



# COMMUNITY CHURCH LEISURE WORLD

**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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Sunday Service: 9:30 AM  
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**March 22, 2026**  
*Fifth Sunday in Lent*

Breath  
of  
Fresh Air

**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**

**Our Father, Who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name;  
Thy kindom 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 kindom, and the power, and the glory forever. Amen.**



# HYMN: "This Is a Day of New Beginnings"

1. This is a day of new be - gin-nings, Time to re - mem - ber  
 2. For by the life and death of Je - sus, God's might - y Spir - it,  
 3. Then let us, with the Spir - it's dar - ing, step from the past and

and move on, Time to be - lieve what love is bring - ing,  
 now as then, can make for us a world of dif - f'rence,  
 leave be - hind our dis - ap - point - ment, guilt, and griev - ing,

Lay - ing to rest the pain that's gone. 4. Christ is a - live, and  
 as faith and hope are born a - gain.  
 Seek - ing new paths, and sure to find.

goes be - fore us, to show and share what love can do. This is a

day of new be - gin-nings; Our God is mak - ing all things new.

[please be seated]

## PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION — Rev. Johan Dodge

Out of the darkness we cry to you, Loving God.

**God of the way of love, hear our voices and help us be attentive to your Spirit.**

We pray for those whose hope is lost, who feel dried up and cut off from you.

**By your Spirit, open their hearts; bring them back into loving community.**

We pray for those who are oppressed, held captive by the power of death.

**Release them from their fears; unbind them and let them go free!**

We pray for those who weep, lost and lifeless in fear and regret.

**Grant them the peace of your presence; show them what your love can do.**

We thank you loving God for having received our prayers as we open our hearts to you.

**Enable us to be your living body and may we be at work in this world resetting. Amen.**

*[please stand as you are able]*



# 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,  
 past death, will come the fu - ture; what it holds, a mys - te - ry, Un - re -  
 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]*

## PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION — Virginia Olejnik

Loving God, by the power of your Spirit, set our hearts and minds on the source of life and peace — your way of new life as taught by Jesus. **Amen.**

**Ezekiel 37:1-14**

*The Valley of Dry Bones*

<sup>1</sup> The hand of the Lord came upon me, and he brought me out by the spirit of the Lord and set me down in the middle of a valley; it was full of bones. <sup>2</sup> He led me all around them; there were very many lying in the valley, and they were very dry. <sup>3</sup> He said to me, "Mortal, can these bones live?" I answered, "O Lord God, you know." <sup>4</sup> Then he said to me, "Prophecy to these bones and say to them: O dry bones, hear the word of the Lord. <sup>5</sup> Thus says the Lord God to these bones: I will cause breath to enter you, and you shall live. <sup>6</sup> I will lay sinews on you and will cause flesh to come upon you and cover you with skin and put breath in you, and you shall live, and you shall know that I am the Lord."

<sup>7</sup> So I prophesied as I had been commanded, and as I prophesied, suddenly there was a noise, a rattling, and the bones came together, bone to its bone. <sup>8</sup> I looked, and there were sinews on them, and flesh had come upon them, and skin had covered them, but there was no breath in them. <sup>9</sup> Then he said to me, "Prophecy to the breath, prophecy, mortal, and say to the breath: Thus says the Lord God: Come from the four winds, O breath, and breathe upon these slain, that they may live." <sup>10</sup> I prophesied as he commanded me, and the breath came into them, and they lived and stood on their feet, a vast multitude.

<sup>11</sup> Then he said to me, "Mortal, these bones are the whole house of Israel. They say, 'Our bones are dried up, and our hope is lost; we are cut off completely.'

<sup>12</sup> Therefore prophecy and say to them: Thus says the Lord God: I am going to open your graves and bring you up from your graves, O my people, and I will bring you back to the land of Israel. <sup>13</sup> And you shall know that I am the Lord when I open your graves and bring you up from your graves, O my people. <sup>14</sup> I will put my spirit within you, and you shall live, and I will place you on your own soil; then you shall know that I, the Lord, have spoken and will act, says the Lord."

**John 11:38-45**

*Jesus Raises Lazarus to Life*

<sup>38</sup> Then Jesus, again greatly disturbed, came to the tomb. It was a cave, and a stone was lying against it. <sup>39</sup> Jesus said, "Take away the stone." Martha, the sister of the dead man, said to him, "Lord, already there is a stench because he has been dead four days." <sup>40</sup> Jesus said to her, "Did I not tell you that if you believed you would see the glory of God?" <sup>41</sup> So they took away the stone. And Jesus looked upward and said, "Father, I thank you for having heard me. <sup>42</sup> I knew that you always hear me, but I have said this for the sake of the crowd standing here, so that they may believe that you sent me." <sup>43</sup> When he had said this, he cried with a loud voice, "Lazarus, come out!" <sup>44</sup> The dead man came out, his hands and feet bound with strips of cloth and his face wrapped in a cloth. Jesus said to them, "Unbind him, and let him go."

<sup>45</sup> Many of the Jews, therefore, who had come with Mary and had seen what Jesus did believed in him.

**MESSAGE:** “A Breath of Fresh Air” — Rev. Johan Dodge

**QUESTIONS FOR REFLECTION** — Rev. Johan Dodge

At the heart of the Scriptures this week is the wind, the breath from God, the wind from the four corners that are drawn together in Ezekiel. We took a fresh take on the Gospel of John that appears to undo some sexism that had been coded into the Scriptures whether intentionally or unintentionally. How does the quadrilateral provide you with a fresh look at the Scriptures and the traditions that guide us? Where else are you experiencing the movement of the Spirit in your life today?

**REFLECTION:** “This Is the Air I Breathe” — John Fluker, *pianist and arranger*

**INVITATION TO THE OFFERING** — Virginia Olejnik

Without the breath of God, we are dry bones, and without the Word of God, we are dust. With gratitude, let us give thanks to God for the bounty that we have received.

*[Ushers, please come forward]*

**OFFERTORY:** “Sing to the Mountains” — Dave Albulario, *tenor*

**PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING** — Virginia Olejnik

**Holy God, giver of life, we thank you for raising us up and joining us together as one people, your people, flesh and bone in the body of Christ. Use our lives to proclaim the good news of new life following the way of Jesus. Amen.**

*[please stand as you are able]*

**HYMN:** “Let There Be Peace on Earth”

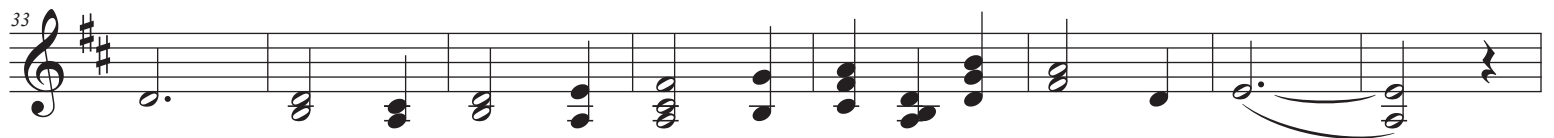
Let there be peace on Earth, and let it be - gin with me.\_\_\_\_\_

Let there be peace on Earth, the peace that was meant to be.\_\_\_\_\_

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

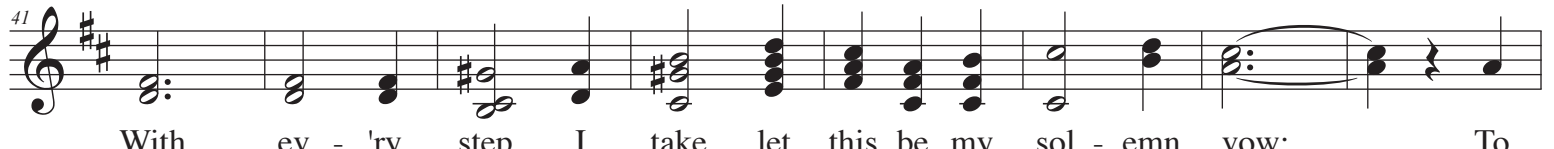
Let us walk with each oth - er\_\_\_\_ in per - fect har - mo - ny.\_\_\_\_\_

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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

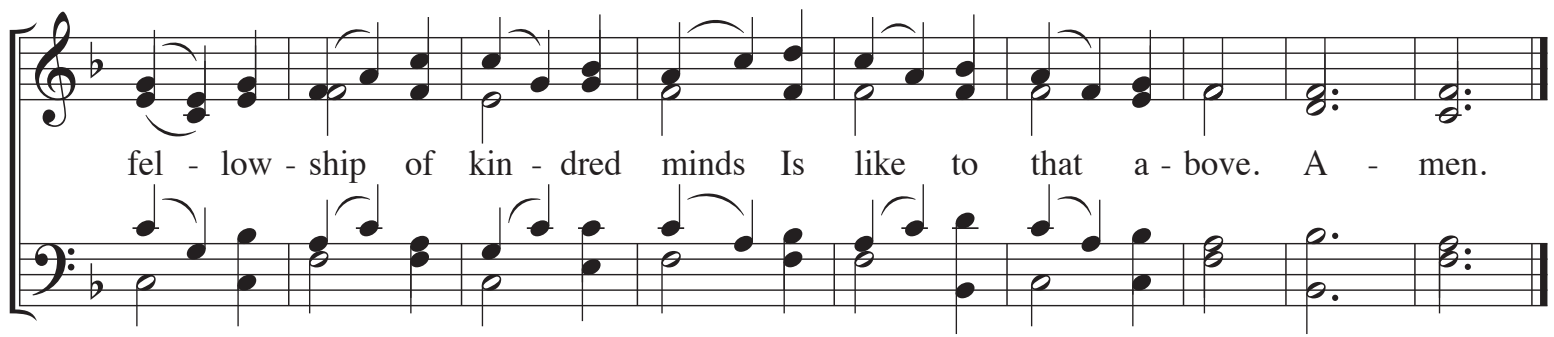
A modified version of St. Patrick's Breastplate:

Love with me,  
 Love before me,  
 Love behind me,  
 Love in me,  
 Love beneath me,  
 Love above me,  
 Love on my right,  
 Love on my left,  
 Love when I lie down,  
 Love when I sit down,  
 Love when I arise,  
 Love in the heart of everyone who thinks of me,  
 Love in the mouth of everyone who speaks of me,  
 Love in every eye that sees me,  
 Love in every ear that hears me. Amen.

## SENDING FORTH: "Blest Be the Tie that Binds"



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



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

**"This Is a Day of New Beginnings"**  
Music by Carlton Raymond Young;  
Words by Brian Wren

**"Hymn of Promise"**  
Words and Music by Natalie Sleeth  
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**"This Is the Air I Breathe"**  
Music by Michael W. Smith;  
Piano Arrangement by John Fluker

**"Sing to the Mountains"**  
Music and Words by Bob Dufford, S.J.  
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American Liturgy Resources

**"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

**Marina Tesla** – Marina is scheduled for surgery on March 23<sup>rd</sup> to relieve back and neck pain. Special prayers for a surgeon and care givers at UCIrvine who will strive to meet her needs.

**Gerri Seaton** – Gerri is experiencing pain related to a fall she had two weeks ago. Please remember her in your prayers. Cards are always welcome:

*Gerri Seaton  
Rowntree Gardens  
12151 Dale St D304  
Stanton, CA 90680*

**Linda & Lewis Hildreth** – Linda & Lewis are content to be sharing a room at Home on Cascade, Assisted Living. They are grateful for care from Hospice nurses. Cards are always welcome:

*Linda & Lewis Hildreth  
15311 Cascade Lane  
Huntington Beach, CA 92647*



## NOTES AND ANNOUNCEMENTS:

**FLOWERS** and **FELLOWSHIP**: Today's 🌺 flowers are provided by Fred & Wilma Wind. Fellowship refreshments 🍪 are provided by Lorna Lass. See the sign-up charts for 2026 to provide refreshments or cover the cost of altar flowers for future services. Altar flowers are *now only \$25!* See Phyllis Spencer to coordinate the arrangements.

**COFFEE WITH PASTOR:** ☕ On Thursday, March 26<sup>th</sup> at 10 AM, join us for "Coffee with Pastor." Every Thursday, we invite you to 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.

**PALM SUNDAY:** Next Sunday, March 29<sup>th</sup> is **Palm Sunday**. 🌴

**MAUNDY THURSDAY:** Thursday, April 2, 2026, is **Maundy Thursday**. Come early for "Coffee with Pastor" at 10 am, then we'll gather in Edgar Fellowship Hall at 11:00 am for a special handwashing service followed by a Mediterranean-themed lunch.

**EASTER LILIES:** Easter Lilies will once again adorn the church altar over Easter. Easter Lilies are available for purchase at \$15 each and may be picked up after Easter worship. Please fill out the "Holiday Flower Order" form with the notation of the loved one you are honoring/remembering and place the \$15 in the attached envelope.

**EASTER** 🌺 **SUNDAY** 🌸 **FLOWER** 🌻 **CROSS:** Sunday, April 5, 2026 is **EASTER!** Bring fresh flowers from your garden to Easter Service on to adorn the large cross on the patio *before* Worship begins at 9:30 am.

**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:

February 22<sup>nd</sup>: 29 | March 1<sup>st</sup>: 40 | March 8<sup>th</sup>: 30 | March 15<sup>th</sup>: 34

| <b>LENT: SHINE in the DARKNESS</b> |                                       |                              |                                       |
|------------------------------------|---------------------------------------|------------------------------|---------------------------------------|
| <b>March 22<sup>nd</sup></b>       | <b>Mini Easter!</b><br>Be Kind today! | <b>March 26<sup>th</sup></b> | Let someone in front of you in line   |
| <b>March 23<sup>rd</sup></b>       | Avoid complaining<br>— all day        | <b>March 27<sup>th</sup></b> | Thank someone in service to others    |
| <b>March 24<sup>th</sup></b>       | Affirm someone in front of others     | <b>March 28<sup>th</sup></b> | Give a stranger a compliment          |
| <b>March 25<sup>th</sup></b>       | Send a letter to a friend             | <b>March 29<sup>th</sup></b> | <b>Palm Sunday!</b><br>Be Kind today! |

March 22, 2026



# GROW PRAY STUDY

Notes from the Service

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My Prayers this week:

# Prayer Journal

Use this prayer in your time with God each day.

## Household Prayer: Morning

Loving God, I know you are the breath that flows through all living things and that you are the source of my life. As I rise today, it is your breath within me that puts my words into action. Source of breath — source of love, help my words and actions help others to know of your love and forgive me when my words and actions do not rise to the occasion. Amen.

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

## Household Prayer: Evening

My soul seeks you, O God, help me to sleep this night in peace, trusting that you will awaken me and breath me into the morning. In the name of Jesus who showed us it is your breath we breathe. Amen.