



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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May 10, 2026

*6th Sunday of Easter: "Light – Candles"
Mother's Day*



*Kind
or
Nice!*

Rev. Johan Dodge



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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" — Jeanette Williams

(Translated from Aramaic, the language of first-century Galilee and Judea.)

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 your 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!



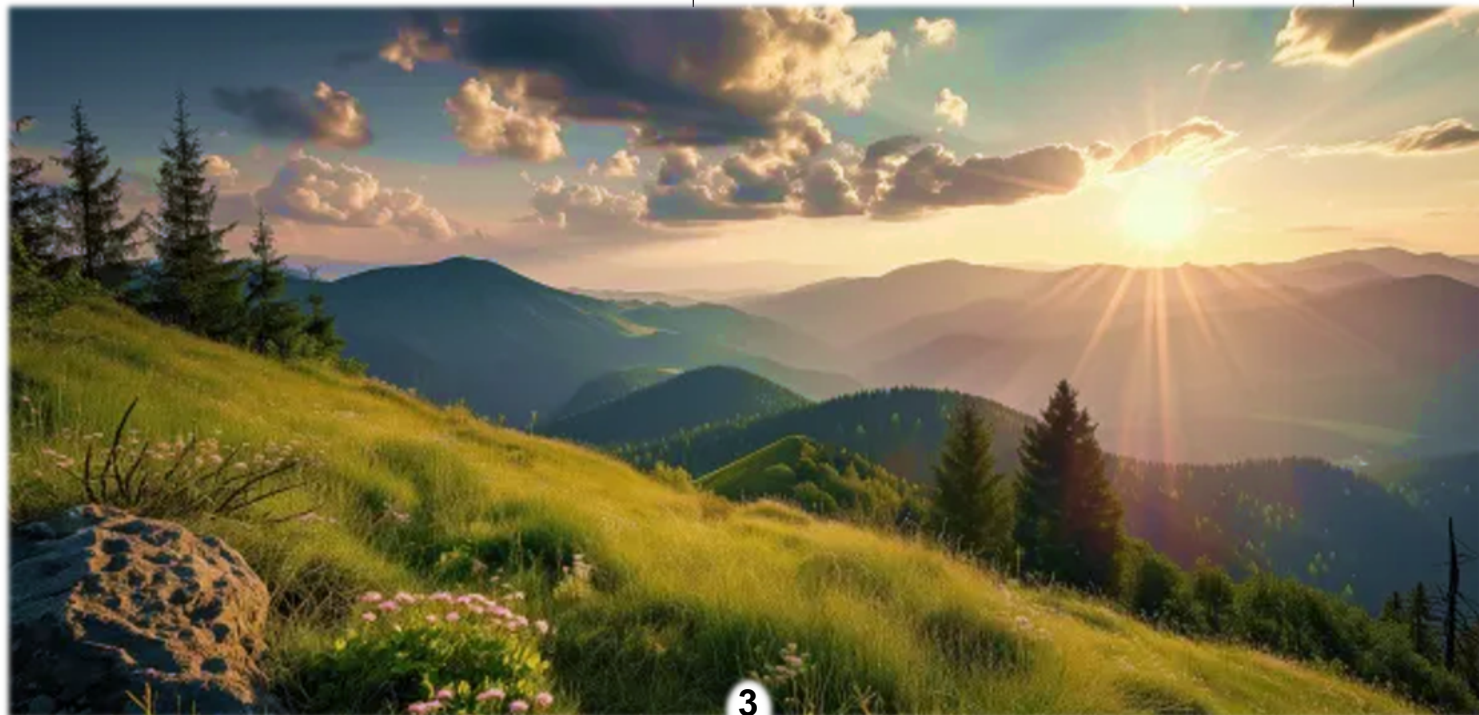
HYMN: "For the Beauty of the Earth"

For the beau - ty of the Earth, for the glo - ry of the skies,
 For the beau - ty of each hour of the day and of the night,
 For the joy of ear and eye, for the heart and mind's de - light,
 For the joy of hu - man love, spouse, and sib - ling, pa - rent, child,
 For thy church, that ev - er - more lift - eth ho - ly hands a - bove,
 For thy - self, best Gift Di - vine, to the world so free - ly giv'n,

for the__ love which from our birth o - ver and a - round us lies;
 hill and__ vale, and tree and flow'r, sun, and moon, and stars of light;
 for the__ mys - tic har - mo - ny link - ing sense to sound and sight;
 friends on__ Earth and friends a - bove, for all gen - tle thoughts and mild;
 of - fer - ing up on ev - 'ry shore her pure sac - ri - fice of love;
 for that__ great, great love of thine, peace on Earth, and joy in Heav'n:

Refrain

Christ, our God, to thee we raise this our hymn of grate - ful praise.



[please be seated]

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION — Rev. Johan Dodge

The Holy Spirit is present and active with us and within us calling us together to be the united body of Christ knit together across all that would seek to divide us one from another. Let us unite our hearts in prayer saying together

Loving God, in whom we live and move and have our being, help us to choose life in you.

We pray for all who search for you loving God; may they find you in our actions. Bless us with lips that sing your praise and lives that tell the stories of all that you have done through us. Open our eyes to find you among us as we share your love with others.

Loving God, in whom we live and move and have our being, help us to choose life in you.

We pray for all who are oppressed by governments or institutions: For those whose voices are not heard or believed, those with no one standing with them. Bless us with a joy for justice and the heart to persevere as we work to bring your kingdom into being.

Loving God, in whom we live and move and have our being, help us to choose life in you.

We pray for all who hunger, and those who worry each day how they will care for their families. Bless us with meaningful work and fill us with good things, as we love and care for each other and find our sustenance in you.

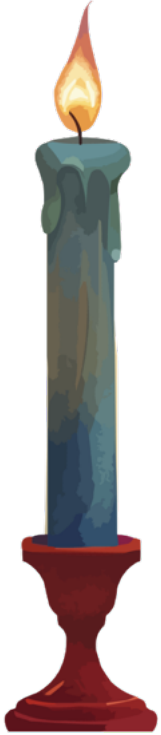
Loving God, in whom we live and move and have our being, help us to choose life in you.

We pray for all who suffer the violence and scars of war, for all soldiers, and their families and all who live and suffer in war torn places. Give them courage in the face of fear; in times of trouble, do not let their feet slip. Bless us with your vision of peace, for you have made us one family by giving life and breath to all.

Loving God, in whom we live and move and have our being, help us to choose life in you.

We remember before you all who have died, and pray for all who will die today, that they may know your peace. Bless us with the gift of promise, that we may know you and love you, and enjoy life eternal shared with you.

Loving God, in whom we live and move and have our being, help us to choose life in you. Amen.



[please stand as you are able]

HYMN: "Blessed Assurance"

Bless - ed as - sur - ance, Je - sus is mine! O what a
Liv - ing God's mis - sion, be - ing God's light, vi - sions of
Liv - ing God's mis - sion, all is at rest; We, in Christ

fore - taste of glo - ry di - vine! True in - car - na - tion, come from a -
glo - ry now burst on my sight; an - gels de - scend - ing bring from a -
Je - sus, are hap - py and blest, work - ing and walk - ing, look - ing a -

bove, born of God's Spir - it, washed in God's love.
bove ech - oes of mer - cy, whis - pers of love.
bove, filled with God's good - ness, lift - ed by love.

This is my sto - ry, this is my song, fol - low - ing Je - sus all the day

long; this is my sto - ry, this is my song, fol - low - ing Je - sus all the day long.

[please be seated]

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION — Jeanette Williams

Come Holy Spirit, our guide and comfort: open our hearts and minds this day, entice us with your presence. Spark us with a word of life — a message we may share with others as we seek to live Christ's love in the world. We ask this in the name of God who creates and sustains the universe. **Amen.**

SCRIPTURE — Jeanette Williams

1 Peter 3:13-22



¹³ Now who will harm you if you are eager to do what is good? ¹⁴ But even if you do suffer for doing what is right, you are blessed. Do not fear what they fear, and do not be intimidated, ¹⁵ but in your hearts sanctify Christ as Lord. Always be ready to make your defense to anyone who demands from you an accounting for the hope that is in you, ¹⁶ yet do it with gentleness and respect. Maintain a good conscience so that, when you are maligned, those who abuse you for your good conduct in Christ may be put to shame. ¹⁷ For it is better to suffer for doing good, if suffering should be God's will, than to suffer for doing evil. ¹⁸ For Christ also suffered for sins once for all, the righteous for the unrighteous, in order to bring you to God. He was put to death in the flesh but made alive in the spirit, ¹⁹ in which also he went and made a proclamation to the spirits in prison, ²⁰ who in former times did not obey, when God waited patiently in the days of Noah, during the building of the ark, in which a few, that is, eight lives, were saved through water. ²¹ And baptism, which this prefigured, now saves you—not as a removal of dirt from the body but as an appeal to God for a good conscience, through the resurrection of Jesus Christ, ²² who has gone into heaven and is at the right hand of God, with angels, authorities, and powers made subject to him.

John 14:15-21

The Promise of the Holy Spirit

¹⁵ "If you love me, you will keep my commandments. ¹⁶ And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Advocate, to be with you forever. ¹⁷ This is the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot receive because it neither sees him nor knows him. You know him because he abides with you, and he will be in you.

¹⁸ "I will not leave you orphaned; I am coming to you. ¹⁹ In a little while the world will no longer see me, but you will see me; because I live, you also will live. ²⁰ On that day you will know that I am in my Father, and you in me, and I in you. ²¹ They who have my commandments and keep them are those who love me, and those who love me will be loved by my Father, and I will love them and reveal myself to them."

MESSAGE: “Kind of Nice?” — Rev. Johan Dodge

QUESTIONS FOR REFLECTION — Rev. Johan Dodge

Trevor Noah defined the difference between being nice and being kind saying — Many people mistake polite behavior for genuine care. Niceness is performative and kindness is active. 1 Peter, begins with the question: Now who will harm you if you are eager to do what is good? And then goes on to say even if you do suffer for doing what is right, you are blessed. Where have you been nice when you should have been kind? Where could you have benefitted from some being and to you instead of being nice?

REFLECTION: “What a Friend We Have in Jesus” — Hannah Yi, *pianist*

INVITATION TO THE OFFERING — Jeanette Williams

God, the divine giver of all that is good, gifts us with life and breath and all that is. In gratitude, let us offer our gifts in return for the goodness and grace of God as shown to us in Jesus.

[Ushers, please come forward]

OFFERTORY: “Be Not Afraid” — Dave Albulario, *tenor*

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING — Jeanette Williams

Loving God, we give you thanks that you have places in the hearts of your people the gift of generosity and the desire to bring about your kingdom here on earth. Bless these gifts and use them to reveal to all of creation your love for creation as shown to us in the life and teachings 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. _____

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

May God, who creates, redeems, and sustains, keep you steadfast in faith, buoyant in hope, and abounding in love. May we go forth to be kind ever eager to do what is good. **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
Original Words by Thomas Ken, 1674

"For the Beauty of the Earth"
Music by Conrad Kocher, *Arr. by W.H. Monk*
Words by Folliot S. Pierpoint

"Blessed Assurance"
Music by Phoebe P. Knapp, 1873
Words by Fanny J. Crosby, 1873;
Add'l lyrics by David Albulario

"What a Friend We Have in Jesus"
Music by Charles C. Converse
Piano arrangement by Jenifer Cook

"Be Not Afraid"
Music by Bob Dufford, SJ;
Arranged by Theophane Hytrek, OSF;
Lyrics based on Isaiah 43:2-3 and Luke 6:20

"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

Penny Alberts – Carol Burge's daughter, Penny, is recovering from open-heart surgery. Prayers for quick healing, good health, and an easy return to routine.

Johan Dodge – Our Pastor is in 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, will 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 – Please continue to pray for Jeanette Williams' sister-in-law, Caroline who is being treated for serious cancer-related illness. Jeanette & Fred visited her recently and they appreciate your continued prayers.

NOTES AND ANNOUNCEMENTS:

FLOWERS and **FELLOWSHIP**: Today's 🌸 flowers and Fellowship refreshments are provided by Sung S. Lee. 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 14th 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.

RECENT LWCC WORSHIP ATTENDANCE:

April 12th: 26 | April 19th: 34 | April 26th: 27 | May 3rd: 41

*Happy
Mother's Day!*



May 10, 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

I give thanks for the gift of life and breath that is mine today in Jesus. Make me eager to do good and to resist evil, and grant me the wisdom to recognize the difference. Fill me with your assurance in all I say and do that I may share the hope that is within me in the gentleness and reverence of Christ. Amen.



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



Household Prayer: Evening

O God, in whom I live and move and have my being, you hear me when I cry and listen to my prayer; you set my feet on steady ground, you never leave me alone. As I rest in you tonight, sanctify my heart in Jesus, and fill me with your strength, that I may rise to love and serve you and greet another day. Amen.