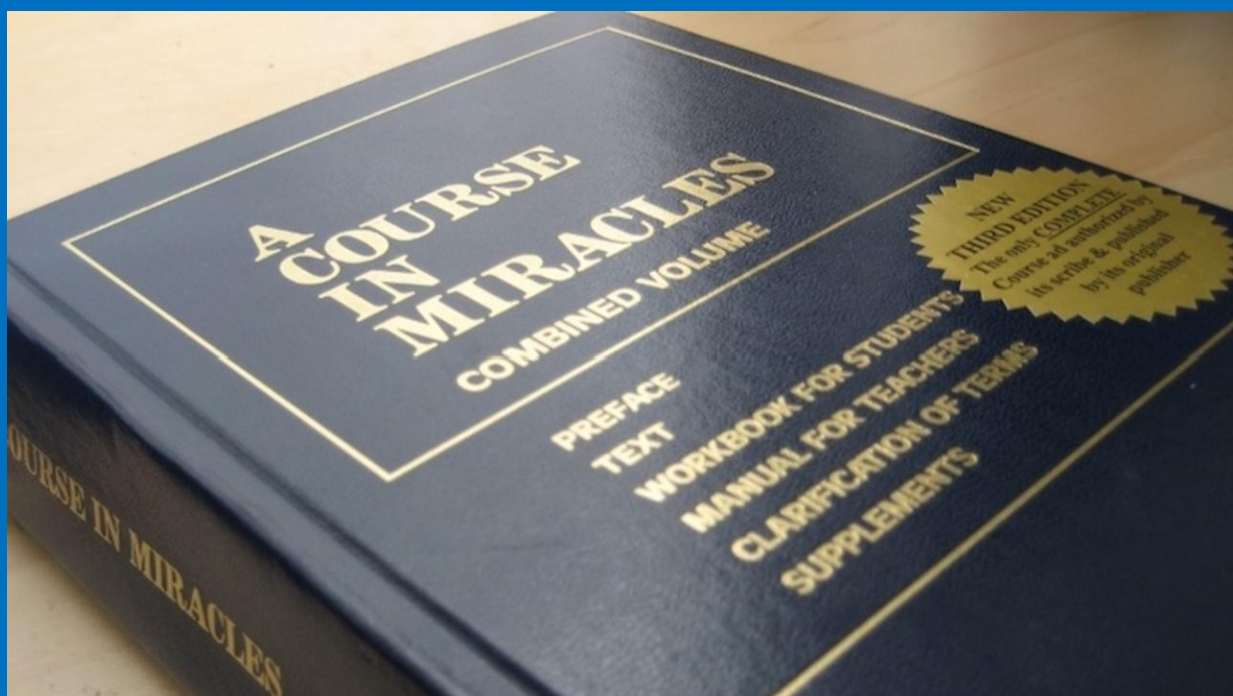
A COURSE IN *Miracles*

Friend of LWCC, **Abby Stevens**, facilitates “**A Course in Miracles**” – a FREE discussion of the book of the same name every Tuesday, at 1:00 PM, in the LW Community Church Music Room. Focused on the teachings of Dr. Kenneth Wapnick, the course is summed up:

*“Nothing real can be threatened. Nothing unreal exists.
Herein lies the peace of God.”*

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GROW PRAY STUDY

Notes from the Service

My Prayers this week:

Prayer Journal

Use this prayer in your time with God each day.

Household Prayer: Morning

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.

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

Household Prayer: Evening

Celtic Version of the Lord's Prayer

Holy One beyond all names
Eternal Wellspring
May love rise again in us today
With food for every table
Shelter for every family
And reverence for every life.
Forgive us our failings in love
And free us from all falseness
That the light of our souls may shine
And the strength of our spirits endure
For Earth and all its people
This day, tonight, and forever. Amen

- John Philip Newell