



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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April 5, 2026
EASTER SUNDAY



*Please gather in the narthex, as you are able.
Today's Worship begins with flowering the Easter Cross.
We will enter the church together.*

GREETING — Rev. Johan Dodge

Early on the first day of the week, the disciples went to the tomb where Jesus had been buried only to find that the stone had been rolled away and the tomb was empty. Friends, we gather here as Christ's Disciples, on the first day of the week, to celebrate the good news of the Gospel. In courage, let us stand together!

INTRODUCTION — Rev. Johan Dodge

Grace and peace to you from Jesus Christ our Lord.

My siblings in Christ:

On this most holy morning

in which Jesus Christ passed over from death to life,
we gather as the Church to watch and pray.

This is the Passover of Christ,

in which we share in Christ's victory over death.

OPENING PRAYER — Rev. Johan Dodge

God of life,

through Jesus Christ

you have bestowed upon the world the light of life.

Sanctify us, and grant that our hearts and minds may also be kindled

with holy desire to shine forth with the brightness of Christ's rising,

that we may attain to the feast of everlasting light;

through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

ALL JOIN EASTER CROSS PROCESSION INTO THE CHURCH:

"Lift High the Cross" — Chris Wade, *organist*

[please remain standing 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: "Prayer of Jesus" — Phyllis Spencer

**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: "Jesus Christ Is Risen Today"

Je - sus Christ is ris'n to - day,
Love's re - deem - ing work is done, — Al - le - lu - ia!
Lives a - gain our glo - rious King,
Soar we now where Christ has led,

All cre - a - tion join to say
Fought the fight, the bat - tle won, — Al - le - lu - ia!
Where, O death, is now thy sting?
Fol - low - ing our ex - al - ted head,

Raise your joys and tri - umphs high,
Death in vain and for - bids him rise, Al - le - lu - ia!
Once he died for our souls to save,
Made like him, like him to we rise,

Sing ye Heav'n and Earth re - ply, —
Christ has o - pened Pa - ra - dise. Al - le - lu - ia! lu - ia!
Where thy vic - to - ry, O grave?
Ours the cross, the grave, the skies.

[please be seated]

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION — Rev. Johan Dodge

Let us united our hearts in prayer, saying,
God of resurrection, hear our prayer.

For the Body of Christ resurrected throughout the world, that as we celebrate the feast of Jesus' resurrection, we may renew our commitment to be Christ to the world.

God of resurrection, hear our prayer.

For the governments of the world and its leaders that they may practice compassion and reject the politics that use death and suffering as a means of control;

God of resurrection, hear our prayer.

For your planet that we call earth, that all people may be good stewards of its resources and share in its abundance;

God of resurrection, hear our prayer.

For the poor and the stranger, that we may find ways to provide a place of refuge, hope, and hospitality;

God of resurrection, hear our prayer.

For the sick and those in distress, that they may find healing for their pain and be restored to fullness of life;

God of resurrection, hear our prayer.

For our neighbors, that together we may dwell in harmony;

God of resurrection, hear our prayer.

For our enemies, that we may love them and be agents of reconciliation in the name of Jesus;

God of resurrection, hear our prayer.

Ever-Present God, we turn our lives to you and ask that your Spirit will fill us and guide us in your way of transformation of the world around us. **Amen.**



[please stand as you are able]

HYMN: "Thine Is the Glory"

1. Thine is the glo - ry, ri - sen, con - qu'ring Son; end - less is the
2. Lo! Je - sus meets us, ri - sen from the tomb; lo - ving - ly he
3. No more we doubt thee, glo - rious Prince of life! Life is nought with -

vic - t'ry thou o'er death hast won. An - gels in bright rai - ment
greets us, scat - ters fear and gloom. Let the church with glad - ness
out thee; aid us in our strife. Make us more than sin - ners,

rolled the stone a - way, kept the fol - ded grave - clothes where thy bo - dy lay.
hymns of tri - umph sing, for our Lord now liv - eth: death hath lost its sting.
through thy death - less love: bring us safe through Jor - dan to thy home a - bove.

Thine is the glo - ry, ri - sen con - qu'ring Son;

end - less is the vic - t'ry thou o'er death hast won.

[please be seated]

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION — Phyllis Spencer

Loving God, by the power of your Spirit, roll away the stone that blocks our hearts from turning fully to you and reveal to us your way of resurrection and new life. **Amen.**

SCRIPTURE — Phyllis Spencer

Acts 10:34-43

Gentiles Hear the Good News

³⁴ Then Peter began to speak to them: “I truly understand that God shows no partiality, ³⁵ but in every people anyone who fears him and practices righteousness is acceptable to him. ³⁶ You know the message he sent to the people of Israel, preaching peace by Jesus Christ—he is Lord of all. ³⁷ That message spread throughout Judea, beginning in Galilee after the baptism that John announced: ³⁸ how God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and with power; how he went about doing good and healing all who were oppressed by the devil, for God was with him. ³⁹ We are witnesses to all that he did both in Judea and in Jerusalem. They put him to death by hanging him on a tree, ⁴⁰ but God raised him on the third day and allowed him to appear, ⁴¹ not to all the people but to us who were chosen by God as witnesses and who ate and drank with him after he rose from the dead. ⁴² He commanded us to preach to the people and to testify that he is the one ordained by God as judge of the living and the dead. ⁴³ All the prophets testify about him that everyone who believes in him receives forgiveness of sins through his name.”

Matthew 28:1-10

The Resurrection of Jesus

¹ After the Sabbath, as the first day of the week was dawning, Mary Magdalene and the other Mary went to see the tomb. ² And suddenly there was a great earthquake, for an angel of the Lord, descending from heaven, came and rolled back the stone and sat on it. ³ His appearance was like lightning and his clothing white as snow. ⁴ For fear of him the guards shook and became like dead men. ⁵ But the angel said to the women, “Do not be afraid, for I know that you are looking for Jesus who was crucified. ⁶ He is not here, for he has been raised, as he said. Come, see the place where he lay. ⁷ Then go quickly and tell his disciples, ‘He has been raised from the dead, and indeed he is going ahead of you to Galilee; there you will see him.’ This is my message for you.” ⁸ So they left the tomb quickly with fear and great joy and ran to tell his disciples. ⁹ Suddenly Jesus met them and said, “Greetings!” And they came to him, took hold of his feet, and worshiped him. ¹⁰ Then Jesus said to them, “Do not be afraid; go and tell my brothers and sisters to go to Galilee; there they will see me.”

MESSAGE: “Standing in Courage” — Rev. Johan Dodge

QUESTIONS FOR REFLECTION — Rev. Johan Dodge

While the guards at the tomb passed out in fear, the women who came to anoint the body of Jesus stood strong. Where do you need to stand strong today? Where do you need to be courageous as we are, together, the resurrected body of Christ? Who might help you?

REFLECTION: “What a Beautiful Name” — Chris Wade, *pianist*

DISCIPLESHIP FOR EASTER SUNDAY | GOD’S TABLE | HOLY COMMUNION:

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

Here at Community Church, we celebrate “Open Communion.” Anyone who wishes to commune may come to God’s Table. You do not have to be sinless; God forgives you. You do not have to be perfect; God encourages you to grow. You need not belong to any church; God invites all people to this meal. It is enough to love and follow God with all your heart. This is what God asks us to do. Come to God’s Table in faith this day. Go from this place to live, and never be the same again. Let us commune as siblings in Christ.

God be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them up to our God.

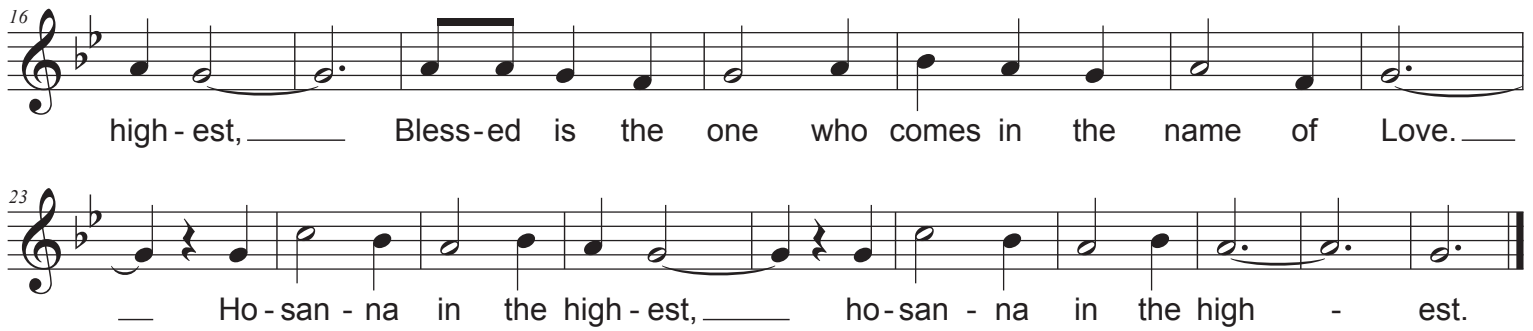
Let us give thanks to the Source of Love.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

[Ushers, please come forward and distribute the elements]

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, O God, creator of all things. You formed us in your image and breathed into us the breath of life. When we turned away, and our love failed, your love remained steadfast. You delivered us from captivity, made covenant to be our sovereign God, brought us to a land flowing with milk and honey, and set before us the way of life. And so, with your people on earth and all the company of heaven we praise your name and join their unending hymn:





Holy are you, and blessed is your Son, Jesus Christ. By his life and teachings, you have revealed your love for us, your co-creative ask upon us, and the gift of the Holy Spirit to empower us. By your great love for us we are born anew to a living hope and to an inheritance that is imperishable, undefiled, and unfading. Once we were no people, but now we are your children, declaring your wonderful deeds in Jesus, who called us out of darkness into his marvelous light. When Jesus ascended, he promised to be with us always, in the power of your Word and Holy Spirit.

On the night in which he gave himself up for us, he took bread, gave thanks to you, broke the bread, gave it to his disciples, and said: "Take, eat; we are one body as we share in the bread together. Do this in remembrance of me."

When the supper was over, he took the cup, gave thanks to you, gave it to his disciples, and said: "Drink from this, all of you; this is the cup of the new covenant, an ongoing sign of God's love for you and all of God's very good creation. Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me."

On the day you raised him from the dead he was recognized by his disciples in the breaking of the bread, and in the power of your Holy Spirit your Church has continued in the breaking of the bread and sharing of the cup.

And so, in remembrance of these 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 kingdom. 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.**

THE SHARING OF THE BREAD:

Because there is one loaf, we, who are many, are one body, for we all partake of the one loaf.

THE SHARING OF THE CUP:

The bread which we have eaten is a sharing in the bread of Christ. The cup over which we give thanks is the sharing in the cup of Christ.

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.

INVITATION TO THE OFFERING — Phyllis Spencer

God has shown us the way of living as the resurrection. In gratitude, let us offer our hearts and the fruit of our labor to carry out the new creation that Jesus ushered in.

[Ushers, please come forward]

OFFERTORY: “¡Resucitó! ¡Resucitó!” — Dave Albulario, tenor

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING — Phyllis Spencer

Loving ever-present God, by your grace, accept the fruit of our labor and the offering of our lives as we turn to follow the way of Jesus knowing that in all that we do, we are never separated from your presence or your love. **Amen.**

[please stand as you are able]

HYMN: “Let There Be Peace on Earth”

The image shows the musical notation for the hymn "Let There Be Peace on Earth". It consists of two staves of music in G major (one sharp) and 3/4 time. The first staff begins with a treble clef and a key signature of one sharp (F#). The melody is written on a five-line staff. Below the staff, the lyrics "Let there be peace on Earth, and let it be - gin with me._____" are written. The second staff continues the melody, with the lyrics "Let there be peace on Earth, the peace that was meant to be._____" written below it. The music is written in a simple, clear style suitable for a hymn book.

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, may we go forth on this first Sunday of Easter to live and love as God loves us. May we be empowered by the presence of the Holy Spirit to stand courageously in the face of darkness and speak God's way of love into the world through our hearts and actions. **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, <i>Tenor / Music Dir.</i> Chris Wade, <i>Pianist Emeritus</i>	Jennifer Rudy, <i>Soprano</i> Hannah Yi, <i>Pianist</i> John Fluker, <i>Pianist</i>
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PRAYER REQUESTS

Marina Tesla – On April 16th Marina will have surgery to relieve pain. Special prayers for a surgeon and care givers at UC Irvine who will strive to meet her needs.

Caroline Landenberger – Thank you for continued prayers for Jeanette's sister-in-law. She is being treated at home for cancer-related issues. Jeanette and Fred plan to visit her during their road trip to Oklahoma. Prayers for the entire family.

NOTES AND ANNOUNCEMENTS:

FLOWERS and **FELLOWSHIP**: Today's 🌺 flowers and refreshments are provided by our Fellowship Team. See the sign-up charts for 2026 to provide refreshments or cover the cost of altar flowers for future services. Altar flowers are \$25. See Phyllis Spencer to coordinate the arrangements.

COFFEE WITH PASTOR: ☕ On Thursday, April 9th 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.

PRECIOUS LIFE SHELTER: Precious Life Shelter benefits pregnant women with no place to live. The generosity of LWCC has enabled them to continue to save babies, "one mother at a time." Here is their wish list:

For the Babies: Brushes and combs, baby powder, teethingers, small books, rattle toys, travel size soap, baby shampoo, infant shoes.

Administrative Needs: White copy paper 20 lb, 33 gallon black drawstring trash bags, ziplock storage bags (gallon & quart), paper towels, toilet paper, painter's tape, packing tape, duct tape, zip ties (12" to 14"), batteries (AA & 9 Volt), "forever" postage stamps.

If you're able to donate, please leave items in the red box marked "Precious Life Shelter" next to the Food Donation area in the church narthex.

RECENT LWCC WORSHIP ATTENDANCE:

March 1st: 40 | March 8th: 30 | March 15th: 34 | March 29th: 35

Easter Flowers

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Happy Easter!

April 5, 2026



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

Jesus, on this first day of the new creation, I celebrate that you have invited me into your new life past the death of this world. May my thoughts and actions this day embody the spirit of alleluia, as a testimony to God's love and your witness. Amen.

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

Household Prayer: Evening

Loving God, there has been sadness in the world today, and yet I know that as I go to sleep, you are with me to comfort me in my time of rest and that your Holy Spirit will abide with me when I rise in the morning. Free me now, from fear of harm or death, and that I may rest in peace this night. Amen.