

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

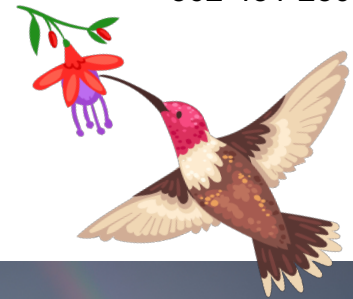
Our Vision: To Be Love to Leisure World

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May 3, 2026
5th Sunday of Easter
"Hummingbird"



The Architecture of Faith

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 — Virginia Olejnik

Almighty God, in Christ you have shown us the way, revealed us your truth, and offered to us a new way of life. Help us tune ourselves to the leading of your Spirit that we may see your path more clearly, know your love more fully, and share your life more abundantly; In the name of Jesus, we pray. Amen.



HYMN: "Dear God, Lead Me Day by Day"

Dear God, lead me day by day; make me stead - fast, wise, and strong;
Dear God, lead me day by day; help me, guide me a-long the way,
Now with con - fi - dence I sing joy - ous prais - es to our God,

hap - py most of all to know that my Je - sus loves me so.
know - ing that your words of life, and your love ev - er a - bid - e.
and with up - right heart I give ten - der care and stead - fast love.

Refrain
Praise to God, fount of love, praise from morn 'til the set of sun; praise at

home, praise in church; praise to God ev - 'ry - where on Earth.

[please be seated]



PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION — Rev. Johan Dodge

Let us unite our hearts in prayer, saying,
God of new life, we turn to you to cast us into living stones.

For the church throughout the world, that all who profess to follow the way of Jesus may be faithful in their witness and courageous in their testimony.
God of new life, we turn to you to cast us into living stones.

For the governments of the world and its leaders. That the nations may dwell in peace, that good will prevail over strife, and people of faith may see your way forward.
God of new life, we turn to you to cast us into living stones.

For rain and sun that are both a blessing and a balance, and for abundant food and clean water for all of creation;
God of new life, we turn to you to cast us into living stones.

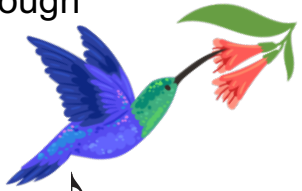
For the sick and those in need, and for any who are oppressed by wounds of the soul;
God of new life, we turn to you to cast us into living stones.

For our neighbors that we may live together in amity, and that strangers among us may find us to be hospitable friends;
God of new life, we turn to you to cast us into living stones.

Ever-present God, by your Holy Spirit, empower us to be built into the resurrected body of Christ and to minister to the world in love. May our work testify what we pray and show forth your eternal love, through Jesus who revealed the way. **Amen.**

[please stand as you are able]

HYMN: "His Eye Is on the Sparrow"



1. Why should I feel dis - cour - aged? Why should the shad - ows come? —
2. "Let not your heart be trou - bled," His ten - der words I hear; —
3. When - ev - er I am tempt-ed, — When - ev - er clouds a - rise, —

Why should my heart be lone - ly — And long for Heav'n and home, When
And rest - ing on His good-ness — I lose my doubt and fear. — Though
When songs give place to sigh-ing, — When hope with - in me dies, — I

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Je - sus is my por - tion? My con - stant Friend is He:
 by the path He lead - eth But one step I may see: His
 draw the clos - er to Him; From care He sets me free:

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eye is on the spar - row, And I know He watch - es me. His

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eye is on the spar - row, And I know He watch - es me.

21

I sing be-cause I'm hap-py, I sing be-cause I'm free; For His

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eye is on the spar - row, And I know He watch - es me.

[please be seated]

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION — Virginia Olejnik

Loving God, as we receive your Holy Word, open our hearts to the presence and power of your Holy Spirit, call us out of darkness, and lead us into your marvelous light. **Amen.**

SCRIPTURE — Virginia Olejnik

1 Peter 2:2-10

² Like newborn infants, long for the pure, spiritual milk, so that by it you may grow into salvation— ³ if indeed you have tasted that the Lord is good.

⁴ Come to him, a living stone, though rejected by mortals yet chosen and precious in God's sight, and ⁵ like living stones let yourselves be built into a spiritual house, to be a holy priesthood, to offer spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God through Jesus Christ. ⁶ For it stands in scripture:

"See, I am laying in Zion a stone,
a cornerstone chosen and precious,
and whoever believes in him will not be put to shame."

⁷ This honor, then, is for you who believe, but for those who do not believe,

"The stone that the builders rejected
has become the very head of the corner,"

⁸ and

"A stone that makes them stumble
and a rock that makes them fall."

They stumble because they disobey the word, as they were destined to do.

⁹ But you are a chosen people, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, God's own people, in order that you may proclaim the excellence of him who called you out of darkness into his marvelous light.

¹⁰ Once you were not a people,
but now you are God's people;
once you had not received mercy,
but now you have received mercy.



John 14:1-14

Jesus the Way to the Father

¹ "Do not let your hearts be troubled. Believe in God; believe also in me. ² In my Father's house there are many dwelling places. If it were not so, would I have told you that I go to prepare a place for you? ³ And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and will take you to myself, so that where I am, there you may be also. ⁴ And you know the way to the place where I am going." ⁵ Thomas said to him, "Lord, we do not know where you are going. How can we know the way?" ⁶ Jesus said to him, "I am the way and the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me. ⁷ If you know me, you will know my Father also. From now on you do know him and have seen him."



⁸ Philip said to him, “Lord, show us the Father, and we will be satisfied.”

⁹ Jesus said to him, “Have I been with you all this time, Philip, and you still do not know me? Whoever has seen me has seen the Father. How can you say, ‘Show us the Father’? ¹⁰ Do you not believe that I am in the Father and the Father is in me? The words that I say to you I do not speak on my own, but the Father who dwells in me does his works. ¹¹ Believe me that I am in the Father and the Father is in me, but if you do not, then believe because of the works themselves. ¹² Very truly, I tell you, the one who believes in me will also do the works that I do and, in fact, will do greater works than these, because I am going to the Father. ¹³ I will do whatever you ask in my name, so that the Father may be glorified in the Son. ¹⁴ If in my name you ask me for anything, I will do it.

MESSAGE: “The Architecture of Faith” — Rev. Johan Dodge



QUESTIONS FOR REFLECTION — Rev. Johan Dodge

Is the “dwelling place” that Jesus mentions in John’s Gospel a place in this life or in the life to come? What does Jesus mean when he says that his disciples will do greater works?” What does it mean to pray “in Jesus” name?

REFLECTION: “Great Is Thy Faithfulness” — Hannah Yi, *pianist*

DISCIPLESHIP FOR EASTER | 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:

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly God, Source of Light and Love, _____

9 Heav - en and Earth are full of your glo - ry. _____ Ho - san - na in the

16 high - est, _____ Bless - ed is the one who comes in the name of Love. _____

23 _____ Ho - san - na in the high - est, _____ ho - san - na in the high - est.

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:

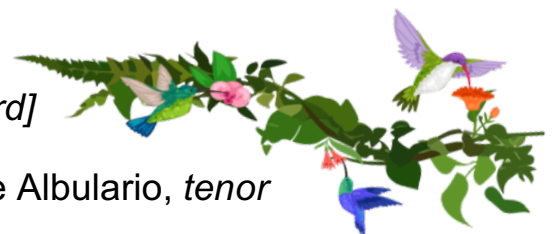
Eternal God, we give you thanks for this holy mystery in which you have given yourself to us. Grant that we may go into the world in the strength of your Spirit, to give ourselves for others, in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

INVITATION TO THE OFFERING — Virginia Olejnik

As the body of Christ, let us offer ourselves and the fruit of our mutual labor for God's continuing work in the world.

[Ushers, please come forward]

OFFERTORY: "You Satisfy the Hungry Heart" — Dave Albulario, tenor



PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING — Virginia Olejnik

Ever-Loving God, receive these gifts we bring in gratitude for your enduring presence with us. Guide our lives to be the living foundation of your new creation that is ever unfolding in new and creative ways. 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-moment and live each mo-moment in peace e - ter - nal - ly;_____

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

BLESSING — Rev. Johan Dodge

Go forth to be the living Body of Christ, and may the Spirit empower you to serve as a part of the living Body of Christ. **Amen.**

SENDING FORTH: “Blest Be the Tie that Binds”

The image shows a musical score for the hymn "Blest Be the Tie that Binds". It is written for a four-part choir (Soprano, Alto, Tenor, Bass) and piano accompaniment. The key signature is one flat (B-flat major or D minor), and the time signature is 4/4. 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." The score includes vocal staves for each part and a piano accompaniment staff.

Music Team: Dave Albulario, *Tenor / Music Dir.*
Hannah Yi, *Pianist*

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

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

“Dear God, Lead Me Day by Day”
Philippine Folk Melody
Words by Francisca Asuncion, 1983

“His Eye Is on the Sparrow”
Music by Charles H. Gabriel; arr. by Jack Schrader; Words by Civilla D. Martin

“Great Is Thy Faithfulness”
Music by William M. Runyan, 1923
Piano arrangement by Marilyn White

“You Satisfy the Hungry Heart”
Music by Robert E. Kreutz; Words by Omer Westendorf; Arrangement partially improvised by David Albulario and Hannah Yi

“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

All music herein transcribed & adapted by D. Albulario for Leisure World Community Church, Seal Beach, California.

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PRAYER REQUESTS

Penny Alberts – Carol Burge’s daughter, Penny, recently had open-heart surgery. Prayers for a quick recovery and general good health.

Johan Dodge – Our Pastor has begun treatment for a recent vein injury in his leg. Prayers for effective treatment and quick recovery.

Noemi Albulario – Noemi (Dave’s mom), a cancer survivor, was recently diagnosed with a recurrence. She’ll have surgery on May 18th, followed by six rounds of chemo. Prayers for a successful procedure, effective treatment, good care, and general good health.

Caroline Landenberger – Jeanette Williams’ sister-in-law, Caroline continues to be treated for serious cancer-related illness. Jeanette & Fred visited her recently and they appreciate your continued prayers.

Paul Polk – Jeanette Williams’ cousin, Paul Polk, passed away on Wednesday, April 29th. Prayers of comfort & strength for the family, and peaceful rest for Paul.

NOTES AND ANNOUNCEMENTS:

FLOWERS and **FELLOWSHIP**: Today's 🌸 flowers are provided by Patty Jo Schmitz. Fellowship refreshments are provided by Fred & Wilma Wind. 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, May 7th 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.

MOTHER'S DAY: 🌸 Next Sunday, May 10th is 🌸 Mother's Day! Immediately following Sunday Worship, we will observe Mother's Day in Edgar Fellowship Hall and honor the women of our congregation. 🌹

RECENT LWCC WORSHIP ATTENDANCE:

April 5th: 41 | April 12th: 26 | April 19th: 34 | April 26th: 27



May 3, 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

Loving God, as I seek to align myself with the leading of your Holy Spirit this day, let not my heart be troubled. Help me to understand how you are with me and I am in you. Amen.



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



Household Prayer: Evening

Faithful God, as darkness falls for the night, I pray the light of your love will shine upon me and keep me safe through this night. Amen.