



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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Jacuzzi Days

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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" — Marylee Thomsen

(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: "They'll Know We Are Christians by Our Love"

1. We are one in the Spir - it, we are one in the Lord, We are
 2. We will work with each oth - er, we will work side by side, We will
 3. All — praise the Cre - a - tor, from whom all things come, And all

one work in the Spir - it, we are one in the Lord, And we
 praise with to each Christ Je - sus, God's on - ly by side, Son, And we'll
 all

pray that all u - ni - ty may one day be re - stored:
 guard each one's dig - ni - ty and save each per - son's pride: And they'll
 praise to the Spir - it, who — makes us — one:

know we are Christ - ians by our love, by our love, Yes, they'll

know — we are Christ - ians by our love.

[please be seated]

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION — Rev. Johan Dodge

Let us receive again the presence and power of the Holy Spirit as we pray together, saying:

We open our hearts to drink deeply of the living water that overflows and renews the face of the earth.

For the church throughout the world,

We open our hearts to drink deeply of the living water that overflows and renews the face of the earth.

[brief pause]

Inspire the siblings who are your church to become prophetic witnesses to your love and upon young and old, give clarity of vision to acknowledge your way of love that is transforming the world.

For nations of the world and its leaders.

We open our hearts to drink deeply of the living water that overflows and renews the face of the earth.

[brief pause]

Overcome the babble of misunderstanding among the nations, and let all people hear in their own language and recognize in their own culture your unifying message of love.

For planet Earth, our home.

We open our hearts to drink deeply of the living water that overflows and renews the face of the earth.

[brief pause]

By your Spirit, renew the earth, make us good stewards of its resources, and teach us to enjoy its abundance rightly.

For those in need of healing.

We open our hearts to drink deeply of the living water that overflows and renews the face of the earth.

[brief pause]

Among those known and unknown to us but known to you, you call us to care and be your hands and feet — the resurrected body of Christ. Send your healing presence upon those who are ill in body or mind and restore them to health and our community.

For our neighbors and members of our civic community.

We open our hearts to drink deeply of the living water that overflows and renews the face of the earth.

[brief pause]

Teach us to be good neighbors, to live in peace with one another, and in friendship share the joys and burdens of daily life.

For our children.

We open our hearts to drink deeply of the living water that overflows and renews the face of the earth.

[brief pause]

Bless our children, protect them from danger, and help parents, grandparents, great-grandparents and caregivers nurture them so that they may grow in wisdom and practice your way of love.

For our enemies.

We open our hearts to drink deeply of the living water that overflows and renews the face of the earth.

[brief pause]

Bless our enemies and show us how we may do good to them for the sake of Jesus who revealed your love for all of your creation.

In your way of love, Ever-Present God, receive our prayers and empower us to overflow your love into the world around us. **Amen.**

[please stand as you are able]

HYMN: "Every Time I Feel the Spirit"

Refrain

Ev - 'ry time I feel the Spir - it mov - ing

in my heart, I will pray. Yes, ev - 'ry time I feel the

Spir - it mov - ing in my heart, I will pray.

Fine

Verses →

10 Verses

1. On the moun - tain when our God spoke,
 2. Jor - dan Riv - er, chil - ly and cold,
 3. Down the Riv - val - ley, when I feel weak,

On the moun tain ... my Lord
 Jor - dan Riv - er ... oh, so
 Down the Riv - val - ley ... when I'm

Out of God's mouth came _____ fire and smoke.
 It's chills the bod - y _____ but not the soul.
 That's when the tempt - er _____ u - sual - ly speaks,

spoke, cold, weak, Out chills His mouth, fire and smoke.
 when he bod, not the soul.
 u - sual - ly speaks,

All a - round me, it looked so fine,
 Ain't but one train that's on this track,
 he is craft - y, and full of lies,

All a - round ... looked so
 Just one train ... on this
 Yes, he is ... full of

I asked my God if _____ all was mine.
 It runs to the Heav - en _____ and to runs right back.
 I need the Spir - it _____ it _____ keep me wise.

fine ... track, lies, asked Heav - en it Lord, and to all runs keep me mine.
 back.
 wise.

D.C. al Fine

[please be seated]

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION — Marylee Thomsen

Loving, Ever-present God, by the power of your Holy Spirit, speak to us in the language of our hearts, that we may hear you Word with understanding and answer your call with confidence. **Amen.**

SCRIPTURE — Marylee Thomsen

John 7:37-39 — *Rivers of Living Water*

³⁷ On the last day of the festival, the great day, while Jesus was standing there, he cried out, “Let anyone who is thirsty come to me, ³⁸ and let the one who believes in me drink. As the scripture has said, ‘Out of the believer’s heart shall flow rivers of living water.’ ” ³⁹ Now he said this about the Spirit, which believers in him were to receive, for as yet there was no Spirit because Jesus was not yet glorified.

John 20:19-23 — *Jesus Appears to the Disciples*

¹⁹ When it was evening on that day, the first day of the week, and the doors were locked where the disciples were, for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said, “Peace be with you.” ²⁰ After he said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord. ²¹ Jesus said to them again, “Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you.” ²² When he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, “Receive the Holy Spirit. ²³ If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained.”

MESSAGE: “Jacuzzi Days” — Rev. Johan Dodge

QUESTIONS FOR REFLECTION — Rev. Johan Dodge

Is there a chance that the Holy Spirit has been trying to stir within you and bubble up something for you to do? How might you find your focus? When have you been stirred into action by the presence of the Holy Spirit?

REFLECTION: “Chariots of Fire” — John Fluker, *pianist*

INVITATION TO THE OFFERING — Marylee Thomsen

With thanksgiving for all that God has given to us, let us offer ourselves and the fruits of our labor for God’s work in the world.

[Ushers, please come forward]

OFFERTORY: “Bridge Over Troubled Water” — Kara Brouelette, *mezzo-soprano*



PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING — Marylee Thomsen

Ever-Present God, we have opened our hearts to you, and our hands have been filled with good things. Receive the thanks we return to you in gratitude for all that you have given to us. Help us through your Holy Spirit to dedicate our lives to your way of love for your very good creation. 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

May the love of God stir you into action, may the teachings of Jesus shape how you see the world and may the presence of the Holy Spirit empower you to be courageous this day and forevermore. **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), and the time signature is 3/4. The melody is in the soprano part, with the piano providing harmonic support. 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."

Music Team: Kara Brouette, *Mezzo-Soprano* Jennifer Rudy, *Soprano*
John Fluker, *Pianist* Hannah Yi, *Pianist*
Dave Albulario, *Tenor / Music Dir.*

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

"They'll Know We Are Christians by Our Love"
Tune: *ST. BRENDAN'S* and Words by Peter Scholtes, based on John 13:35

"Every Time I Feel the Spirit"
Traditional African American Spiritual

Main Theme from "Chariots of Fire"
Music by Vangelis;
Piano arrangement by John Fluker

"Bridge Over Troubled Water"
Words and Music by Paul Simon

"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

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PRAYER REQUESTS

Noemi Albulario – Noemi (Dave's mom) underwent a successful eight-hour surgery this past Monday. She is recovering in hospital and looks forward to going home soon. Prayers of gratitude for an outstanding medical team led by Dr. Jill Tseng, for compassionate nurses, and good health, healing, & strength.

Jim Dimos – Jim took a fall last Thursday and had surgery this past Wednesday to repair a broken elbow. He is recovering from surgery and a few other injuries. Prayers for Jim's speedy healing under the care of his loving wife, Lois.

Patricia Wolfe – Pat underwent surgery this past Thursday and will begin chemotherapy treatment once she has recovered. Prayers for successful treatment and care.

NOTES AND ANNOUNCEMENTS:

FLOWERS & FELLOWSHIP: Today's 🌸 flowers are provided by Nancy Westcott. Fellowship refreshments are provided by Pastor Jang Yong of Leisure World Korean Community Church. 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 27th 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 27th at 2:00 PM, Pastor Johan will meet with those interested in becoming regular members of LWCC.

COFFEE WITH PASTOR: ☕ On Thursday, May 28th 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 26th: 27 | May 3rd: 41 | May 10th: 36 | May 17th: 38



May 24, 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

Spirit of God, source of life, refresh my spirit, reshape my desire, and re-create my heart, that I may show forth your enduring glory; through Jesus Christ. Amen.



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

Household Prayer: Evening

Spirit of God, you sustained me throughout this day; I ask that you would abide with me through the night as well. Let my evening meditations and prayers be pleasing to you, and may they open my heart to be refreshed by your loving presence through the night. May I arise in the morning to rejoice in your way of love. Amen.

