



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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7th Sunday After Pentecost

WHAT DO YOU YIELD?

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" — Marylee Thomsen

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: "O Spirit of the Living God"

O Spir - it of the liv - ing God, thou light and fire di -
Blow, wind of God! With wis - dom blow un - til our minds are
Teach us to ut - ter liv - ing words of truth which all may
So shall we know the pow'r of Christ who came this world to

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vine, de - scend up - on thy church once more, and make it — tru - ly thine.
 free from mists of er - ror, clouds of — doubt, which blind our — eyes to thee.
 hear, the lan - guage all may un - der - stand when love speaks loud and clear;
 save; so shall we rise with him — to — life which soars be — yond the grave;

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Fill — it with love and joy — and pow'r, with righ - teous - ness and
 Burn, wing - ed fire! In - spire our lips with flam - ing love and
 'til — ev - 'ry age and race and clime shall blend their creeds in
 and — Earth shall win true ho - li - ness, which makes thy chil - dren

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peace; 'til Christ shall dwell in hu - man hearts, and sin and sor - row cease.
 zeal, to preach to all thy great good news, God's glo - rious com - mon - weal.
 one, and Earth shall form one fam - i - ly by whom thy will is done.
 whole; 'til, per - fect - ed by thee, we — reach cre - a - tion's glo - rious goal!

[please be seated]

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION — Rev. Johan Dodge

Holy God, we were yours before we drew breath, and still we will be yours when the pulse of life ceases. In every fragile, reckless moment, we belong to you. We thank you for the desire of our parents who gave us life. May the love we have received spill gratitude from our hearts. May the wounds we carry open our hearts to the needs of others. May we recognize in your mercy the faithfulness that judges and redeems every human bond.

God is the one who walks with us in times of celebration and grief.

Loving God, you have given us the gift of the indwelling Spirit, that your church may be faithful, loving, and wise. Give us strength to follow the way of Jesus until the world is transformed from rocky soil to verdant garden.

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Eternal God, you have made us for a noble purpose, to love and care for those who are sick, those who suffer need, and those who are in danger. Give us compassion and skill to love our neighbor and see the well-being of those in need.

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Creator God, your faithfulness is revealed in the rhythmic nature of creation, and your sanctuary is known in the earth itself. Rid us of the apathy and greed that injures its health, for you have bound your creation together for the blessing of all.

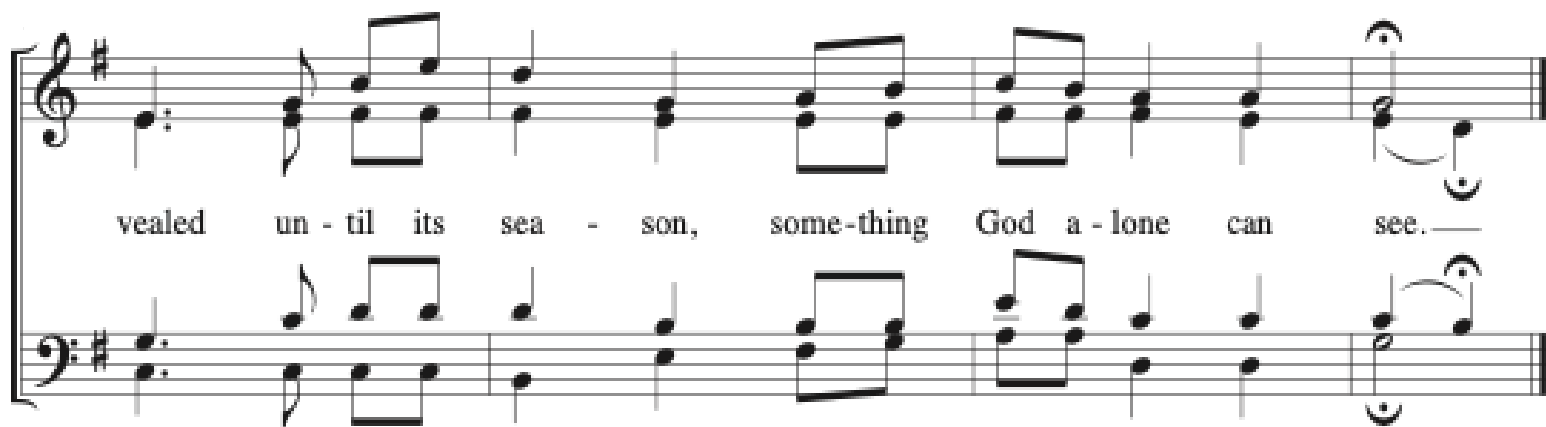
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Oneing God, you call us into community in worship to turn our focus to you that we might experience life greater than self, make us one with the saints, who have found their eternal rest in you. **Amen.**

[please stand as you are able]

HYMN: "Hymn of Promise"

The musical score is written for a two-part setting (Soprano and Bass) in 3/4 time, with a key signature of one sharp (F#). The melody is simple and hymn-like, with lyrics written below the notes. The lyrics are arranged in three systems, each with a corresponding musical staff. The lyrics are: In the bulb there is a flow - er; in the seed, an ap - ple tree; in co - There's a song in ev - 'ry si - lence, seek - ing word and mel - o - dy; There's a In our end is our be - gin - ning; in our time, in - fin - i - ty; In our coons, a hid - den prom - ise: but - ter - flies will soon be free! In the dawn in ev - 'ry dark - ness, bring - ing hope to you and me. From the doubt there is be - liev - ing; in our life, e - ter - ni - ty, In our cold and snow of win - ter there's a spring that waits to be, Un - re - past death, will come the fu - ture; what it holds, a mys - te - ry, a vic - to - ry,



[please be seated]

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION — Marylee Thomsen

God of life, by the power of your Spirit come to us now. Plow our hearts with your verdant Word until we who are broken become fertile with your love, for we long to bear fruit in a world that is wasting. We ask this in the name of Jesus, whose charge we bear. **Amen.**

SCRIPTURE — Marylee Thomsen

Romans 8:1-11

Life in the Spirit

¹ Therefore there is now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus.

² For the law of the Spirit of life in Christ Jesus has set you free from the law of sin and of death. ³ For God has done what the law, weakened by the flesh, could not do: by sending his own Son in the likeness of sinful flesh and to deal with sin, he condemned sin in the flesh, ⁴ so that the just requirement of the law might be fulfilled in us, who walk not according to the flesh but according to the Spirit. ⁵ For those who live according to the flesh set their minds on the things of the flesh, but those who live according to the Spirit set their minds on the things of the Spirit. ⁶ To set the mind on the flesh is death, but to set the mind on the Spirit is life and peace. ⁷ For this reason the mind that is set on the flesh is hostile to God; it does not submit to God's law—indeed, it cannot, ⁸ and those who are in the flesh cannot please God.

⁹ But you are not in the flesh; you are in the Spirit, since the Spirit of God dwells in you. Anyone who does not have the Spirit of Christ does not belong to him. ¹⁰ But if Christ is in you, then the body is dead because of sin, but the Spirit is life because of righteousness. ¹¹ If the Spirit of him who raised Jesus from the dead dwells in you, he who raised Christ Jesus from the dead will give life to your mortal bodies also through his Spirit that dwells in you.

Matthew 13:1-9, 18-23

The Parable of the Sower

¹ That same day Jesus went out of the house and sat beside the sea. ² Such great crowds gathered around him that he got into a boat and sat there, while the whole crowd stood on the beach. ³ And he told them many things in parables, saying: "Listen! A sower went out to sow. ⁴ And as he sowed, some seeds fell on a path, and the birds came and ate them up. ⁵ Other seeds fell on rocky ground, where they did not have much soil, and they sprang up quickly, since they had no depth of soil. ⁶ But when the sun rose, they were scorched, and since they had no root, they withered away. ⁷ Other seeds fell among thorns, and the thorns grew up and choked them. ⁸ Other seeds fell on good soil and brought forth grain, some a hundredfold, some sixty, some thirty. ⁹ If you have ears, hear!"

The Parable of the Sower Explained

¹⁸ "Hear, then, the parable of the sower. ¹⁹ When anyone hears the word of the kingdom and does not understand it, the evil one comes and snatches away what is sown in the heart; this is what was sown on the path. ²⁰ As for what was sown on rocky ground, this is the one who hears the word and immediately receives it with joy, ²¹ yet such a person has no root but endures only for a while, and when trouble or persecution arises on account of the word, that person immediately falls away. ²² As for what was sown among thorns, this is the one who hears the word, but the cares of this age and the lure of wealth choke the word, and it yields nothing. ²³ But as for what was sown on good soil, this is the one who hears the word and understands it, who indeed bears fruit and yields in one case a hundredfold, in another sixty, and in another thirty."

MESSAGE: "What Do You Yield?" — Rev. Johan Dodge

QUESTIONS FOR REFLECTION — Rev. Johan Dodge

How is God's Spirit at work in you and in our community? Where are you experiencing new life? Where are struggling? How might God be bringing new life from that struggle?

REFLECTION: "Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing" — John Fluker, *pianist*

INVITATION TO THE OFFERING — Marylee Thomsen

We bring our gifts because the abundant growth of God's love has worked its way into the soil of our hearts. Siblings, let us yield our lives to God's abundant harvest.

[Ushers, please come forward]

OFFERTORY: "Seed, Scattered and Sown" — David Albulario, *tenor*

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING — Marylee Thomsen

Giver of life, we do not want the cares of the world and the lure of wealth to choke your word among us. As the sower casts the seeds abundantly and hopefully, so we long to participate in your seeding of the world. Receive these gifts as tokens of our lives. Send your cultivating spirit to work among us until we yield and grow in grace, for we pray in the way of Jesus, who came out of love for the world. 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

Siblings, sow the gospel wherever you go — not judging the soil on which you stand — for God brings forth fruit from unexpected places. **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 in 3/4 time with a key signature of one flat (B-flat). The score is arranged for voice and piano. The vocal line is in the treble clef, and the piano accompaniment is in the bass clef. 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 music features a simple, hymn-like melody with a piano accompaniment of chords and moving lines.

Music Team: Dave Albulario, *Tenor / Music Dir.*
John Fluker, *Pianist*

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

PRAYER REQUESTS

Jim Dimos – We join with Lois Dimos and the Dimos Family in mourning the loss of **Jim Dimos**, who passed away Monday, July 6, 2026. We send our love and blessings of comfort and strength to the Dimos Family, and peaceful rest for Jim. Watch this space for information about remembering Jim Dimos.

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 to provide refreshments or cover the cost of altar flowers for future services. Altar flowers are \$25. See Phyllis Spencer to coordinate arrangements.

PEACE LOVE HOPE JOY KINDNESS
COMPASSION EMPATHY FORGIVENESS
GRATITUDE HUMILITY GENEROSITY
RESPECT COOPERATION PATIENCE WISDOM

IMPORTANT LWCC MEMBERSHIP SESSIONS COMING UP:

LWCC MEMBERSHIP Q&A: This **Wednesday, July 15th** at **1:00 PM**, Pastor Johan will host a one-hour Question & 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, July 15th** at **2:00 PM**, Pastor Johan will meet with those interested in becoming regular members of LWCC.

COFFEE WITH PASTOR: ☕ On Thursday, July 16th 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:

June 14th: 38 | June 21st: 38 | June 28th: 34 | July 5th: 31





Seal Beach Pier, Seal Beach, California

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**GROW
PRAY
STUDY**

Notes from the Service

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My Prayers this week:

Prayer Journal

Use this prayer in your time with God each day.

Household Prayer: Morning

Ever-present God, your word is a lamp to my feet and a light to my path. Living Word, shine on this day. Quicken my steps and open my ears that I might approach each neighbor with an expectant heart. Amen.

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

Household Prayer: Evening

Beacon of love, I entrust to you now the day that has been: the tasks accomplished and tasks overlooked; the friends acknowledged and the friends ignored; the silence kept and the silence squandered. In your mercy, mend these tattered offerings. Grant me the gift of rest this night and good companions on the morrow, as you speak me further down the path toward home. Amen.