



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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June 7, 2026
2nd Sunday After Pentecost

**THIS IS
THE Way!**



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" — Phyllis Spencer

(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: "Lift Every Voice and Sing"

Lift ev-'ry voice and sing, 'til Earth and Heav - en ring, Ring with the har - mo - nies of
Ston-y the road we trod, bit - ter the chast-'ning rod, Felt in the days when hope un -
God of our wea - ry years, God of our si - lent tears, Thou who hast brought us thus far

lib - er - ty; Let our re - joic - ing rise, high as the list - 'ning skies, Let it re -
born had died; Yet with a stead - y beat, havenot our wea - ry — feet, Come to the
on — the way; Thou who hast by thy might, led us in - to the — light, Keep us for -

sound loud as the roll - ing sea. Sing a song full of the faith that the dark past has
place for which our fa - thers sighed? We have come o - ver a way that with tears has been
ev - er in the path, we pray. Lest our feet stray from the plac - es, our God, where we

taught us, Sing a song full of the hope that the pre - sent has brought us; Fac - ing the
wa - tered, We have come, tread - ing our path through the blood of the slaugh - tered; Out from the
met thee. Lest our hearts, drunk with the wine of the world, we for - get thee. Sha-dowed be -

ris - ing sun; of our new day be - gun, Let us march on 'til vic - to - ry — is won.
gloom - y past, 'til now we stand at last, Where the white gleam of our bright star — is cast.
neath thy hand, may we for - ev - er stand, True to our God, true to our na - tive land.

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[please be seated]

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION — Rev. Johan Dodge

God of love and compassion, your children need guidance and healing.

God of Love, we pray for those who feel like they are dying, emotionally or physically, and cannot find peace or comfort.

Let your faithful love surround us, O God!

God of Love, we pray for those who in their older years must make decisions as to where to go for the rest of their lives and who have to confront new challenges.

Let your faithful love surround us, O God!

God of Love, we pray for nations and leaders, with the hope that they will not follow their own plans, but the purposes you present to them through the nudge of the Holy Spirit.

Let your faithful love surround us, O God!

God of Love, we pray all these things and ask that your Spirit would nudge us to find the ways we can be the resurrected body of Christ at work in the world today; may we bring healing and restoration where possible and comfort and compassion when we cannot. **Amen.**

[please stand as you are able]

HYMN: "It Is Well with My Soul"

1. When peace, like a riv - er at - tend - eth my way, When sor - rows like
2. Though ev - il should buf - fet, though tri - als should come, Let this blest as -
3. Our faults - O the bliss of this glo - ri - ous thought! Our faults - not in
4. And, God, haste the day when my faith shall be sight, The clouds be rolled

sea - bil - lows roll; What - ev - er my lot, Thou hast taught me to
sur - rance con - trol, That Christ has re - gard - ed my help - less es -
part but the whole, For - give us our faults, may we bear them no
back as a scroll, Our voic - es re - sound, and our God shall de -

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say, "It is well, it is well, with my soul." And hath shared God's own love for my soul. It is well more, For 'tis writ: "God is love," O my soul! It is scend, "E - ven so" - It is well with my soul.

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well with my soul, with my soul, It is well, it is well, with my soul.

[please be seated]

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION — Phyllis Spencer

By your Word, O God, everything was made. Your word is powerful and can transform our hearts. Speak to us today, Loving God. May your Spirit nudge open our hearts and minds to your restoring word, and give us guidance and encouragement. In the name of Jesus we pray. **Amen.**

SCRIPTURE — Phyllis Spencer

Romans 4:13-25 — *God's Promise Realized through Faith*

¹³ For the promise that he would inherit the world did not come to Abraham or to his descendants through the law but through the righteousness of faith. ¹⁴ For if it is the adherents of the law who are to be the heirs, faith is null and the promise is void. ¹⁵ For the law brings wrath, but where there is no law, neither is there transgression. ¹⁶ For this reason the promise depends on faith, in order that it may rest on grace, so that it may be guaranteed to all his descendants, not only to the adherents of the law but also to those who share the faith of Abraham (who is the father of all of us, ¹⁷ as it is written, "I have made you the father of many nations"), in the presence of the God in whom he believed, who gives life to the dead and calls into existence the things that do not exist. ¹⁸ Hoping against hope, he believed that he would become "the father of many nations," according to what was said, "So shall your descendants be." ¹⁹ He did not weaken in faith when he considered his own body, which was already as good as dead (for he was about a hundred years old), and the barrenness of Sarah's womb. ²⁰ No distrust made him waver concerning the promise of God, but he grew strong in his faith as he gave glory to God, ²¹ being fully convinced that God was able to do what he had promised. ²² Therefore "it was reckoned to him as righteousness." ²³ Now the words, "it was reckoned to him," were written not for his sake alone ²⁴ but for ours also. It will be reckoned to us who believe in him who raised Jesus our Lord from the dead, ²⁵ who was handed over for our trespasses and was raised for our justification.

Matthew 9:9-13, 18-26

The Call of Matthew

⁹ As Jesus was walking along, he saw a man called Matthew sitting at the tax-collection station, and he said to him, “Follow me.” And he got up and followed him.

¹⁰ And as he sat at dinner in the house, many tax collectors and sinners came and were sitting with Jesus and his disciples. ¹¹ When the Pharisees saw this, they said to his disciples, “Why does your teacher eat with tax collectors and sinners?” ¹² But when he heard this, he said, “Those who are well have no need of a physician, but those who are sick. ¹³ Go and learn what this means, ‘I desire mercy, not sacrifice.’ For I have not come to call the righteous but sinners.”

A Girl Restored to Life and a Woman Healed

¹⁸ While he was saying these things to them, suddenly a leader came in and knelt before him, saying, “My daughter has just died, but come and lay your hand on her, and she will live.” ¹⁹ And Jesus got up and followed him, with his disciples. ²⁰ Then suddenly a woman who had been suffering from a flow of blood for twelve years came up behind him and touched the fringe of his cloak, ²¹ for she was saying to herself, “If I only touch his cloak, I will be made well.” ²² Jesus turned, and seeing her he said, “Take heart, daughter; your faith has made you well.” And the woman was made well from that moment. ²³ When Jesus came to the leader’s house and saw the flute players and the crowd making a commotion, ²⁴ he said, “Go away, for the girl is not dead but sleeping.” And they laughed at him. ²⁵ But when the crowd had been put outside, he went in and took her by the hand, and the girl got up. ²⁶ And the report of this spread through all of that district.

MESSAGE: “This Is the Way” — Rev. Johan Dodge

QUESTIONS FOR REFLECTION — Rev. Johan Dodge

What does it mean to be a blessing to the world?

Where can you be a healing presence in our community.

REFLECTION: “Seal Lullaby” — Hannah Yi, *pianist*
— in loving memory of Noemi Reyes Albulario —

HOLY COMMUNION FOR THE SEASON AFTER PENTECTOST:

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 is in you.

We are in God.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift up our hearts in love.

Let us give thanks to the source of all 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. Almighty God, creator of heaven and earth, 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, and spoke to us through your prophets, who looked for that day when justice shall roll down like waters and righteousness like an ever-flowing stream, when nation shall not lift up sword against nation, neither shall they learn war anymore. And so, with your people on earth and all the company of heaven we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

The musical score is written on four staves in 3/4 time, with a key signature of one flat (B-flat). The lyrics are: Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly God, Source of Light and Love, Heav - en and Earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the high - est, Bless - ed is the one who comes in the name of Love. Ho - san - na in the high - est, ho - san - na in the high - est.

Holy are you and blessed is your Son Jesus Christ. Your Spirit anointed him to preach good news to the poor, to proclaim release to the captives and recovering of sight to the blind, to set at liberty those who are oppressed, and to announce that the time had come when you would save your people.

He healed the sick, fed the hungry, and ate with sinners.

By the baptism of his suffering, death, and resurrection you gave birth to your Church, delivered us from slavery to sin and death, and made with us a new covenant by water and the Spirit.

At his ascension you exalted him to sit and reign with you at your right hand.

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:

Repeat after Cantor:



Christ was born, Christ is liv - ing, — Christ is born a - gain.

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 kin-dom. 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 PRAYER OF JESUS – Celtic Version:

**Holy One beyond all names, Eternal Wellspring,
May love rise again in us today, with food for every table, shelter for every family, and reverence for every life. Forgive us our failings in love, and free us from all falseness. That the light of our souls may shine, and the strength of our spirits endure – for Earth and all its people – this day, tonight, and forever. Amen. – John Philip Newell**

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. Amen.

INVITATION TO THE OFFERING — Phyllis Spencer

Loving God, you know our needs and our wants, you have us all we have and invite us to hold what we have loosely that we may give back in gratitude and joy so that we can bless others as we have been blessed. Let us give back to God through our offerings in thankfulness and love.

[Ushers, please come forward]

OFFERTORY: “Here I Am” — David Albulario, *tenor*

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING — Phyllis Spencer

Loving God, you have crafted us and called us your very good creation and then invited us to be co-creational with you that we might be a blessing for all of creation on this planet. Give us the wisdom and the courage to be a transformational blessing to this community and the world. Through these gifts may we be channels of your compassion and bring healing and restoration wherever possible. 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. _____

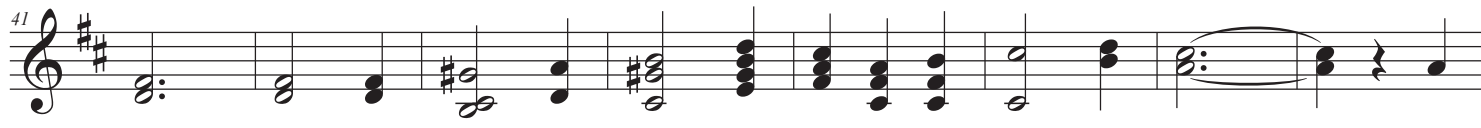
_____ With God, our Cre - a - tor, _____ we are fam - i - ly. _____

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 Let us walk with each oth - er _____ in per - fect har - mo - ny. _____

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 Let peace be - gin with me, let this be the mo - ment now; _____

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 With ev - 'ry step I take, let this be my sol - emn vow: _____ To

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 take each mo - ment and live each mo - ment in peace e - ter - nal - ly; _____

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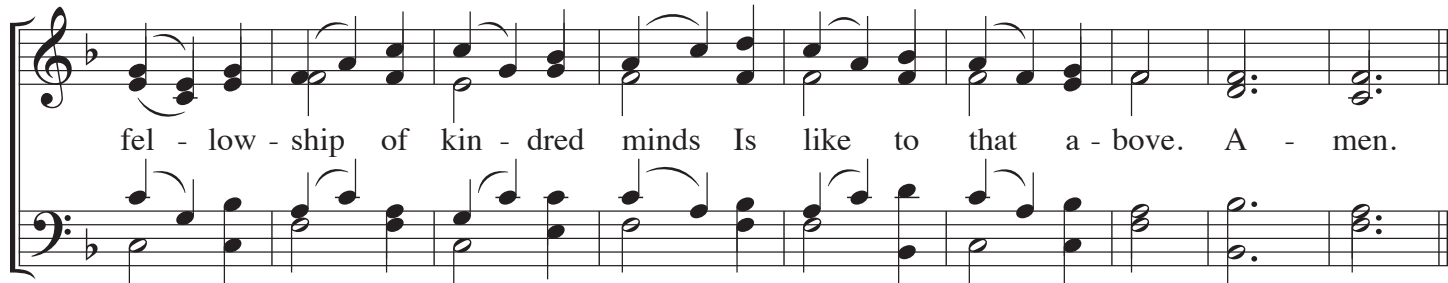
 Let there be peace on Earth, and let it be - gin with me. _____

BLESSING — Rev. Johan Dodge

May God the creator and instigator of love blow through the Holy Spirit into your heart and bring you restoration so that you may be a new vessel, a new wine skin for the message of love that God calls each of us to carry to the world. **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*

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

PRAYER REQUESTS

Linda Hildreth – Our wonderful Linda Hildreth passed away last week. Lewis Hildreth, her dear husband of many years continues to be cared for at Home on Cascade Assisted Living. Linda's final arrangements are with The Neptune Society. Prayers of peaceful rest for Linda, and comfort strength for Lewis.

Noemi Albulario – As you know, Noemi Albulario, Dave's mom, and a cherished member of our LWCC family, passed away last week. ***A Celebration of Her Life will take place on Saturday, June 27, 2026, at 1:00 PM, here at Leisure World Community Church. All are welcome. A reception will follow immediately in Edgar Fellowship Hall.*** Prayers of peaceful rest for Noemi. Prayers also for her children Dave and Renée, their Dad Art, and Renée's partner Michael for strength and comfort in their sorrow, and the assurance that Noemi's love and legacy will be with them always.

NOTES AND ANNOUNCEMENTS:

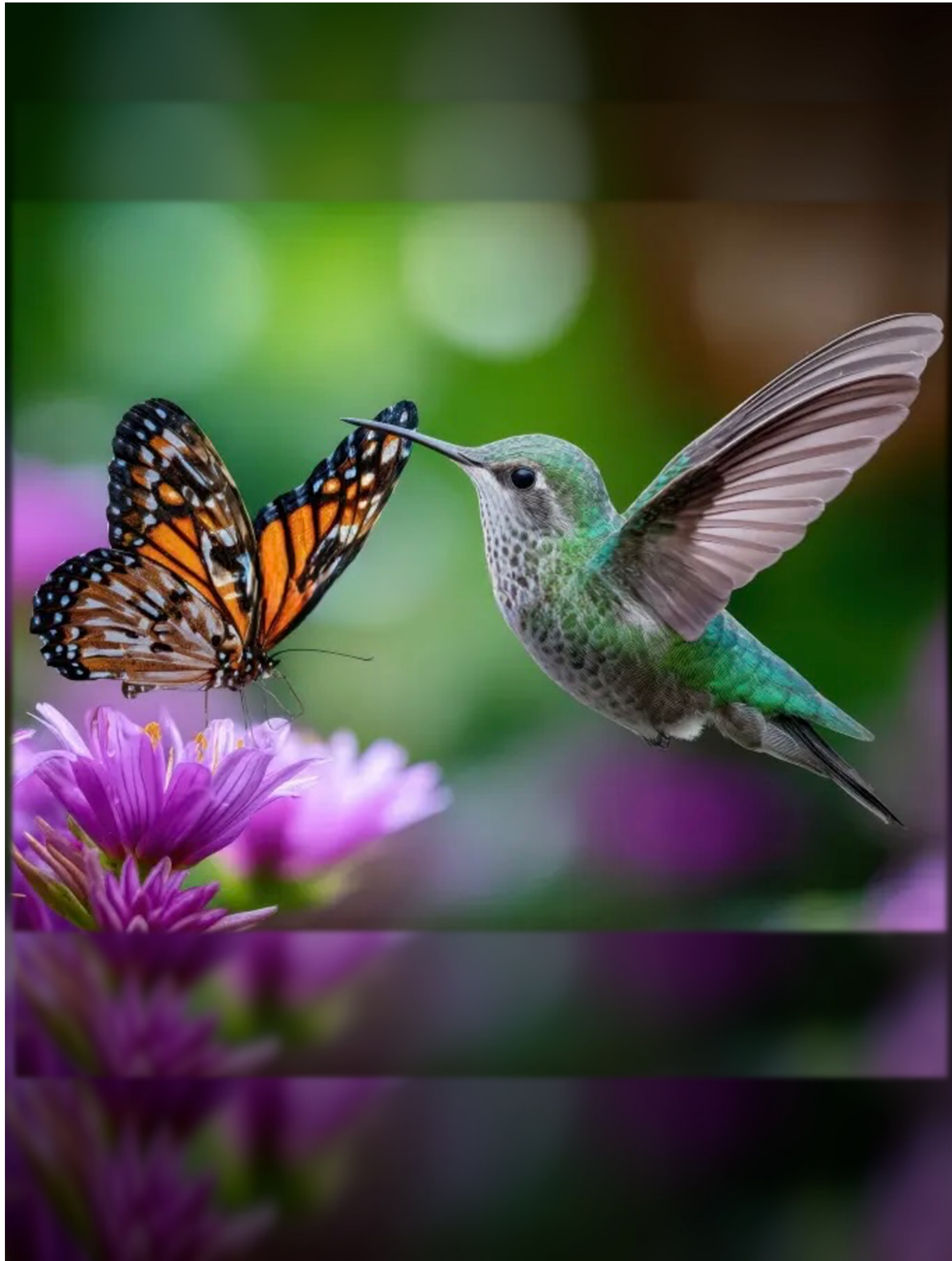
FLOWERS & FELLOWSHIP: Today's 🌸 flowers are provided by the Fellowship Team. Fellowship refreshments are provided by Pastor Jang Yong and our siblings at Leisure World Korean Community Church. See the sign-up charts for 2026 to provide refreshments or cover the cost of altar flowers for future services. Altar flowers are \$25. See Phyllis Spencer to coordinate arrangements.

IMPORTANT LWCC MEMBERSHIP SESSIONS COMING UP:

LWCC MEMBERSHIP Q&A: This **Wednesday, June 10th** at **1:00 PM**, Pastor Johan will host a one-hour Question and Answer session for all those who wish to learn about becoming 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, June 10th** at **2:00 PM**, Pastor Johan will meet with those interested in becoming regular members of LWCC.

COFFEE WITH PASTOR: ☕ On Thursday, June 11th 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.



June 7, 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

The sunlight of the morning sometimes reminds me that I ache, that I'm sick, that I hurt. Loving God, you breathe restoration into the world this day and every day. Remind me always of your restoration and how I can be a healing presence for others and share in your way of love. Amen.

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

Household Prayer: Evening

Loving God, present and eternal, I thank you for the opportunities I have had this day, for the people I have met, for the air I have breathed, and for the hours in which I can give you thanks for all that I have experienced. Help me now to rest knowing that you are ever with me. Give me good sleep, keep me safe from harm, and empower me in my dreams to live out your way of love even more fully tomorrow. Amen.