



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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May 17, 2026

7th Sunday of Easter: "Triskele"



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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" — Fred Wind

**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 and Joy then let us sing, — Al - le - lu - ia!
Sing we to our God a - bove,
Soar we now where Christ has led,

All cre - a - tion, join to say
Hope and Peace to oth - ers bring, Al - le - lu - ia!
Praise e - ter - nal in God's love,
Fol - low - ing our ex - al - ted head,

Raise your joys and tri - umphs high,
Kind - ness and Com - pas - sion rise, Al - le - lu - ia!
Praise to God, ye earth - ly host,
Born like him, like him we rise,

Sing ye Heav'n and Earth re - ply, —
Christ's love gives us Pa - ra - dise. — Al - le - lu - ia! lu - ia!
Ma - ker, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost,
Ours — the cross, the grave, the skies.

[please be seated]

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION — Rev. Johan Dodge

Ever-present God, you call us to devote ourselves constantly to prayer but we have thought that meant our talking rather than our listening. Therefore we pray together today saying:

**Fill us with your Spirit's power,
That in being one with each other we may be one with you.**

Father-Mother God, parent of orphans and protector of widows, you call for the desolate to have a home to live in. Help us to order the patterns of our common life to support the health of your human family and the welfare of your world.

**Fill us with your Spirit's power,
That in being one with each other we may be one with you.**

Steadfast God, you have bestowed your Spirit's love upon us to make us one in you. Help us to grow in strength and courage to witness to this hope: that all may find your saving love eternally in Christ.

**Fill us with your Spirit's power,
That in being one with each other we may be one with you.**

Life-giving God, you send rain in abundance to relieve the parched crops and thirsty land, and make clean the winds of heaven. Help us to find sustainable solutions as we seek to honor and care for the well-being of your creation.

**Fill us with your Spirit's power,
That in being one with each other we may be one with you.**

Loving God, you heard the sufferings of your people, listened to our cries, and came to dwell among us. Help us to offer your healing and compassion as we minister to others in the mercy of your Christ.

**Fill us with your Spirit's power,
That in being one with each other we may be one with you.**



Resurrecting God, you draw near to those who are sick and dying, and you call them home to you. May we all know the joy of life eternal shared with you in the trinity that binds us together.

Amen.



[please stand as you are able]

HYMN: "I Love to Tell the Story"

The image displays a musical score for the hymn "I Love to Tell the Story". It is written for a four-part choir (Soprano, Alto, Tenor, and Bass) in the key of B-flat major (three flats) and 4/4 time. The score consists of six systems of music, each with a vocal line and a corresponding line of lyrics. The lyrics are arranged in four parts, with each part having its own line of text. The music is written on a grand staff with a treble clef for the Soprano and Alto parts and a bass clef for the Tenor and Bass parts. The lyrics are as follows:

1. I love to tell the sto - ry of un - seen things a -
2. I love to tell the sto - ry; more won - der - ful it
3. I love to tell the sto - ry; 'tis pleas - ant to re -
4. I love to tell the sto - ry, for those who know it

bove, of Je - sus and his glo - ry, of Je - sus and his
seems than all the gold - en fan - cies of all our gold - en
peat what seems, each time I tell it, more won - der - ful - ly
best seem hun - ger - ing and thirst - ing to hear it like the

love. I love to tell the sto - ry, be - cause I know 'tis
dreams. I love to tell the sto - ry, it did so much for
sweet. I love to tell the sto - ry, for some have nev - er
rest. And when, in scenes of glo - ry, I sing the new, new

true; it sat - is - fies my long - ings as noth - ing else can do.
me; and that is just the rea - son I tell it now to thee.
heard the mes - sage of com - pas - sion from God's own ho - ly Word.
song, 'twill be the old, old sto - ry that I have loved so long.



[please be seated]

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION — Fred Wind

Spirit of God, bless us with a word of life this day to restore, support, and strengthen us as we seek to be one with you. **Amen.**



SCRIPTURE — Fred Wind

1 Peter 4:12-14; 5:6-11

¹² Beloved, do not be surprised at the fiery ordeal that is taking place among you to test you, as though something strange were happening to you. ¹³ But rejoice insofar as you are sharing Christ's sufferings, so that you may also be glad and shout for joy when his glory is revealed. ¹⁴ If you are reviled for the name of Christ, you are blessed, because the spirit of glory, which is the Spirit of God, is resting on you.

⁶ Humble yourselves, therefore, under the mighty hand of God, so that he may exalt you in due time. ⁷ Cast all your anxiety on him, because he cares for you. ⁸ Discipline yourselves; keep alert. Like a roaring lion your adversary the devil prowls around, looking for someone to devour. ⁹ Resist him, steadfast in your faith, for you know that your brothers and sisters in all the world are undergoing the same kinds of suffering. ¹⁰ And after you have suffered for a little while, the God of all grace, who has called you to his eternal glory in Christ, will himself restore, support, strengthen, and establish you. ¹¹ To him be the power forever and ever. Amen.

John 17:1-11

¹ After Jesus had spoken these words, he looked up to heaven and said, “Father, the hour has come; glorify your Son so that the Son may glorify you, ² since you have given him authority over all people, to give eternal life to all whom you have given him. ³ And this is eternal life, that they may know you, the only true God, and Jesus Christ, whom you have sent. ⁴ I glorified you on earth by finishing the work that you gave me to do. ⁵ So now, Father, glorify me in your own presence with the glory that I had in your presence before the world existed.

⁶ “I have made your name known to those whom you gave me from the world. They were yours, and you gave them to me, and they have kept your word. ⁷ Now they know that everything you have given me is from you, ⁸ for the words that you gave to me I have given to them, and they have received them and know in truth that I came from you, and they have believed that you sent me. ⁹ I am asking on their behalf; I am not asking on behalf of the world but on behalf of those whom you gave me, because they are yours.

¹⁰ All mine are yours, and yours are mine, and I have been glorified in them.

¹¹ And now I am no longer in the world, but they are in the world, and I am coming to you. Holy Father, protect them in your name that you have given me, so that they may be one, as we are one.

MESSAGE: “Swirly” — Rev. Johan Dodge



QUESTIONS FOR REFLECTION — Rev. Johan Dodge

Where have you experienced God’s welcome in your life? Where have you experienced God’s welcome in the church? If we are to be one with Christ, as Christ is one with God, how can our church become a more compelling witness to God’s radical invitation to homecoming?

REFLECTION: “Great Is Thy Faithfulness” — John Fluker, *pianist*



INVITATION TO THE OFFERING — Fred Wind

Jesus said: “All mine are yours, and all yours are mine.” Therefore, let us offer to God this day the gifts of our lives and the fruit of our labors in service of Christ’s love.

[Ushers, please come forward]

OFFERTORY: “Lift Every Voice and Sing” — Dave Albulario, *tenor*



PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING — Fred Wind

Glorious God, everything that is given to us rains forth out of the abundance of your love. Bless these gifts and our lives together that all we are and all we offer give glory to you; in the name of Christ, who is the way, the truth, and the life.

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

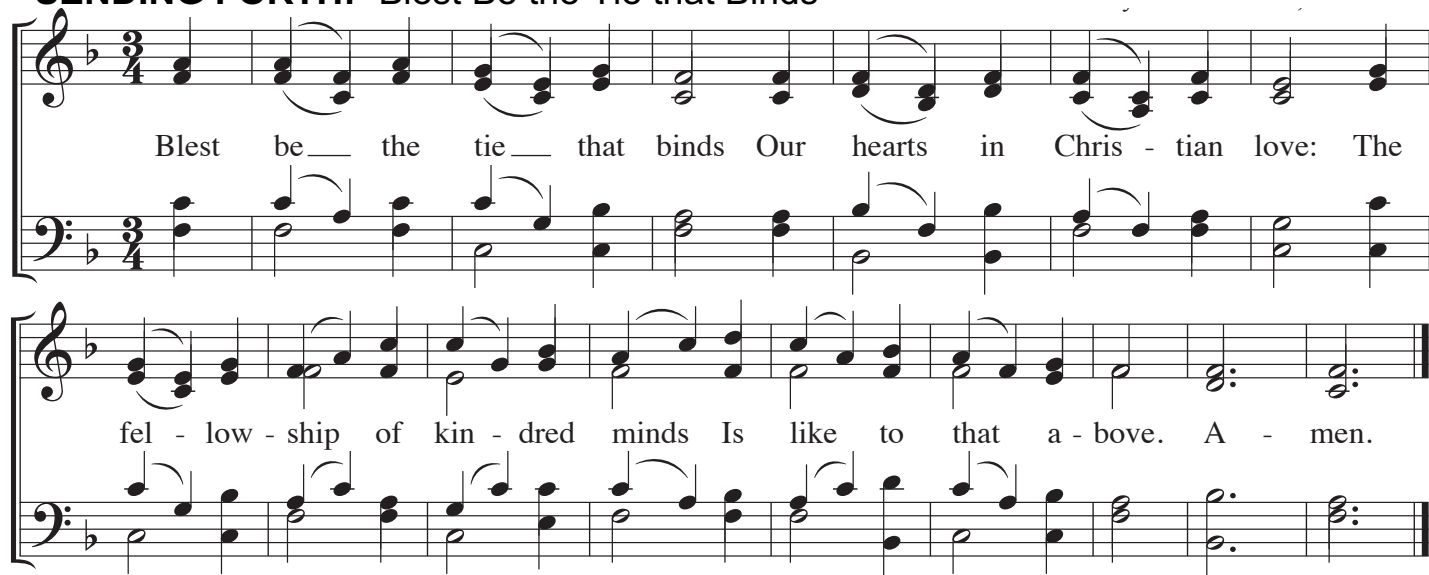
take each mo-moment and live each mo-moment in peace e - ter - nal - ly;____

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

BLESSING — Rev. Johan Dodge

Siblings, God loves and cares for each of us. Therefore, cast all anxiety on God, and keep alert, so that we may remain steadfast in faith with Christ, who supports and strengthens us in all things. **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.*
 John Fluker, *Pianist*

Jennifer Rudy, *Soprano*
 Hannah Yi, *Pianist*

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

"Jesus Christ Is Risen Today"
 Music by Lyra Davidica;
 Words by Charles Wesley

"I Love to Tell the Story"
 Music by William G. Fischer
 Words by Katherine Hankey

"Great Is Thy Faithfulness"
 Music by William M. Runyan, 1923
 Piano arrangement by John Fluker

"Lift Every Voice and Sing"
 Music by John Rosamond Johnson;
 Words by James Weldon Johnson
 Arranged by Craig Courtney

"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

Noemi Albulario – Noemi (Dave's mom), a cancer survivor, will have surgery tomorrow, May 18th, followed by six rounds of chemo. Prayers for a successful procedure, effective treatment, good care, and general good health & strength.

Jim Dimos – Jim had a fall this past Thursday and broke his elbow. Prayers that x-ray results are good, and hope that surgery isn't needed.

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 Mo Ashley. 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.

LWCC MEMBERSHIP Q&A: This Wednesday, May 20th at 1:00 PM, Pastor Johan will host a one-hour Question and Answer session for all those who wish to learn how to become a regular member of Community Church. All are welcome, and those wishing to join should remain for the ...

LWCC MEMBERSHIP CLASS: Immediately following the Q&A session this Wednesday, May 20th at 2:00 PM, Pastor Johan will meet with those interested in becoming regular members of LWCC.

COFFEE WITH PASTOR: ☕ On Thursday, May 21st 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 19th: 34 | April 26th: 27 | May 3rd: 41 | May 10th: 36



May 17, 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

Delivering God, you have safely brought me to this new day. Keep me free from all dangers, perils, and troubles. By the power of your Spirit, strengthen my focus as I seek to follow Christ and to humbly serve your truth. Amen.



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



Household Prayer: Evening

Ever-Loving God, by your Holy Spirit you have guided me to this night, and for this and all other mercies, I give you thanks. Your presence abides around me this night that I may rest in your peace. Amen.

