



COMMUNITY CHURCH LEISURE WORLD

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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 26, 2026

4th Sunday of Easter: "Butterfly"



Rev. Johan Dodge

**To Whom
Are you Listening**

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 — Marylee Thomsen

Good Shepherd, you call us by name, and we know your voice. You have become the gate by which we come and go freely to enjoy life and have it abundantly.



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

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION — Rev. Johan Dodge

We pray for the whole church, that we may devoted to following your way of life and love being generous to all who have need.

Shepherding God, in a dangerous world, let us hear your voice and may we boldly follow you beyond the gate.

We pray for the earth, for green pastures and still waters, that we may restore them to the goodness and purity that they once had at the time you created them.

Shepherding God, in a dangerous world, let us hear your voice and may we boldly follow you beyond the gate.

We pray for the people of the world, their nations, and leaders, that your wisdom and peace may govern all, so that no one is living in fear.

Shepherding God, in a dangerous world, let us hear your voice and may we boldly follow you beyond the gate.

We pray for all those in need, for those in want, those ill and those dying, that we may be the banquet that you set before them as we anoint them, feed them, and comfort them in your name.

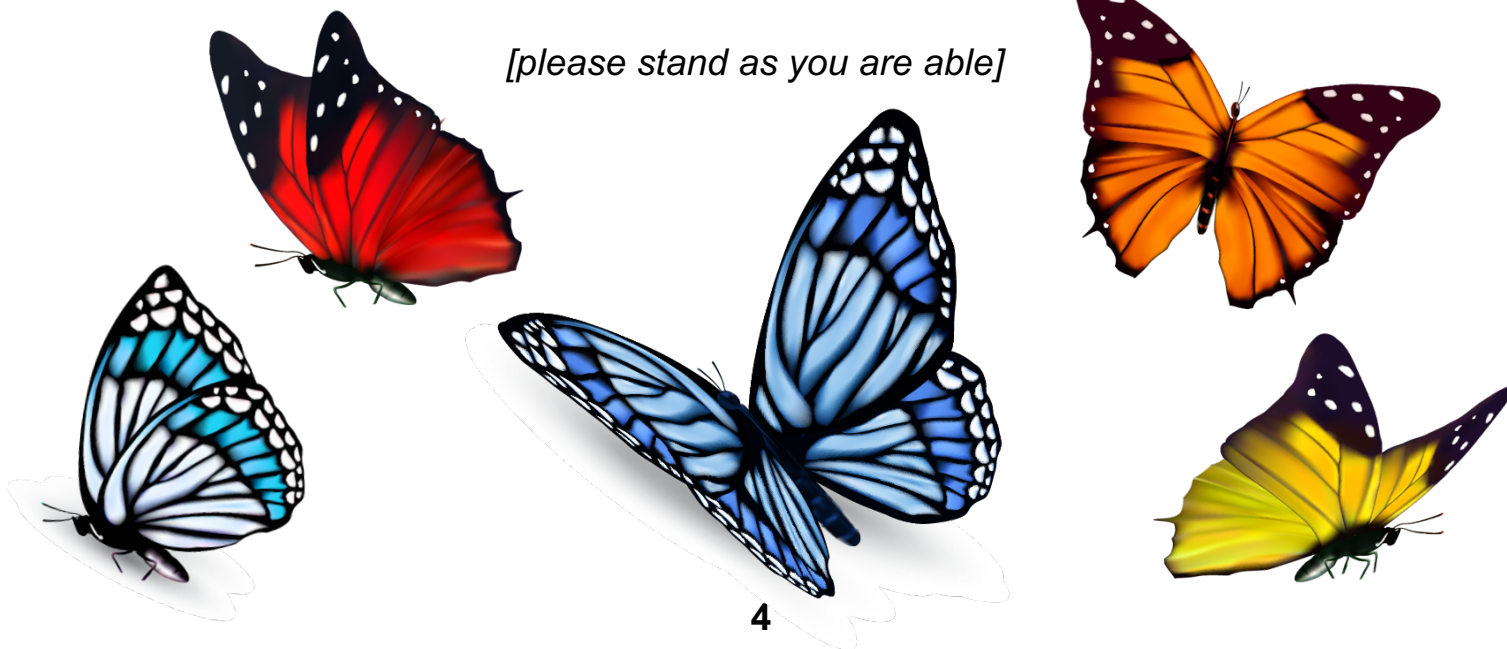
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We pray for ourselves, our families, and those we love. May no one live in fear, may all dwell in your presence.

Shepherding God, in a dangerous world, let us hear your voice and may we boldly follow you beyond the gate.

Blessed are you, great Shepherd, who, through Jesus the Christ, and the Holy Spirit, teach us your way of goodness and mercy, you lead us down right paths, and restore us. **Amen.**

[please stand as you are able]



HYMN: "Precious Lord, Take My Hand"

Pre - cious Lord, take my hand, lead me on, let me stand,
 When my way grows drear, pre - cious Lord, lin - ger near, —
 When the dark - ness ap - pears and the night draws — near, —

I am tired, I am weak, I am worn; — through the
 when my life is — al - most — gone, — hear my
 and the day is — past and — gone, — at the

storm, through the night, lead me on to the light:
 cry, hear my call, hold my hand lest I fall: —
 ri - ver I stand, guide my feet, hold my hand:

Take my hand, — pre - cious Lord, lead me home.

[please be seated]

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION — Marylee Thomsen

Loving God, we pray that your Holy Spirit will strengthen us to be devoted to the teachings of your Word, that through it we may hear your voice and follow it all the days of our lives. Amen.

SCRIPTURE — Marylee Thomsen

John 10:1-10

Jesus the Good Shepherd

¹ “Very truly, I tell you, anyone who does not enter the sheepfold by the gate but climbs in by another way is a thief and a bandit. ² The one who enters by the gate is the shepherd of the sheep. ³ The gatekeeper opens the gate for him, and the sheep hear his voice. He calls his own sheep by name and leads them out. ⁴ When he has brought out all his own, he goes ahead of them, and the sheep follow him because they know his voice. ⁵ They will not follow a stranger, but they will run from him because they do not know the voice of strangers.” ⁶ Jesus used this figure of speech with them, but they did not understand what he was saying to them.

⁷ So again Jesus said to them, “Very truly, I tell you, I am the gate for the sheep. ⁸ All who came before me are thieves and bandits, but the sheep did not listen to them. ⁹ I am the gate. Whoever enters by me will be saved and will come in and go out and find pasture. ¹⁰ The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy. I came that they may have life and have it abundantly.

MESSAGE: “To Whom Are You Listening?” — Rev. Johan Dodge

QUESTIONS FOR REFLECTION — Rev. Johan Dodge

There is a cacophony of voices in the world today, many of whom are claiming to speak for Jesus or even portray themselves as Jesus. These voices seek to steal us or steal from us by luring us beyond the safe enclosure. How do you determine whom you are listening to? Have you been listening to those who would steal from you or do you harm? What does The Good Shepherd’s voice sound like to you?

REFLECTION: “O the Deep, Deep Love of Jesus” — Hannah Yi, *pianist*

INVITATION TO THE OFFERING — Marylee Thomsen

Church, the pasture has been prepared for us and it is filled with lush offerings. Let us then share with God what God has already shared with us as our way of listening to the Shepherd’s voice.

[Ushers, please come forward]

OFFERTORY: “My Jesus Lives” — Kara Brouelette, *mezzo-soprano*

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING — Marylee Thomsen

Holy and generous God, you are the Good Shepherd who seeks our well-being and joy. You have called us by name and we are yours. Bless these gifts that we share this day that they may be used to expand the reach of your pastures and provide comfort for more beside your still waters for any and all who need your comfort and restoration. 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

My siblings, may the Good Shepherd who calls you by name lead you out to green pastures and lead you back into the safety of the fold. **Amen.**

SENDING FORTH: “Blest Be the Tie that Binds”

The musical score is written for voice and piano. It consists of two systems of staves. The first system has a treble and bass staff for the voice, with lyrics underneath. The second system also has a treble and bass staff for the voice, with lyrics underneath. The piano accompaniment is written on a grand staff (treble and bass) for each system. The key signature is one flat (B-flat) and the time signature is 3/4. The lyrics are: "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."

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Music Team: Kara Brouelette, *Mezzo-Soprano*
Hannah Yi, *Pianist*

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

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

“Hymn of Promise”
Words and Music by Natalie Sleeth
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“Precious Lord, Take My Hand”
Music by George N. Allen
Arranged by Thomas Andrew Dorsey

“O the Deep, Deep Love of Jesus”
Music by Thomas J. Williams; Arr. by Melody Bober; Words by Samuel Trevor Francis

“My Jesus Lives” aka “Redeemer”
Words & Music by Nicole Coleman-Mullen;
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“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. Nägeli, 1768-1836
Words by John Fawcett, 1740-1817
Arr. by Lowell Mason, 1792-1872

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PRAYER REQUESTS

Johan Dodge – Our Pastor will be seeing a vascular surgeon this week to treat a recent vein injury in his leg. Prayers for a simple diagnosis, easy treatment, and quick recovery.

Noemi Albulario – Noemi, a cancer survivor (and Dave's mom!), recently had several medical scans and tests. She is grateful for your love. Prayers for good results and a clean bill of health.

Paul Polk – Jeanette Williams' cousin, Paul, is in ICU with pneumonia, affecting his immune system. He had a lung transplant four years ago, and doctors are working to find the right medication for his condition. Prayers for him and the family.

Mara Williams – Mara recently had carpal tunnel surgery. Prayers for healing, speedy recovery.

Marina Tesla – Marina is being treated for symptoms of pain and appreciates your prayers and concern. Please continue to pray for relief from pain and stress. Cards and phone calls are welcome.



NOTES AND ANNOUNCEMENTS:

FLOWERS and **FELLOWSHIP**: Today's 🌺 flowers are provided by Sandy Cardot. Fellowship refreshments are provided by Marina Tesla. 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 arrangements.

COFFEE WITH PASTOR: ☕ On Thursday, April 30th 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.

LWCC MUSIC: Our gratitude once again to the lovely Kara Brouelette for raising her beautiful voice to lead our Worship music last Sunday and today with our wonderful pianist Hannah Yi.

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 20 lb copy paper, 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.

Please leave items in the red box marked "Precious Life Shelter" next to the Food Donation area in the narthex. ***While our food donations are open to all, we ask that these items remain strictly as donations to Precious Life. Thank you!***

RECENT LWCC WORSHIP ATTENDANCE:

March 29th: 35 | April 5th: 41 | April 12th: 26 | April 19th: 34



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GROW
PRAY
STUDY

Notes from the Service

This image shows a single sheet of white paper with horizontal ruling lines. The lines are evenly spaced and run 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

Generous God, thank you for the gift of this new day. Help me to watch for your signs and wonders in the world today, and fill my heart with gladness and generosity, that I may generate good will wherever I go. Amen.



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

Household Prayer: Evening

Thank you, God, for shepherding me through the day. As I lie down to sleep this night help me to imagine green pastures and still waters, and to remember all the ways you have set a table before me and filled my cup to overflowing. Amen.

