



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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August 30, 2026

14th Sunday After Pentecost

**PLEASE PICK UP YOUR NEW NAME TAG IN
THE NARTHEX BEFORE SERVICE TODAY.
IF YOU'RE VISITING, WE'LL MAKE ONE FOR YOU!**

Rev. Johan Dodge

*Practicing
the Presence*



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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" — 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: "This Is a Day of New Beginnings"

1. This is a day of new be - gin - nings, Time to re - mem - ber
2. For by the life and death of Je - sus, God's might - y Spir - it,
3. Then let us, with the Spir - it's dar - ing, step from the past and

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and move on, Time to be - lieve what love is bring - ing,
 now as then, can make for us a world of dif - f'rence,
 leave be - hind our dis - ap - point - ment, guilt, and griev - ing,

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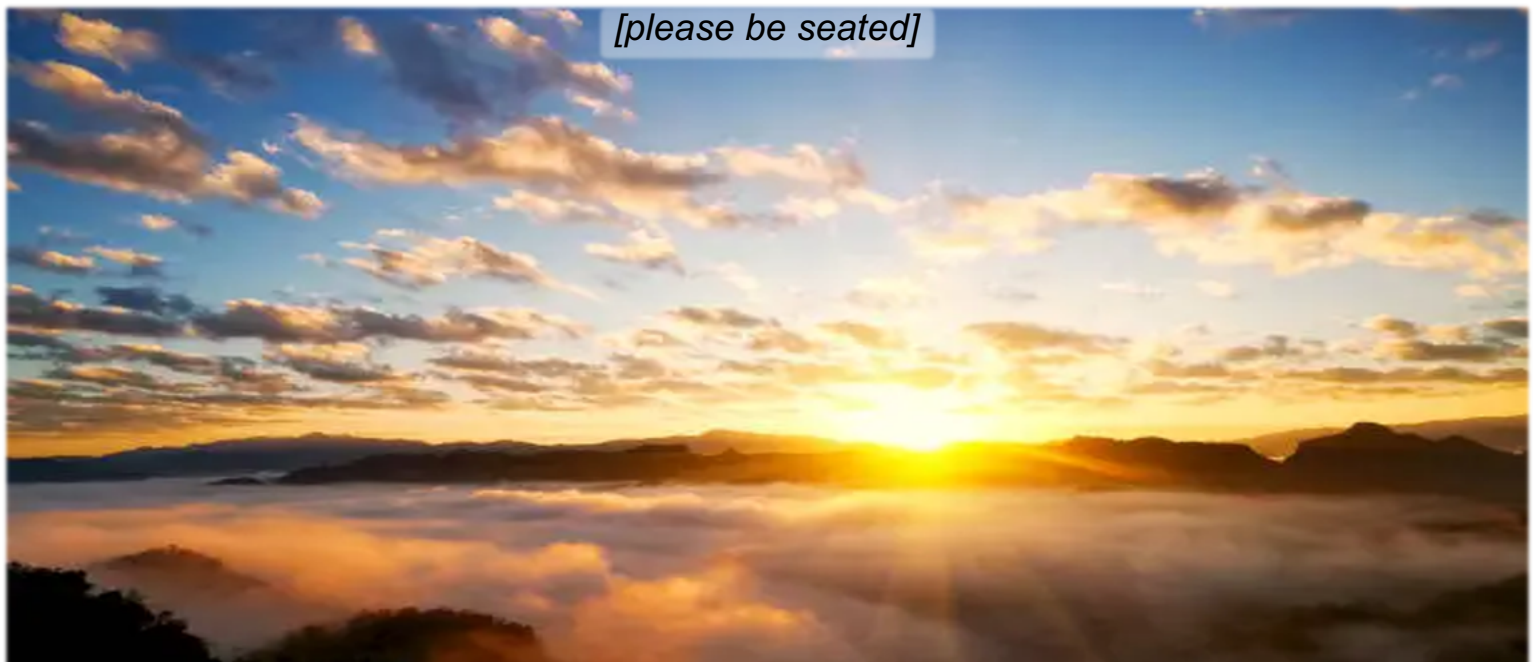
Lay - ing to rest the pain that's gone.
 as faith and hope are born a - gain. 4. Christ is a - live, and
 Seek - ing new paths, and sure to find.

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goes be - fore us, to show and share what love can do. This is a

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day of new be - gin-nings; Our God is mak - ing all things new.



PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION — Rev. Johan Dodge

God of mystery and might, whose wonderful works are to be remembered, move in our lives, change our minds, soften our hearts, direct our feet, that we may follow you more faithfully.

For the church gathered here and gathered around the world.

Merciful God hear our prayer ...

Bless the church, that all people may see your way of living beyond ourselves through our faithful witness.

For the world and for its leaders,

Merciful God hear our prayer ...

Arouse our leaders to sound judgement and merciful hearts. Help them to proclaim your justice fiercely, to embody your kindness sincerely, and to practice mercy selflessly.

For the good earth,

Merciful God hear our prayer ...

Let earth be a gentle home for us. Subdue the violence of storm and earthquake, and heal the destruction of flood and drought, that life may flourish and every creature rejoice in the goodness of creation.

For those in need of care,

Merciful God hear our prayer ...

Bless those in need and their caregivers. Defend and enable them to thrive in mind and body. Give them guardians who are faithful in their duty to provide for their needs and guard them from danger.

For the sick and those in distress,

Merciful God hear our prayer ...

Heal those who are sick in body, mind, or spirit. And uphold those who are able to support them in their need. These prayers we offer through the power of your Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

[please stand as you are able]

HYMN: "Holy, Holy, Holy! Oh, God Almighty"

The musical score is written for a four-part setting (Soprano, Alto, Tenor, Bass) in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. The melody is simple and hymn-like, with a key signature of one sharp (F#) and a time signature of 4/4. The lyrics are: "Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! — Oh, — God Al - mighty - y! All the saints a - dore Thee, Though the dark - ness hide Thee,". The score includes a treble and bass staff. The lyrics are written below the notes. There are some dashed lines in the original image, possibly indicating breath marks or phrasing.

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Ear - ly in the morn - ing our song shall rise to Thee. —
 cast - ing down their gold - en crowns a - round the glass - y sea; —
 though the eye of sin - ful ones Thy glo - ry may not see, —

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Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! — Mer - ci - ful and might - y,
 che - ru - bim and se - ra - phim fall - ing down be - fore Thee,
 on - ly Thou art ho - ly; — there is none be - side Thee,

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God — in three per - sons, — bless - ed Tri - ni - ty!
 which — wert, and art, and — ev - er - more shalt be.
 per - fect in pow'r, in — love, and cha - ri - ty.

[please be seated]



PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION — Fred Wind

By the power of your Spirit, loving God, make your word become a joy to us and the delight of our hearts. **Amen.**

SCRIPTURE — Fred Wind

Romans 12:9-21

⁹ Let love be genuine; hate what is evil; hold fast to what is good; ¹⁰ love one another with mutual affection; outdo one another in showing honor. ¹¹ Do not lag in zeal; be ardent in spirit; serve the Lord. ¹² Rejoice in hope; be patient in affliction; persevere in prayer. ¹³ Contribute to the needs of the saints; pursue hospitality to strangers. ¹⁴ Bless those who persecute you; bless and do not curse them. ¹⁵ Rejoice with those who rejoice; weep with those who weep. ¹⁶ Live in harmony with one another; do not be arrogant, but associate with the lowly; do not claim to be wiser than you are. ¹⁷ Do not repay anyone evil for evil, but take thought for what is noble in the sight of all. ¹⁸ If it is possible, so far as it depends on you, live peaceably with all. ¹⁹ Beloved, never avenge yourselves, but leave room for the wrath of God, for it is written, “Vengeance is mine; I will repay, says the Lord.” ²⁰ Instead, “if your enemies are hungry, feed them; if they are thirsty, give them something to drink, for by doing this you will heap burning coals on their heads.” ²¹ Do not be overcome by evil, but overcome evil with good.

Matthew 16:21-28

²¹ From that time on, Jesus began to show his disciples that he must go to Jerusalem and undergo great suffering at the hands of the elders and chief priests and scribes and be killed and on the third day be raised. ²² And Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him, saying, “God forbid it, Lord! This must never happen to you.” ²³ But he turned and said to Peter, “Get behind me, Satan! You are a hindrance to me, for you are setting your mind not on divine things but on human things.” ²⁴ Then Jesus told his disciples, “If any wish to come after me, let them deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me. ²⁵ For those who want to save their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake will find it. ²⁶ For what will it profit them if they gain the whole world but forfeit their life? Or what will they give in return for their life? ²⁷ “For the Son of Man is to come with his angels in the glory of his Father, and then he will repay everyone for what has been done. ²⁸ Truly I tell you, there are some standing here who will not taste death before they see the Son of Man coming in his kingdom.”

MESSAGE: “Practicing the Presence” — Rev. Johan Dodge

QUESTIONS FOR REFLECTION — Rev. Johan Dodge

Knowing what we know now, about the construction of the Bible over time and the additions and “corrections” that were made over time to better fit a specific understanding of Christianity, what are we to make of this instruction to take up our cross to follow Jesus?

REFLECTION: “Father, I Adore You” — Chris Wade, *pianist*

INVITATION TO THE OFFERING — Fred Wind

Let us give as God has abundantly given to us.

[Ushers, please come forward]

OFFERTORY: “When the Roll Is Called Up Yonder” — Dave Albulario, *tenor*

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING — Fred Wind

**Ever-Present God, receive these gifts that we offer with grateful hearts
and use us for your ministry in 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

The love of God be with you, the way of Jesus guide you and the power of the Spirit sustain you, now and forever more. **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 a four-part choir (Soprano, Alto, Tenor, Bass) and piano accompaniment. 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 piano part consists of chords and single notes in the right and left hands.

**PLEASE RETURN YOUR NAME TAG IN
EDGAR FELLOWSHIP HALL BEFORE LEAVING TODAY.
MAY YOUR WEEK BE BLESSED.**

Music Team:	Dave Albulario, <i>Tenor/Music Dir.</i>	Jennifer Rudy, <i>Soprano</i>
	Chris Wade, <i>Pianist Emeritus</i>	John Fluker, <i>Pianist</i>
		Hannah Yi, <i>Pianist</i>

PRAYER REQUESTS:

Pat Wolfe – Prayers for Pat’s daughter, Tiffany – that she has a wonderful pregnancy, and a healthy happy baby (due this week!).

Jenny Chang – Jenny was recently in the hospital suffering from dehydration. She is recovering at home. Prayers for speedy recovery.

Families in Grief – Please continue to pray for families grieving loss:

♥ **Don Cole** ♥ **Noemi Albulario** ♥ **Linda Hildreth** ♥ **Jim Dimos** ♥ **Matti Kline**
♥ **Richard Keller**, *Patty Jo Schmitz’s son* ♥ **Ace**, *Doris Smith’s son-in-law*

Prince Pierson – Prayers of healing for Prince Pierson who has been unable to attend church due to sores on his feet that are slow to heal. His wife, Lorna is caring for him at home. They miss their friends here at LWCC.

Marina Tesla – Marina Tesla is recovering from back surgery and is in treatment for other health issues. Prayers for healing and speedy recovery.

Lewis Hildreth – Prayers for continued good care for Lewis at Home on Cascade.

NOTES AND ANNOUNCEMENTS:

FLOWERS & FELLOWSHIP: Today's 🌺 flowers and 🍪 Fellowship refreshments are provided by Carol Graves. 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.

IMPORTANT LWCC MEMBERSHIP SESSION COMING UP:

LWCC MEMBERSHIP COFFEE WITH PASTOR: This **Thursday, September 3rd** at **10:00 AM**, those becoming regular members of Community Church this season are asked to meet with Pastor Johan during our weekly "Coffee with Pastor" time. All are welcome for a relaxed time of conversation over coffee or tea.

RECENT LWCC WORSHIP ATTENDANCE:

July 26th: 37 | August 2nd: 34 | August 9th: 33 | August 16th: 39





August 30, 2026



**GROW
PRAY
STUDY**

Notes from the Service

This image shows a blank sheet of white paper with horizontal ruling lines. The lines are evenly spaced and run across the width of the page. There are no margins, text, or other markings on the paper.

My Prayers this week:

Prayer Journal

Use this prayer in your time with God each day.

Household Prayer: Morning

Loving God, thank you for the gift of this day. You have shown me love in so many ways in the days past. Today I will look and listen for signs of your joy and gladness present in my life, in the lives of others, and in the beautiful world you built. I pray you will strengthen my heart to receive your purpose for me this day and that I may fulfill your ask upon me with faithfulness and love. Amen.

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

Household Prayer: Evening

God of life and love, preserve anyone in danger this day; reach out to anyone who is in trouble. Give me the peace that comes from knowing you are present in everything, abiding with us in steadfast love. I pray that today in some word I have or will share, in some act of care offered, I have revealed your Kingdom here on earth. Continue to transform me so that I may discern what you find good and acceptable. Help me to dream always your vision of a world in full bloom, verdant with joy and gladness, teeming with thanksgiving and justice. At the close of this day, I entrust myself, and all those I love, to your care and keeping. Amen.