



**Kenilworth Union Church**  
**Service of Worship**  
**May 10, 2020**  
**Fifth Sunday of Eastertide**  
**Online 10:30 a.m.**

## APPROACH

### Prelude

*Canon in D*  
*All Things Bright and Beautiful*

Johann Pachelbel  
Robert Smith

### Call to Worship

### Opening Hymn

*Our God, Our Help in Ages Past*

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1. Our God, our help in ages past,  
Our hope for years to come,  
Our shelter from the stormy blast,  
And our eternal home.
2. Before the hills in order stood,  
Or earth received its frame,  
From everlasting thou art God,  
To endless years the same.
3. A thousand ages in thy sight  
Are like an evening gone;  
Short as the watch that ends the night  
Before the rising sun.
4. Time, like an ever-rolling stream,  
Soon bears us all away;  
We fly forgotten, as a dream  
Dies at the opening day.
5. Our God, our help in ages past.  
Our hope for years to come,  
Be thou our guard while life shall last,  
And our eternal home.

### Opening Prayer

### Ministry of Music

*A Mother's Love*

Mark Patterson

Blessed are a mother's arms that hold a tiny child  
Blessed are her whispered prayers for one so meek and mild  
Through the years the child will learn of wonders up above,  
But safe within a mother's arms, the child will know God's love.

Blessed are a mother's hands that work to do God's will.  
Blessed are her simple deeds that show us how to give.  
As we grow and find a world of challenges to face,  
A mother's loving sacrifice still teaches us God's grace.

Blessed is a mother's love renewed by faith each day.  
Blessed are her words of comfort when we lose our way.  
Some may learn to place their trust in riches here below,  
But a mother's love reminds us of the treasures heaven holds.  
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## PROCLAMATION

Prayer for Illumination

Gospel Lesson

John 14:1–14

Sermon

*Only the Lonely, III: Finding Our Way Home*

## RESPONSE

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

Ministry of Music

*Ave Maria*

Franz Schubert, arr. John Ross

Ave Maria, gratia plena,

Ave Dominus,

Dominus tecum.

Benedicta tu in mulieribus,

Et benedictus fructus ventris

Ventris tui, Jesus.

Ave Maria!

Ave Maria, Mater Dei,

Ora pro nobis peccatoribus,

Nunc et in hora mortis nostrae,

Ave Maria!

Hail Mary, full of grace,

Hail the Lord

The Lord is with thee.

Blessed art thou among women,

Blessed is the fruit of thy womb

Thy womb, Jesus.

Hail Mary!

Hail Mary, Mother of God,

Pray for us sinners,

Now, and at the hour of our death,

Hail Mary!

Offering of Gifts

Prayer of Dedication

## Closing Hymn

### *Simple Gifts*

'Tis the gift to be simple, 'tis the gift to be free,  
'Tis the gift to come down where we ought to be,  
And when we find ourselves in the place just right,  
'Twill be in the valley of love and delight.

'Tis the gift to be loving, 'tis the best gift of all,  
Like a quiet rain it blesses where it falls,  
And with it we will truly believe  
'Tis better to give than it is to receive. *Refrain*

#### *Refrain*

When true simplicity is gained to bow and to bend  
We shan't be ashamed, to turn, will be our delight  
Till by turning, turning we come round right.

'Tis a gift to be simple, 'tis a gift to be fair  
'Tis a gift to wake and breathe the morning air,  
And each day when we walk on the path that we choose,  
'Tis a gift we pray that we never shall lose. *Refrain*

## Benediction

### Postlude

*Sing His Glory, Sing His Praise*

Martha Lynn Thompson

+++ Plate Offering +++

## PARTICIPANTS:

### Adult Bell Choir

**Alyssa Bennett**, Assistant Director of Choirs, Virtual Duet

**Lisa Bond**, Director of Music

**Barbara Falk**, Pianist

**Jo Forrest**, Senior Associate Minister, Preacher

**Joel Fox**, Audio and Video

**Kelli Harrington**, Former Assistant Director of Children's Choirs

**Susan Klotzbach**, Organist

**Katie Snipes Lancaster**, Associate Minister, Liturgist

**Kelsey Sandefur**, Soloist

### Rejoice Singers

**Evelyn Wouters**, Virtual Duet

**Milestone:** We extend the sympathy of the congregation to the family of Thomas and Linda Kilner-Olivier upon the death of Linda's mother, Connie (Kilner) Watson on May 3.

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## NEWS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Please join us for Fellowship immediately following worship via Zoom, [Click here.](#)

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**Information/New Member Classes:** Interested in learning more about the mission and ministry of Kenilworth Union Church? Please join an online meeting on either:

[Click here for the online link to Sunday, May 17 at 1 p.m.](#)

[Click here for the online link to Monday, May 18 at 7 p.m.](#)

## WORSHIP

**Only the Lonely:** *Quarantine. Isolation. Social Distancing. Six Feet Apart. No Visitors. Last Goodbyes on Facetime.* Join us on Sundays in May and June as we explore a new sermon series with our ministers.

May 10	<u><a href="#">John 14: 1-14</a></u>	<i>Finding Our Way Home</i>
May 17		<i>Children's Day &amp; Youth Sunday</i>
May 24	<u><a href="#">John 14:15-21</a></u>	<i>I Will Not Leave You Orphaned</i>
May 31	<u><a href="#">1 Corinthians 12:4-13</a></u>	<i>By the Same Spirit</i>
June 7	<u><a href="#">Matthew 28:16-20</a></u>	<i>Even to the Close of the Age</i>
June 14	<u><a href="#">Psalm 68</a></u>	<i>The Loneliest Whale</i>
June 21	<u><a href="#">Genesis 21:8-21</a></u>	<i>One Among the Stars</i>
June 28	<u><a href="#">Romans 8:31-39</a></u>	<i>Neither Life nor Death nor Anything Else</i>
	<u><a href="#">Psalm 91</a></u>	

**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 May 12 we will pray for the following: Bruce & Deborah Gooden, Chris & Sarah Gooden, Jeff & Gina Gooden, John & Diane Goodwin, Larry & Ronna Gordon, Rick Gordon & Vivian Vahlberg, Jeanne Goss, Kris Goss, Brad & Kathy Gossard, Jim Graham & Linda Kingman, Mary Jane Graham, Ryan & Lisa Graham, Bill & Libby Graham, David Grainger, Doug & Debbie Grant, Tom & Carrie Green, Betty Greene, Walter & Nan Greenough, Roger & Sherry Griffin, Eric & Traci Groff, and the Outreach Agency this week is Holy Trinity High School.

**Children's Day & Youth Sunday:** Next Sunday, May 17 at 10:30 a.m. third graders will receive their Bibles for learning scripture by heart and high school seniors will preach and offer gratitude for the care the congregation has given, acknowledging their growth, and are prepared to experience the future. [Take a leadership role in this celebration, find out here.](#)

## OUTREACH

**Furniture & Household Goods Donation Opportunity:** From 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. daily, Winnetka Congregational Church is offering contactless drop off to help the Chicago Furniture Bank and Humble Design. [Read Vivian Vahlberg's blog here.](#)

## MUSIC MINISTRY

**Several Immense Steps to Create the Virtual Choir:** Kenilworth Union's music ministry is beloved by the church community. Though Covid-19 threatened the ability of these musicians to come together in song and prayer, some technology, time, and agility has helped the music ministry continue to share offerings with the congregation. Miya Higashiyama describes what goes on behind the scenes [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](#).

## CONGREGATIONAL CARE

Blog by The Reverend Dr. Jo Forrest

**Simple Gifts in Complicated Times:** In the season of Eastertide, we learn the truth of Jesus' life and how to live according to his command: to love one another. The simplest acts of caring for the welfare of others brings us closer to God and into our best lives. Since the building closed, the people of Kenilworth Union Church became a force for good in caring for one another. Phone calls. Notes penned by hand. Tender care for those who are ill. Tasty covered dishes. Prayers. Lots of prayers. These simple gifts of Christian life remain the lifeblood of our faith and our way forward. In the spirit of Christian giving, here are a few offers and requests for you:

[Stephen Ministers](#) continue to offer companionship in life's dark valleys. Contact me or a Stephen Leader to receive this confidential gift. We are good at telecare.

[KUC Cares](#) began by youth for youth to care for the unique joys and anxieties of young people. Cards, texts, Homer's milkshakes. This rock-star ministry welcomes anyone who would like to lend a hand in reaching out to youth and young adults.

[Care Guild](#) continues to provide comfort food and much more with a spiritual community at your table. If the idea of another meal or new recipe exhausts you, or a trip to the store remains too risky, we'd gladly deliver. If you are brimming with baking, we can connect to those who would delight in your treats.

[Mid-day Prayer](#) continues via livestream to pray for this congregation, our Outreach agencies, and the concerns of our community. Send us your requests and join your voice with others on Tuesday at 12:15 p.m. as we worship God with gratitude and humility.

[Care Connections](#) simply connects members of the congregation through phone calls, notes and emails. If you'd like to create a new connection, contact me. Think of this as an old-fashioned pen pal.

**Fireside Chats with Bill Evertsberg:** During social distancing, Bill Evertsberg virtually checks in weekly, a new tradition of Pastoral Care. [Click here to view the latest video.](#)

**The Knitting Ministry is looking for more experienced knitters!** While you're sheltering at home, why not return to the prayerful and creative practice of knitting? The Knitting Ministry has simplified its patterns and is ready to grow its productivity—we have the demand! Please contact [Bonnie McColl](#) if you would like to be a part of this wonderful ministry.

**CHILDREN AND FAMILY MINISTRY** (Connect to Online programs from link in Children and Family Ministry Newsletter or contact [Christine Hides](#) for access.)

**Third Grade Sunday School at 9:30 a.m. (May 17)**

**Sunday School on Sundays at 10 a.m.**

**Weekday Storytime at 11:45 a.m.**

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

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

[Use this link to schedule appointment with Christine Hides, office hours are Mon., Wed., and Thur.](#)

## **YOUTH MINISTRY**

**High School Senior Virtual Brunch and Blessing:** [Details and RSVP for our Sunday, May 17 Senior “Brunch” and Blessing are linked here.](#) We'd love for all Kenilworth Union Church class of 2020 seniors to be part of this holy way of marking a milestone year.

**Attention current Eighth Graders:** Confirmation registration for summer wilderness and 2020/21 classroom courses are open. [Get the details here.](#)

**Get Involved Serving Others:** There are many non-contact ways for youth and families to serve others during quarantine. [Get the details here.](#)

## **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. If you made a pledge during the stewardship campaign that remains to be filled, you received a letter this week with your pledge status. Please click the link during the offering to make your contribution or visit [kuc.org/give](http://kuc.org/give) or text Church211 to 73256. Thank you for your support.

### **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 May is Chris Beer.

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

**CALENDAR FOR THE WEEK**  
**Fifth Sunday of Easter, Mother's Day**

May 10, 2020

All Events Are Online

Sun., May 10	6 a.m.	Pilgrimage to Pentecost-New Badge!
	10 a.m.	Family Chapel and Sunday School
	10 a.m.	Breakfast Club
	10:30 a.m.	Divine Worship
	after worship	Wayside Chat
Mon., May 11	6 a.m.	Pilgrimage to Pentecost-Duff Peterson
	11:45 a.m.	Storytime
	4 p.m.	Katie Lancaster Office Hour
Tues., May 12	6 a.m.	Pilgrimage to Pentecost-Margaret Ann Fowler
	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 Hour
Wed., May 13	6 a.m.	Pilgrimage to Pentecost-Chis Beer
	10 a.m.	Men's Coffee
	11:45 a.m.	Storytime
	5 p.m.	Middle School Youth Group
	6:30 p.m.	Junior High Youth Group
	7 p.m.	Bill Evertsberg's Fireside Chat
Thur., May 14	6 a.m.	Pilgrimage to Pentecost-Max Jenkins
	11:45 p.m.	Storytime
	4 p.m.	Silvi Pirn Office Hour
Fri., May 15	6 a.m.	Pilgrimage to Pentecost-Sallie Smith
	11:45 p.m.	Storytime
	7 p.m.	IMPACT Freshman Experience
Sat., May 16	6 a.m.	Pilgrimage to Pentecost-

**CALENDAR**

← ← **Click on the button to go to the website calendar.**

[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.