



Kenilworth Union Church
Service of Worship
January 26, 2020
Third Sunday in Ordinary Time
9 and 10:30 a.m.

APPROACH

Prelude *Meditative Improvisation* Takashi Sakai
Bearing the Light of Christ 9 a.m.

Introit *Processional* Karen Buckwalter
Bells are ringing, choirs are singing!
Praise to Christ our living bread!

Call to Worship

***Opening Hymn** *Spirit of God, Descend Upon My Heart* #326

Opening Prayer Joan Chittister

Lector: Take our lives, O God, and transform them.

People: Be for us the seedbed of hope.

Lector: In the struggle of change, give us the gift of conversion.

People: In the struggle of isolation, give us the gift of independence.

Lector: In the struggle of darkness, give us the gift of faith.

People: In the struggle of fear, give us the gift of courage.

Lector: In the struggle of powerlessness, give us the gift of surrender.

People: In the struggle of vulnerability, give us the gift of limitations.

Lector: In the struggle of exhaustion, give us the gift of endurance.

People: In the struggle of scarring, give us the gift of transformation.

Lector: In our wrestling with your divine love, give us the resurrection of the spirit.

All: Amen.

Ministry of Music*Go Down Moses*

Spiritual, arr. Michael Burkhardt

When Israel was in Egypt's land, let my people go;
Oppressed so hard they could not stand, let my people go.

Refrain

Go down, Moses, way down in Egypt's land;
Tell old Pharoah: Let my people go.

The Lord told Moses what to do, let my people go.
To lead the Hebrew children through, let my people go. *Refrain*

They journeyed on at God's command, let my people go.
And came at last to Canaan's land, let my people go. *Refrain*

Lord, help us all from bondage flee, let my people go.
And let us all in Christ be free, let my people go. *Refrain*

Young Children's Invitation to Chapel

9 a.m.

PROCLAMATION**Lesson from the Hebrew Scriptures**

Genesis 2:4-7

Ministry of Music*Wake Every Breath*

William Billings

Wake every breath and every string,
To bless the great Redeemer King;
His name through every clime adored!
Let joy, and gratitude, and love,
Through all the notes of music move,
And "Jesus" sound on every chord.

Lesson from the Christian Scriptures

John 3:1-8

Prayer for Illumination**Sermon***The Elemental Spirits, III: Wind*

RESPONSE

*Hymn of Response

Breathe on Me, Breath of God

#316

10:30 a.m.

Prayers of the People

Thanksgivings and Intercessions

Lord's Prayer

**Our Father who art in heaven,
hallowed be thy name.**

**Thy kingdom 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 kingdom and the power and the glory, forever. Amen.

Tithes and Offerings

Announcements from the Life of the Church

Offertory

Spirit, Wind Upon the Waters

Ronald A. Nelson

Spirit, wind upon the waters

God, who gathered saints together

When our planet first was made

Brought us to this place today,

Was the breath of life that called us

Help us put our trust in Jesus.

To the faith that will not fade.

Teach us what to do and say.

Spirit, breathe your joy upon us,

Spirit, breathe your joy upon us,

Make our lives a song of praise.

Make our lives a song of praise.

Spirit, wind who makes things holy,

Make creation wholly yours.

May we share your love with others,

Make our churches open doors.

Spirit, breathe your joy upon us,

Make our lives a song, a song of praise.

Offering of Gifts

*Hymn of Dedication

We praise thee, O God, our redeemer, creator,

In grateful devotion our tribute we bring;

We lay it before thee, we kneel and adore thee,

We bless thy holy name, glad praises we sing.

*Prayer of Dedication

*Closing Hymn

Wind Who Makes All Winds That Blow

#131

*Benediction

*Postlude

Toccata on "Wind Who Makes All Winds that Blow"

Brenda Portman

Please stand as you are able

WORSHIP NOTES

Earth, Wind & Fire (& Water):

This Epiphany Sermon Series was inspired by a Chicago fusion band with the greatest name of them all: Earth, Wind & Fire. For the ancient Greeks, Earth, Wind, Fire, and Water were the basic building blocks of the universe, and so important, philosophically and practically, that the Greeks turned them into semi-divinities. Arch-monotheists, the Hebrews turned them into images for the one true God. Earth, Wind, Fire, and Water teach us something about who God is and who we are.

January 12 & 19

The Elemental Spirits: Earth

January 26

The Elemental Spirits: Wind

February 9

The Elemental Spirits: Fire

February 16—Ordinary 6:

The Elemental Spirits: Water

A dialogue sermon with local attorney and Great Lakes Water Czar Cameron Davis

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PARTICIPANTS

Alyssa Bennett, Associate Director of Choirs

Lisa Bond, Director of Music

Chancel Choir

William Evertsberg, Senior Minister, Preacher

Barbara Falk, Pianist

Jo Forrest, Senior Associate Minister, Liturgist

10:30 a.m.

Susan Klotzbach, Organist

Katie Snipes Lancaster, Associate Minister, Liturgist

9 a.m.

Newton Family, Light Bearers

Rejoice Singers and Ringers

Kelsey Sandefur, Duet

Evelyn Wouters, Duet

FRONT DESK

GREETER

Nancy Johnson

USHERS

9 a.m.

Stuart Schuldt

Mike Flynn

David Hodges

Newt Marshall

Rob Schuldt

Steve Shepherd

Rich Thompson

USHERS

10:30 a.m.

Paul Sortal

Dave Campbell

Linda Campbell

Elza Garnett

John Garnett

Jeff Hudson

Judith McBrien

Vince McBrien

Mary McCarthy

Mike Resko

Susan Resko

GREETERS

Dana Hayes

Sharon Hayes

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Flowers: The flowers on the altar are given in memory of David Robertson from his children, David Robertson, Jr., Diane Robertson Tracy, and Jody Lynn Grube. The flowers in the lavabo are in loving memory of Manon R. Seebeck, Susan I. Sawyer, and Harold M. Sawyer.

Milestones: We extend the sympathy of the congregation to the family Stuart McCrary and Nancy Davis upon the death of Nancy’s mother, Joanne Wilder Davis on December 27; and to the families Bob and Betsy Jaeschke and Kurt and Anne Mueller upon the death of Betsy and Kurt’s mother, Nancy Mueller on January 2. The white rose on the altar today celebrates their lives.

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NEWS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Usher Supper, Training, Fellowship, and Fun! Ushers and spouses are invited on Monday, February 24 at 6:30 p.m. The church will provide the entree and participants are welcome to bring a side dish or a dessert to share. Come straight from work or in casual attire. Please RSVP online at kuc.org by Wednesday, February 19.

WORSHIP

Mid-Day Prayer: Each week a new liturgy is offered on Tuesday at 12:15 p.m. We meet for 15 minutes to read scriptures, hear a brief reflection, and celebrate communion on the first Tuesday of each month. During 2020 we will pray for one of the Outreach agencies we support. On January 28 we will pray for the following: Jim Appel & Kathleen Hogan, Jim & Wynne Appleton, Ben & Carolyn Armstrong, George & Kerry Arnold, Donald & Carol Asher, Stephen & Jeannie Ashmore, Julie Asplund, Paul & Michelle Astolfi, Phil & Mary-Audrey Atteberry, Cameron Avery & Lynn Donaldson, Ali & Kelly Azim, Patrick & Melinda Baldwin, Linda Ball, Ron & Karin Balsbaugh, Bob & Barbara Balsley, Randy & Lorraine Barba, Wesley & Jessica Barker, Diane Barkley, Jackie Barnes, Andy & Lauren Barr, and the Outreach Agency this week is the Breakthrough Urban Ministries.

Gospel Music Sunday: Join us for special gospel selections by Vernon Clark and the Heirs of Joy, KUC Youth Choir, and Chancel Choir on Sunday, February 2 at 9 and 10:30 a.m. worship.

STEWARDSHIP

Stewardship Payment Made Easy: Every gift counts at Kenilworth Union Church. Make your contribution electronically by texting Church211 to 73256, via Chase QuickPay or Zelle using stewardship@kuc.org, or online at kuc.org/give. Thank you for supporting God's work.

Tax Time is Around the Corner: Statements showing your tax-deductible contributions are in the mail. Please contact the accounting office at 847-853-2003 if you did not receive your statement or have questions.

ADULT EDUCATION

Cameron Davis, a Clean Water Act attorney and a commissioner at the Metropolitan Water Reclamation District of Greater Chicago, will complement our "The Elemental Spirits" sermon series with his presentation of *The Spirituality of Sewage: The State of Our Water Stewardship* on Monday, February 3 at 7 p.m. in the Culbertson Room. He will also do a dialogue sermon with Bill Evertsberg on Sunday, February 16.

Estelle Laughlin Book Event: *Transcending Darkness, A Girl's Journey Out of the Holocaust* presented by survivor and author Estelle Laughlin on Monday, February 10 at 7 p.m. in the Culbertson Room. When prejudice motivates an unlawful act, it is considered a hate crime. Most hate crimes are inspired by race and religion, but narrowmindedness today has many appearances. Learn how the Chicago PD uses Estelle's experiences in training new officers.

FELLOWSHIP

KUC Adventures: Planning meeting is set for Sun., Feb. 2 at 11:45 a.m. in the library. Please bring your ideas for another year of adventures! If you cannot make the meeting let Liz Dickey know your ideas by email, kucadventures@gmail.com.

First Wednesday: Katharina von Bora escaped a convent to become Martin Luther's wife. Join us as Professor Kurt Hendel presents *First Lady of the Reformation*, she was strong, smart, capable, and fiercely independent—a woman ahead of her time. Lunch is served at noon on Wednesday, February 5 followed by the presentation. Please RSVP to Sallie Smith at salliesmith07@gmail.com by this Friday, January 31.

Women's Connections: Join us at the home of Deanna Schmid in Wilmette on Wednesday, February 12 at 6:30 p.m. to enjoy food, wine, and conversation. Please RSVP to Sallie Smith at salliesmith07@gmail.com.

Spring Tea: Sign up now for our annual Spring Tea: March 7 from 2–3:30 p.m. We are excited to welcome as our highlighted children's presenter Caldecott award winner Eric Rohmann, author and illustrator of books for young readers.

CHILDREN AND FAMILY MINISTRY

Midweek Groups: Faith234 Youth Group is a play-based group with a joyful spiritual practice at the end for grades 2,3, and 4 on Tuesdays from 4:15–5:15 p.m. Middle School Youth Group meets Wednesdays from 5–6 p.m. Children grades 5–6 engage in fun and games, orange snacks, and a chance to pray for ourselves and each other!

YOUTH MINISTRY

IMPACT Mission Trip Program Orientation, Sunday, Jan. 26 at 7 p.m. Registered participants and parents meet in the Sanctuary for this important and mandatory orientation. Please direct questions to Silvi Pirn at silvi@kuc.org.

College IMPACT Mission Trip to Bahamas May 2020: Trip dates are May 23–30. Registration is online now at kucyouth.org or contact Silvi Pirn at silvi@kuc.org.

ENVIRONMENTAL FILM VIEWING

Renewal: Please join the Green Team and Movie Night groups for a viewing of *Renewal* which is filled with stories from the religious environmental movement. Free of charge at the Winnetka Congregational Church on Wednesday, January 29 at 6:30 p.m. Contact King Poor at e.king.poor@gmail.com for more information.

OUTREACH

Stock Saint Sabina's Pantry: Please help to replenish the food pantry managed by St. Sabina Catholic Church beginning today, January 26. This effort is in response to Father Pfleger's plea for help here at Kenilworth Union Church in 2016 and has become an important outreach program for our church. Donations will be received in the front lobby until Sunday, February 23.

Benefit Co-Chair Wanted: Join as a co-chair and learn from experienced workers to lead the biggest fundraiser for Outreach. No experience is necessary—just enthusiasm, creativity, and love for Kenilworth Union and the agencies we serve! Contact Chris Cole at cecole100@gmail.com or Peter Schaff at peterhschaff@gmail.com for more information.

Start Squirreling Now for Rummage: Winter is the perfect time to cull your basements, closets, and attics of all the things you no longer need and want. The Church will start accepting donations in June for the 2020 Sale, which will be in mid July.

CONGREGATIONAL CARE

Mental Health First Aid: Our own Leslie Holling and a colleague from The Josselyn Center will conduct this 8-hour certificate course in the Culbertson Room on Saturday, May 2 from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m, refreshments and lunch is provided. Enrollment is required since space is limited. More information and registration is at kuc.org or contact Jo Forrest at jforrest@kuc.org.

CALENDAR FOR THE WEEK

Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

January 26, 2020

Sun., Jan. 26	8 a.m.	Worship with Communion
	9 a.m.	Worship for All Ages and Children's Chapel
	10 a.m.	Rejoice Singers and Ringers Choir Rehearsal
	10:15 a.m.	Confirmation
	10:15 a.m.	Breakfast Club
	10:30 a.m.	*Traditional Worship and Sunday School
	11:45 a.m.	Board of Trustees Committee Meeting
	1 p.m.	KUC Youth Choir Rehearsal with Vernon
Mon., Jan. 27		AJN Preschool Beginnings
Tues., Jan. 28	9:30 a.m.	Mah Jongg
	12:15 p.m.	Mid-Day Prayer
	4:15 p.m.	Faith234 Youth Group
	4:30 p.m.	Bambino Choir Rehearsal
	6:30 p.m.	Stephen Ministry Supervision
Wed., Jan. 29	8 a.m.	Men's Coffee
	9:15 a.m.	Bible Read Along
	12:45 p.m.	Women's Bible Study
	3:40 p.m.	Cherub Choir Rehearsal
	4:10 p.m.	Rejoice Singers and Ringers Choir Rehearsal
	5 p.m.	Middle School Youth Group
	6 p.m.	Junior Bell Choir Rehearsal
	6:30 p.m.	Junior High Youth Group
	7 p.m.	Adult Bell Choir Rehearsal
Thurs., Jan. 30	9:15 a.m.	Faith Circle
	7 p.m.	Gospel Music Rehearsal with Vernon
Fri., Jan. 31	1 p.m.	Intermediate Bridge
Sat., Feb. 1		

We are a Stephen Ministry Congregation.

If you would like to learn more, please contact The Reverend Dr. Jo Forrest or a Stephen Leader.

Care Guild Leader for January is Kris Whisner and for February is Susi Swisher.

To let us know where help is needed, call Care Guild at (847)853-3534

***Live Streaming:** Every Sunday the 10:30 a.m. Traditional Worship is delivered to those who cannot attend in person via live streaming at [youtube.com/c/KenilworthUnionChurch](https://www.youtube.com/c/KenilworthUnionChurch).

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