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Our Vision: To Be Love to Leisure World

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Sunday Service: 9:30 AM
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February 15, 2026
Transfiguration Sunday

**Love Is Stronger
Than Hate**

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.

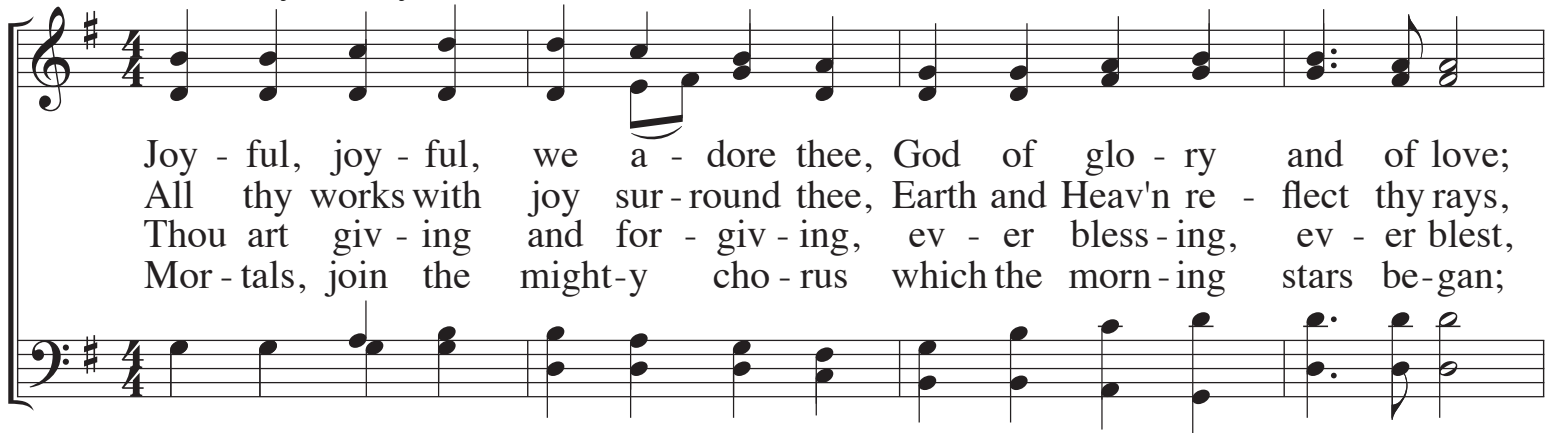
PRAYER OF THE DAY: "The Prayer of Jesus" — Virginia Olejnik

Translated from Aramaic directly into English.

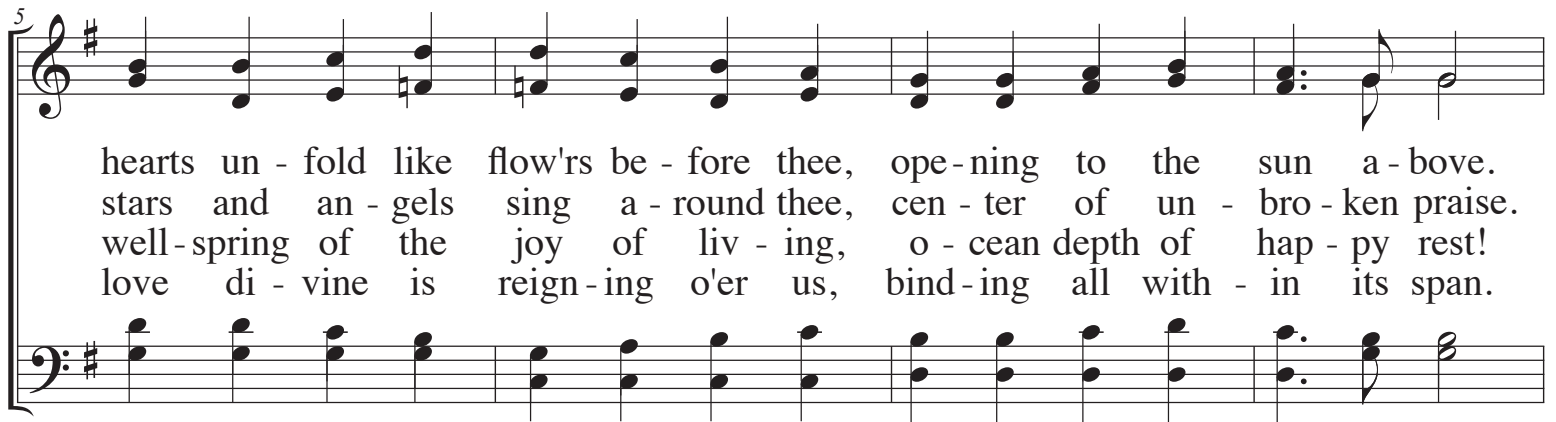
**O cosmic Birther of all radiance and vibration,
soften the ground of our being and carve out a
space within us where your Presence can abide.
Fill us with your creativity so that we may be
empowered to bear the fruit of your mission.
Let each of our actions bear fruit in accordance with our desire.
Endow us with the wisdom to produce and share
what each being needs to grow and flourish.
Untie the tangled threads of destiny that bind us, as we release
others from the entanglement of past mistakes.
Do not let us be seduced by that which would
divert us from our true purpose,
but illuminate the opportunities of the present moment.
For you are the ground and the fruitful vision, the birth, power, and
fulfillment, as all is gathered and made whole once again.
And So It Is!**

[please stand as you are able]

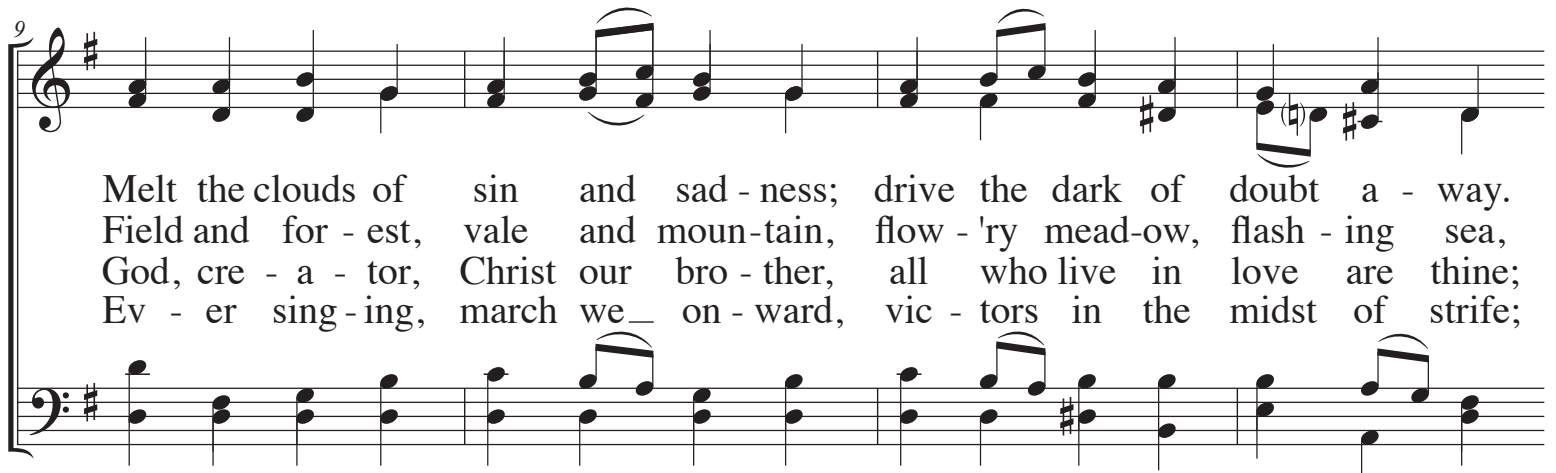
HYMN: "Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee"



Joy - ful, joy - ful, we a - dore thee, God of glo - ry and 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;



5
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.



9
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;



13
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

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

Holy Ever-present God, you revealed your love and guidance for us on the Mount of Transfiguration, giving us a vision of how we live in equity and peace. Trusting in your care for us, we bring you our prayers.

We pray for your church, that it might be the light of love for all people.

We pray for the nations of the world, that our leaders may be wise and compassionate.

We pray for those who suffer illness or oppression, that our care for each other may bring your healing and liberation.

We pray for your creation, that we may be your wise and obedient stewards.

We pray for all those who are in search of you, especially those who are convinced church is no longer the place to find you; may we together walk by the lamp of your Spirit and be at peace in your light now and forever.

Amen.

[please stand as you are able]

HYMN: "Shine, Jesus, Shine"

Verses

1. How the light of your love is shin - ing in the midst of the
2. When I come to your awe - some pre - sence, from the sha - dows in -
3. As we gaze on your ho - ly bright - ness, so our full hearts dis -

dark - ness shin - ing; Je - sus, Light of the World, shine up - on us,
to your ra - di - ance; Through your Love I may en - ter your bright - ness,
play your like - ness; Ev - er chang - ing from glo - ry to glo - ry,

set us free by the truth you now bring us:
search me, try me, con - sume all my dark - ness:
mir - rored here, may our lives tell your sto - ry:

Shine on me, shine on me.

13 Refrain

Shine, Je - sus, shine, fill this land with your love and glo - ry.

Blaze, Spi - rit, blaze, set our hearts on fire.

Flow, ri - ver, flow, flood the na - tions with grace and mer - cy.

Send forth your Word, and let there be light!

[please be seated]

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION — Virginia Olejnik

God our light, make us attentive to your teachings as to a lamp in a dark place, that seeing your way of love, we may live faithful lives as the great day dawns and the morning star rises in our hearts. **Amen.**

SCRIPTURE — Virginia Olejnik

Matthew 17:1-8

The Transfiguration

^{17:1} Six days later, Jesus took with him Peter and James and his brother John and led them up a high mountain, by themselves. ² And he was transfigured before them, and his face shone like the sun, and his clothes became bright as light. ³ Suddenly there appeared to them Moses and Elijah, talking with him. ⁴ Then Peter said to Jesus, "Lord, it is good for us to be here; if you wish, I will set up three tents here, one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah." ⁵ While he was still speaking, suddenly a bright cloud overshadowed them, and a voice from the cloud said, "This is my Son, the Beloved; with him I am well pleased; listen to him!" ⁶ When the disciples heard this, they fell to the ground and were overcome by fear. ⁷ But Jesus came and touched them, saying, "Get up and do not be afraid." ⁸ And when they raised their eyes, they saw no one except Jesus himself alone.

MESSAGE: "Love Is Stronger Than Hate" — Rev. Johan Dodge

QUESTIONS FOR REFLECTION — Rev. Johan Dodge

God instructs The first followers of Jesus to listen to Jesus and Jesus instructs his followers to be not afraid. Where do we find ourselves giving in to our fear? Where do we find ourselves needing to hear again the teaching of Jesus — Love is more powerful than hate?

REFLECTION: “How Great Thou Art” — Hannah Yi, *pianist*

INVITATION TO THE OFFERING — Virginia Olejnik

Our God has revealed to us a law and a love that leads us into the realization that we are children of God. Therefore, let us gratefully give from that which has first been given to us, our lives, our talents, and our possessions.

[Ushers, please come forward]

OFFERTORY: “Christ, Be Our Light” — Dave Albulario, *tenor*

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING — Virginia Olejnik

God of mountaintops and valleys, be our vision of you clouded or brilliantly clear, we faithfully add our gifts to those being given all around us. Bless these offerings that they may be transfigured into your presence 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

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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 self-revealing God be a lamp on your way, that as the day dawns and rises within each of us, we might follow Jesus and transform the world. Go in love, work for peace. **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: Dave Albulario, *Tenor / Music Dir.*
Hannah Yi, *Pianist*

Jennifer Rudy, *Soprano*
John Fluker, *Pianist*

Doxology (*Old Hundredth 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

“Shine, Jesus, Shine”
Words and Music by Graham Kendrick
Arranged by Jack Schrader

“How Great Thou Art”
Traditional Swedish Melody O STORE GUD
Arranged by Stuart K. Kine

“Christ, Be Our Light”
Words & Music by Bernadette Farrell

“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

If 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 Mo Ashley. *See the new sign-up charts for 2026 to provide refreshments or cover the cost of altar flowers for future services.* Altar flowers are \$35. See Phyllis Spencer to coordinate the arrangements.

JENNIFER IS A MOM!: Saturday, February 7, 2026, LWCC soprano Jennifer Rudy delivered her babies, and is the proud mother of twin boys! **Elias Ross Rudy** was born at 8:39 am weighing 5 pounds 12 ounces, and **Orion Cooper Rudy** was born at 9:02 am weighing 4 pounds 3 ounces. Congratulations, love, & blessings to the new family. Mom and babies are well, and doting dad David Rudy is very happy too!

SOUP-ER BOWL: Winners of both the Super Bowl and the **SOUP-er Bowl**, the **Seahawks** collected **70** items, and the **Patriots** collected **11** items. All LWCC food donations benefit **We Care** Family Support Center in Los Alamitos. **THANK YOU** to everyone who donated food for this year's SOUP-er Bowl!

ASH WEDNESDAY: The Transfiguration Continues! Come be transfigured with *glitter* this Wednesday, February 18th, 8:30 to 10:30 am! Traditionally known as *Ash Wednesday*, as we continue to live into following the Way of Jesus, we also continue to refine and redefine our traditions. This Wednesday, come for glitter on either your forehead or your hand. Pastor Johan will be imposing red bio-degradable glitter in oil of gladness as we begin a Season of Lent as Jesus did – by turning things upside down.

COFFEE WITH PASTOR: ☕ On Thursday, February 12th at 10 AM, join us for "Coffee with Pastor." 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.

PROTECTIVE GARMENTS: A supply of protective undergarments and absorbent underpads was recently donated to LWCC. They can be found to the right of food donation tables and are free for the taking.

CARE TEAM & PRAYER SHAWLS: If you are interested in taking part in the efforts of our Care Team, please see Jeanette Williams. There has been some great love and blessing, coordinating with Nancy Westcott and the Prayer Shawl Ministry, in praying over and giving shawls to those in need of healing, warmth, and comfort.

END-OF-YEAR STATEMENTS: If you wish to receive an End-of-Year Giving Statement of your 2025 donations, please see Phyllis Spencer.

RECENT LWCC WORSHIP ATTENDANCE:

January 18th: 31 | January 25th: 37 | February 1st: 40 | February 8th: 29

February 15, 2026



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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

Loving God, as this new day dawns, may your Spirit guide my feet and reveal you to me in new ways as I walk through your world today. Amen.

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

Household Prayer: Evening

Holy One, thank you for the gift of this day. Whatever has happened, whatever I've done and left undone, help me hear the voice of Jesus tonight, telling me to go to sleep as I am and to not be afraid. Amen.