



**Kenilworth Union Church**  
**Service of Worship**  
**June 14, 2020**  
**Eleventh Sunday in Ordinary Time**  
**Online 10 a.m.**

## APPROACH

### Prelude

*My Faith Looks Up to Thee*

arr. Linda McKechnie

### Call to Worship

### Opening Hymn

*Our God, Our Help in Ages Past*

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

### Opening Prayer

### Ministry of Music

*Offertory*

John Ness Beck

With what shall I come before the Lord, And bow myself before God on high? Shall I come before him with burnt offerings, Shall I come before him with yearling calves?	Will the Lord be pleased with thousands of rams, With ten thousand rivers of oil? Shall I give my firstborn for my transgressions, The fruit of my body for the sin of my soul?
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He has shown you, O man; he has shown you what is good.  
And what does the Lord require of you  
But to do justice and to love kindness,  
And to walk humbly with your God?

## PROCLAMATION

### Gospel Lesson

Matthew 27:22–24

### Prayer for Illumination

### Sermon

*It's Not My Issue*

## 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

Offering of Gifts

Prayer of Dedication

### Closing Hymn

*Precious Lord, Take My Hand*

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| 1. Precious Lord, take my hand,<br>Lead me on, help me stand;<br>I am tired, I am weak, I am worn;<br>Through the storm, through the night,<br>Lead me on to the light;<br>Take my hand, precious Lord, lead me home. | 2. When my way grows drear,<br>Precious Lord, linger near;<br>When my life is almost gone,<br>Hear my cry, hear my call,<br>Hold my hand lest I fall;<br>Take my hand, precious Lord, lead me home. |
| 3. When the darkness appears,<br>And the night draws near,<br>And the day is past and gone,<br>At the river I stand,<br>Guide my feet, hold my hand;<br>Take my hand precious Lord, lead me home.                     |   |

### Benediction

### Postlude

*The Mission*

Ennio Morricone

† † † Plate Offering † † †

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## WORSHIP NOTES

The Opening Hymn—*Our God, Our Help in Ages Past*—a rhymed, metered paraphrase of the beloved Psalm 90. Author Isaac Watts (1674–1748) wrote over 600 hymns, and is sometimes called the father of English hymnody. Many English speakers consider this hymn to be the finest in the language; true or not, it is certainly one of the most beloved. The meter of the poem and the tune is 8/6/8/6, called ‘Common Meter,’ because, well, because this meter is the commonest in most hymnals, which means there are more tunes (32) to marry this text with than any other in our hymnal.

Thomas A. Dorsey was living on Chicago's South Side when he wrote the text for *Precious Lord, Take My Hand*. In August of 1932, Mr. Dorsey traveled to St. Louis to sing in a big revival, leaving his wife Nettie, pregnant with their first child, back in Chicago. At the revival, Mr. Dorsey received a four-word telegram: “Your wife just died.” He rushed back to Chicago to discover that Nettie had given birth to a baby boy, but the baby died a day later. Mr. Dorsey buried them together in the same casket. He says that in the following days, he “fell apart,” to use his words. After a few days, Mr. Dorsey was sitting at a piano at a nearby music school, where his hands started drifting over the keys, coming up with this tune. The words just came into his head while he felt a sense of serene peace. Although he didn't know it at the time, the tune he was ‘composing’ was actually an existing nineteenth-century Gospel hymn which must have crept stealthily and unrecognized into his mind. That old Gospel tune had been called MAITLAND at the time, but today, when that tune is wedded to Mr. Dorsey's text, most hymnals now call it PRECIOUS LORD.

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## PARTICIPANTS:

**Alyssa Bennett**, Assistant Director of Choirs

**Lisa Bond**, Director of Music

**William Evertsberg**, Senior Minister, Liturgist

**Jo Forrest**, Senior Associate Minister, Liturgist

**Joel Fox**, Audio and Video

**David Honoré**, Soloist

**Susan Klotzbach**, Organist and Pianist

**Nicholas Pearce**, Guest Preacher

**Milestones:** The congregation celebrates the births of Rocky Alex Brandtner and Leland Gregg Brandtner on June 10, sons of Tom and Kitty Brandtner, and grandsons of Gregg Walla and Ann Carey.

We extend the sympathy of the congregation to the family of Nan Greenough upon the death of her husband, Walter Greenough on June 3.

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## **NEWS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

### **Features: Fact Fiction and Film from the Reverend Dr. William A. Evertsberg**

Martin Luther King, Jr., is my hero, so over the years I have become a casual student of the civil rights movement of the 1960's. Most of my recommendations are about that subject. Perhaps some of these selections will be of only glancing interest to you, but at least it features fact, fiction, and film. [Read Bill's recommendations here.](#)

### **2020 Outreach Benefit Update** from Peter Schaff

The Outreach Committee would like to share some good news amid this extraordinarily difficult time. The 2020 Outreach Benefit—held in virtual format during the weekend of April 23–27—generated \$200,000 in net proceeds, exceeding our goal of \$175,000. This uplifting outcome reflects our congregation's deep commitment to assist the least fortunate and most vulnerable members of our Chicagoland community.

When the Covid pandemic forced us to convert the 2020 Outreach Benefit to a virtual event, we did not know how the congregation would respond. We did know that Kenilworth Union members were facing unprecedented pleas for help from those in need while also coping with significant disruptions to their own lives. In the face of these challenges, our congregation simply refused to let the Outreach Benefit fail. For that we are grateful beyond words.

The annual Outreach Benefit is the largest fundraiser for our Outreach mission giving effort. Outreach giving supports 40 Chicago-area charitable agencies addressing a broad array of societal needs. Today these agencies are working harder and need our help more than ever. And we are responding this year with agency grants totaling \$450,000. The Church's annual Stewardship contribution to Outreach is the foundation of the Outreach budget, but our reach is greatly extended through the Outreach Benefit and other fundraising initiatives.

## 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 June 16 we will pray for the following: Stephen & Jane Hoffman, Greg & Beth Hoffmann, Kathleen Hogan & Jim Appel, Nydia Hohf, Michael & Leslie Holling, Glenn & Suzana Holmquist, William & Susie Honaker, David Honoré, Steve & Joan Hoopes, Mark & Julie Hosfield, McGarvey & Jaylee House, Laurie Howick, Margaret & Patrick Hoyt, Peter & Peggy Hoyt, Carrie Hoza, Martha Hoza, Philip & Lucy Hoza, Stewart Hudnut, Jeff Hudson de Tarnowsky & Joslyn Blokell, Brad & Carrie Hughes, and the Outreach Agency this week is La Casa Norte.

## FELLOWSHIP

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

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## CONGREGATIONAL CARE

**Daily Devotional Series:** Welcome to Kenilworth Union Church's Daily Devotional, *100 Days of Homegrown Prayer*, a daily reflection and prayer specially created to deepen your relationship with God, broaden your theological horizon, and bless your day. To receive this devotional daily via email, [please sign up here.](#)

**Garden Side Chat Video with Bill Evertsberg:** Bill recognizes the wonderful togetherness and collaboration that is apparent in this otherwise dark and challenging time.

**The Labyrinth,** located to the east of the cloisters, is available for anyone yearning for a meditative stroll. This outdoor space allows you to safely connect with both our physical church and your spiritual practice.

**Help needed in Care Guild:** We attend to Church members by delivering meals, writing, assist with transit, and making phone calls to individuals and families during life's ups and downs. Please consider participating in this vibrant and important ministry. [Volunteer online.](#)

## ADULT EDUCATION

**The Lord's Prayer:** Prayer remains the ancient and ever present way to connect with God. In this intimate and mysterious time we offer gratitude, plead for God to intervene...and receive God's guidance. Join Bill Evertsberg, Jo Forrest, and Katie Lancaster on Wednesdays at 9 a.m. from June 3 to July 29 to explore scripture through the prayer Jesus teaches us: *The Lord's Prayer*. Too often these familiar words may fall from our mouths and minds without thinking. Yet with each word and phrase, Jesus points us closer to God. Please contact [Jo Forrest](#) for more information.

[View past classes here.](#)

## MUSIC MINISTRY

**Video by Miya Higashiyama:** Visually enjoy Living Prayer by Ron Block and performed by Lisa Bond, piano; Don Dale, Guitar; Miya Higashiyama, Solo; Debora and Ellie Ponko, violin; and Luke Ponko, Cello.

## STEWARDSHIP

**Please Fulfill Stewardship Pledges by June 30:** It is because of your generous giving that we have been able to continue ministering, connecting, and worshipping together. No matter what else 2020 throws at us, we will find ways to keep our church active and open, even if the doors have to be closed. Thank you for your support.

## 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.](#)

## CONNECT

**YouTube.com/c/KenilworthUnionChurch:** Recordings of all Mid-Day Prayers, Worship, and Sermons plus extras of interest are available on our YouTube channel (must be logged into your personal YouTube to chat).

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

**Family Chapel & Sunday School on Sundays at 9:15 a.m.**

**Tuesdays at 7 p.m. Candle Time**

**Thursdays at 11:45 a.m. Lunch Storytime and Prayer**

Use this link to schedule appointment with Christine Hides, office hours are Mon., Wed., and Thur.

## YOUTH MINISTRY

**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.](#)

**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 June is Virginia Reising.

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

## CALENDAR FOR THE WEEK

**Dr. Nicholas Pearce**

June 14, 2020

—All Events Are Online—

Sun., June 14	6 a.m.	Daily Devotional: 100 Days of Homegrown Prayer
	9:15 a.m.	Family Chapel and Sunday School
	10 a.m.	Summer Worship
	after worship	Fellowship
Mon., June 15	6 a.m.	Daily Devotional: 100 Days of Homegrown Prayer
	4 p.m.	Katie Lancaster's Office Hour
Tues., June 16	6 a.m.	Daily Devotional: 100 Days of Homegrown Prayer
	12:15 p.m.	Mid-Day Prayer
	4 p.m.	Claire Revord's Office Hour
	7 p.m.	Candle Time
Wed., June 17	6 a.m.	Daily Devotional: 100 Days of Homegrown Prayer
	9 a.m.	Adult Education—The Lord's Prayer
	10 a.m.	Men's Coffee
	7 p.m.	Bill Evertsberg's Fireside Chat
Thur., June 18	6 a.m.	Daily Devotional: 100 Days of Homegrown Prayer
	11:45 a.m.	Lunch Storytime and Prayer
	4 p.m.	Silvi Pirn's Office Hour
Fri., June 19	6 a.m.	Daily Devotional: 100 Days of Homegrown Prayer
Sat., June 20	6 a.m.	Daily Devotional: 100 Days of Homegrown Prayer

**CALENDAR**

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