



Kenilworth Union Church
Service of Worship
April 19, 2020
Second Sunday of Eastertide
Online 10:30 a.m.

APPROACH

Prelude

Praise the Lord with Drums and Cymbals
Amazing Grace

S. Karg-Elert
Traditional Tune

Call to Worship

Opening Hymn

Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee

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Joyful, joyful, we adore thee,
God of glory, Lord of love;
Hearts unfold like flowers before thee,
Opening to the sun above.
Melt the clouds of sin and sadness;
Drive the gloom of doubt away;
Giver of immortal gladness,
Fill us with the light of day.

All thy works with joy surround thee,
Earth and heaven reflect thy rays,
Stars and angels sing around thee,
Center of unbroken praise.
Field and forest, vale and mountain,
Flowery meadow, flashing sea,
Chanting bird and flowing fountain,
Call us to rejoice in thee.

Mortals, join the happy chorus
Which the morning stars began;
Love divine is reigning o'er us,
Joining all in heaven's plan.
Ever singing, march we onward,
Victors in the midst of strife,
Joyful music leads us sunward
In the triumph song of life.

Opening Prayer

Reaffirmation of God's Baptismal Promises

Lector: In baptism, each of us is assured of God's love for us, and we remember the sign and seal of the Holy Spirit that is upon us.

People: And so, we invite God into the chaos of our lives, the heartbreak and hardship, to utter meaning into what might otherwise be an empty, formless void.

Lector: As ordinary humans, we call on God to order our messy lives and cajole us toward good. We soak in God's story of grace in an ungraceful world.

People: We admit that the burdens of the world feel at times impossibly hard, and so today, we seek a sign of God's blessing, a seal of God's love.

Lector: We give thanks today for the gift of baptism, and all the ways we reaffirm the promises of baptism; that you renew us at the font as we remember the signs of your love in our midst. We give thanks for all those who have grown in faith here in this church across the decades whose tender hope for God's love influenced our faith in ways known and unknown.

People: As the young people of this congregation confirm their faith today, we are each called to remember God's baptismal promises anew, turning away from injustice and evil, and reaffirming our faith in the God of love, justice, and peace.

Lector: For in baptism, we are marked by God's love and belong to God forever. We remember that, today and always. Amen.

Ministry of Music

To Love Our God

Mark Hayes

Where does the wind come from?

Humanity works hard to make a name.

Where does it go?

Toiling in the sun yet nothing gained.

Blowing north and south

We all return to dust from whence we came.

How does it know?

All is empty, all is vain.

Oh, where does the wind come from?

To love our God,

Oh, where does it go?

The reason we live,

Blowing north and south

To love our God,

How does it know?

The highest call.

The rain flows gently to the sea,

Nothing satisfies our soul,

Yet the sea is never full.

Gives life meaning, makes us whole,

How can these things be?

For this purpose we were made.

How can these things be?

To love our God,

How can they be?

To love our God,

The reason that we live is to love our God.

PROCLAMATION

Gospel Lesson

John 20:19–29

Prayer for Illumination

Sermon

Saying Yes To God

RESPONSE

Rite of Confirmation

To Confirmands:

Having gone through a season of faithful preparation for this day, do you wish to be confirmed, and by doing so, become members of Kenilworth Union Church? If so, please say "**I do.**"

Do you promise, through prayer and action, to continue on your faith journey trusting in the love of God in Jesus Christ? And, do you promise to be a faithful member of this congregation of the whole church, celebrating God's love through worship, and serving Christ with energy, intelligence, imagination, and love? If so, please say, "**I do.**"

To the Gathered Congregation:

Do you, the members and friends of Kenilworth Union Church, promise to pray for these new members of the church as they continue to journey in faith? Do you promise to share with them in the hopes and labors of the church, bound together in the unity of Christ? And, do you promise, by the power of the Holy Spirit, to grow together with them in the knowledge and love of God? If so, please say "**we do.**"

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.

Announcements from the Life of the Church

Offering of Gifts

Offertory

Tithes and Offerings

Prayer of Dedication

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Milestones: The congregation celebrates the birth of Liam Schirmang on April 8, son of Tony and Jesse Schirmang. We extend the sympathy of the congregation to the family of Bill and Cris Guthrie upon the death of Cris' mother, Eileen McCarthy on April 12.

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WORSHIP

Mid-Day Prayer: Each week a new liturgy is offered on livestream at 12:15 p.m. We meet for 15 minutes to read scriptures, hear a brief reflection. During 2020 we will pray for one of the Outreach agencies we support. On April 21 we will pray for the following: Brian & Nancy Fehrenbach, Frederick Feldman, Brent & Susan Felitto, Mark & Wendy Fessler, Eric Fields & Alexis Miller, Lewis & Jody Fisher, Ken & Kris Fishman, Patrick & Kim Fitzgerald, John & Jill Fix, John N. & Linda Fix, Bill & Joan Flader, Vandy Fleming, Laurie Flentye, Linda Flentye, Patty Flentye, Tim & Katie Flentye, Andrew & Katie Florig, Kevin & Melanie Flynn, Mike & Susan Flynn, Bill & Sue Folland, and the Outreach Agency this week is Haven Youth and Family Services.

Sunday Divine Worship: We continue to meet on Sundays to pray virtually via livestream which can be reached at kuc.org.

Quiet Easter: In keeping with the intimate qualities of Quiet Christmas, this new service invites you to share the hope in your lives. We will create a collage of our collective hopes along with prayer and music. Join us online on Tuesday, April 21 at 7:30 p.m.

Walk The Labyrinth: The labyrinth at Kenilworth Union Church is located east of the cloisters and sheltered by the bushes lining the front walkway. The space is protected and feels like a secret meditative garden.

MUSIC MINISTRY

What's been going on in Music Ministry? The choirs miss each other, the sanctuary, and the people who fill the pews. But they have been hard at work, [click through to Lisa Bond's blog here](#).

ADULT EDUCATION

Pilgrimage to Pentecost: Join this virtual pilgrimage to move from the empty tomb of Easter morning to the fire of Pentecost on May 31. Each day of this pilgrimage a video of a scripture reading by a Kenilworth Union member and an accompanying prayer will be distributed. To mark your progress in the pilgrimage, you will receive a badge in recognition of your commitment, leading to the final destination. Join in this new community. Offer to read a day's passage by sending an email to [Katie Lancaster](#), [Silvi Pirn](#), or [Jo Forrest](#). [Subscribe to receive the daily email](#).

OUTREACH

2020 Virtual Outreach Benefit: Kenilworth Union Church supports 40 Outreach Agencies at the benefit that opens on Friday, April 24 at noon. Participants will be able to participate in auctions, raffle, and general donation. The benefit will close on Monday, April 27 at 6 p.m. Coming soon, please check your inbox for an online Benefit Invitation.

Rummage is Canceled: It was a hard decision, but with the uncertainty regarding the future of COVID-19, the Kenilworth Union Church 2020 Rummage Sale has been canceled. Read the full story and learn how you can continue to support Rummage and Outreach at kuc.org.

KENILWORTH UNION CHURCH GREEN TEAM

Earth Day 50th Anniversary: North Shore Communities will celebrate Earth Day online this Thursday, April 23 from 7 to 9 p.m. Please [Register in advance of this meeting here](#) or contact [Katie Nahrwold](#) for more information.

Do One Thing for the Health of Our Earth: In the quiet that none of us have ever known, King Poor asks us to see all the ways we are interconnected. [Read King's blog here.](#)

CONGREGATIONAL CARE

We will Pray For You: Kenilworth Union Church reflects God's love through support and care for one another. Prayer requests may be made online at kuc.org, or during any of our livestream worship services on chat, or by contacting [Jo Forrest](#).

We Are Here and Ready To Be With You: Stephen Ministers provide one-on-one confidential care in trying times.

CHILDREN AND FAMILY MINISTRY (Connect to Online programs from link in Children and Family Ministry Newsletter or contact Christine Hides at chides@kuc.org for access.)

Online Sunday School on Sundays at 10 a.m.

Online Weekday Storytime at 11:45 a.m.

Online Faith234 Youth Group on Tuesdays at 4 p.m.

Online Middle School Youth Group on Wednesdays at 5 p.m.

YOUTH MINISTRY

Online Junior High Youth Group: Wednesdays at 6:30 p.m., seventh and eighth graders connect on zoom for games and conversation. [Log on to the meeting here.](#) Meeting ID: 375 588 0030

Wilderness Confirmation Registration is Open: Wilderness is our week of faith exploration and backpacking in Olympic National Park—a now beloved way for incoming freshmen participate in the confirmation program. August 1–8.

Youth Support from KUC Cares: If you or a young person you know needs extra support for any reason, including illness or hospitalization, anxiety, death in the family, other problems, please let us know by [filling in this confidential form.](#) A member of our KUC Cares team will reach out to any young person in need in this community.

Youth Ministry Staff Virtual Office Hours: Starting this week, Katie Lancaster, Claire Revord, and Silvi Pirn will have virtual “office hours” for any young person or parent who needs to talk or just wants to stop in and say “hi”. Katie’s office hours are from 4–5 p.m. on Mondays, Claire’s are 4–5 p.m. on Tuesdays, and Silvi’s are 4–5 p.m. on Thursdays. For a link to visit, email youth staff: [Katie Lancaster](#), [Claire Revord](#), or [Silvi Pirn](#).

STEWARDSHIP

During this challenging time, our church continues to serve the emotional and spiritual needs of our congregation, albeit in a different mode than usual. Our ministers teach online and give pastoral care by phone; our Communications team keeps everyone informed via email; our building maintenance team creates a healthy and safe work environment for the staff and for the eventual return of our entire congregation to worship. Most encouraging are the ways the members of this church are serving one another through their common bonds at Kenilworth Union. While our ministry may look different, it nonetheless continues to thrive. The church relies on your gifts even more so today. Please click the link during the offering to make your contribution or visit kuc.org/give or text Church211 to 73256. Thank you for your support.

CALENDAR FOR THE WEEK
Second Sunday of Eastertide—Confirmation

April 19, 2020

All Events Are Online

Sun., Apr. 19	10 a.m.	Sunday School
	10:30 a.m.	Divine Worship
	after worship	Wayside Chat
	7 p.m.	IMPACT Meeting
Mon., Apr. 20	11:45 a.m.	Storytime
	4 p.m.	Katie Lancaster Office Hours
Tues., Apr. 21	8 a.m.	The Artist's Way
	11:45 a.m.	Storytime
	12:15 p.m.	Mid-Day Prayer
	4 p.m.	Faith234 Youth Group
	4 p.m.	Claire Revord Office Hours
	7:30 p.m.	Quiet Easter Worship
Wed., Apr. 22	7:30 p.m.	21+ Theology on Tap
	11:45 a.m.	Storytime
	noon	Wayside Chat
	5 p.m.	Middle School Youth Group
Thur., Apr. 23	6:30 p.m.	Junior High Youth Group
	11:45 p.m.	Storytime
	4 p.m.	Silvi Pirn Office Hours
Fri., Apr. 24	7 p.m.	Earth Day Celebration
	11:45 p.m.	Storytime
	noon	21st Annual Outreach Benefit
Sat., Apr. 25		

Thank you for keeping the connection to Kenilworth Union Church. I hope you continue it, because we're going to be doing it this way for quite a while, at least through Pentecost at the end of May, maybe a lot longer, and this is not the time to drop or alter or surrender your virtuous habit of divine worship every Sunday morning of prayer, praise, and preaching, because we need God more than ever now than we ever did, maybe even since 9/11.

—The Reverend Dr. William A. Evertsberg, March 20.

[YouTube.com/c/KenilworthUnionChurch](https://www.youtube.com/c/KenilworthUnionChurch): Recordings of all Mid-Day Prayers, Worship, and Sermons plus extras of interest are available on our YouTube channel.