



Kenilworth Union Church
Service of Worship
August 23, 2020
Twenty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time
Online 10 a.m.

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APPROACH

Prelude

Silence May Be Kept

Dan Locklair

Call to Worship

Opening Hymn

Amazing Grace, How Sweet the Sound

#280

1. Amazing grace, how sweet the sound,
That saved a wretch like me!
I once was lost, but now am found,
Was blind, but now I see.
2. 'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear,
And grace my fears relieved;
How precious did that grace appear
The hour I first believed!
3. Through many dangers, toils, and snares,
I have already come;
'Tis grace has brought me safe thus far,
And grace will lead me home.
4. The Lord has promised good to me,
His word my hope secures;
He will my shield and portion be
As long as life endures.
5. When we've been there ten thousand years,
Bright shining as the sun,
We've no less days to sing God's praise
Than when we'd first begun.

Opening Prayer

Ministry of Music "Behold! God the Lord Passed By" from *Elijah* Felix Mendelssohn

Behold, God the Lord passed by!
And a mighty wind rent the mountains around,
Brake in pieces the rocks,
Brake them before the Lord.
But yet the Lord was not in the tempest.
Behold, God the Lord passed by!
And the sea was upheaved,
And the earth was shaken.
But yet the Lord was not in the earthquake.
And after the earthquake there came a fire.
But yet the Lord was not in the fire.
And after the fire there came a still small voice.
And in that still voice onward came the Lord.

PROCLAMATION

Scripture Lesson for the Day

1 Kings 19:11–13

¹¹The Lord said, "Go out and stand on the mountain in the presence of the Lord, for the Lord is about to pass by." Then a great and powerful wind tore the mountains apart and shattered the rocks before the Lord, but the Lord was not in the wind. After the wind there was an earthquake, but the Lord was not in the earthquake. ¹²After the earthquake came a fire, but the Lord was not in the fire. And after the fire came a gentle whisper. ¹³When Elijah heard it, he pulled his cloak over his face and went out and stood at the mouth of the cave.

Prayer for Illumination

Sermon

Sacred Song: The Sound of Silence

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

There's a Wideness in God's Mercy

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1. There's a wideness in God's mercy,
Like the wideness of the sea;
There's a kindness in God's justice,
Which is more than liberty.
There is no place where earth's sorrows
Are more felt than up in heaven;
There is no place where earth's failings
Have such kindly judgment given.
2. For the love of God is broader
Than the measures of the mind;
And the heart of the eternal
Is most wonderfully kind.
If our love were but more faithful,
We would gladly trust God's word;
And our lives reflect thanksgiving
For the goodness of our Lord.

Benediction

Postlude

Hallelujah has been restored!

Dan Locklair

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PARTICIPANTS:

Lisa Bond, Director of Music

Chancel Choir

Joel Fox, Audio and Video

Christine Hides, Director of Christian Education, Liturgist

Susan Klotzbach, Organist

Katie Snipes Lancaster, Associate Minister, Preacher

NEWS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Dock Side Chat with Bill Evertsberg: Bill talks with church member Mignon Dupepe about her work as an artist and the Kenilworth Union Labyrinth she helped to create two years ago.

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.

WORSHIP

August 30 Outdoor Worship is at 8:30 a.m. in the Memorial Garden, if you are able to attend in-person, please reserve a space each week.

Mid-Day Prayer: Each week a new liturgy is offered in the Sanctuary and 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 Tuesday, August 25 we will pray for the following: Elisa McDermott, Tim & Barbara McDonough, Mike & Susan McGill, Tim & Monica McGregor, Ingrid & Michael McGuire, Jack & Carolyn McHugh, Hannah McInnis, Diane McIntyre, McKay & Astrid McKinnon, Chris & Dana McLaughlin, Jon & Betsy McLinden, Simon & Katherine McMaster, Florri McMillan, Stephen McMullen, Peter & Jane McNitt, Bill & Sally McNitt, Nancy Mead, Barbara Mengel, Jay & Vanessa Menton, Bradley & Kristin Merk, and the Outreach Agency this week is UMOJA Student Development Corporation.

2020 Wilderness Confirmation Course Success! On August 2, this year's team of 11 youth and 2 adults set out for an unconventional, but deeply spiritual week outdoors for the annual Confirmation Wilderness Course.

The Course has become a staple of KUC Youth Ministry summer programming. Each August, before fall sports tryouts begin, we take a team of youth—those who prefer outdoor learning to classroom learning and those whose schedule does not allow for Sunday classroom time during the year—outdoors to dig deep into topics they might otherwise learn about in confirmation classroom at church: Where is God in creation? Is the Bible true? Who is Jesus and why does it matter? What was Jesus like? What happened when Jesus died? What happened after? Why is there evil and suffering in the world? What about other religions? What is a faith statement and how do I write one? What if I'm not sure about God or the Bible? Where is God in my life right now?

In 2020, it took every effort for our annual wilderness trip to NOT fall victim to coronavirus cancellation. I thought you might like to hear the story of how it actually happened....[Read more](#)

MUSIC MINISTRY

Last Sunday, we were blessed with talent, many shared solos both outside at 8:30 a.m. Outdoor Worship, and the 10 a.m. Summer Worship: *Of the Father's Love Begotten*, outdoor soloist, Miya Higashiyama; *Of the Father's Love Begotten*, inhouse soloist, Alyssa Bennett; and *On Eagle's Wings* arr. Mark Hayes, pianist, Susan Klotzbach.

ADULT EDUCATION

Imagined Scarcity, Abundant Reality: taught by the Reverend Dr. William A. Evertsberg, will complement the September sermon series. Each session will thematically explore the scripture from that week's sermon and feature videos, literature, discussion, and prayer on atypical perceptions of abundance. **Save the dates:** Reservations are limited to 12 per event. Mondays, September 14, 21, and 28 at 7 p.m.

CHILDREN AND FAMILY MINISTRY

Back to School Blessing in the Memorial Garden on Sunday, August 30, 9:30 a.m. is a short worship service for students, families, teachers, and all who care for students in school and at home. Space is limited and reservations are required.

Children's Art Needed: Five peices of children's art are needed to creat themed notecards "What Home Means to Me" to be used as a fundraiser for Humble Design. Art due before Sunday, August 30.

YOUTH MINISTRY **Follow @kucyouth instagram**

Summer of Service Challenge: Youth Ministry challenges this congregation to serve others and spread joy this summer. Anyone can play and there are even prizes!

Attention Rising 9th Graders: Confirmation registration for the 2020/21 classroom course is now open. We look forward to seeing you again in a safe, healthy manner!

CONGREGATIONAL CARE

Anxiety Resources: We know many of you are feeling anxious in this time of uncertainty. To help manage anything weighing on you, we are sharing the following resources:

- Mid-Day Prayer every Tuesday at 12:15 p.m., in-person or livestream. You may also submit a prayer request.
- Virtual Office Hours with Katie Lancaster (Mondays, 4–5 p.m.), email her to receive a link. Send an email to Silvi Pirn, Christine Hides, or Jo Forrest, they hold office hours by appointment.
- Care Guild, provides meals, rides, and visits to members in times of need
- KUC Cares, a "Care Guild" for youth
- Support Groups and Stephen Ministers continue to be available

Additionally the pastoral staff is eager to connect with you and available for prayer and listening. Please contact Bill, Jo, or Katie to arrange a phone call or visit.

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.

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Subscribe to the eNews: Sign up to receive Kenilworth Union Church's information through our bi-weekly newsletter.

YouTube.com/c/KenilworthUnionChurch: Recordings of all Mid-Day Prayers, Worship, and Sermons plus extras of interest are available on our YouTube channel.

CALENDAR FOR THE WEEK
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—All Events Are Online Except Where Noted—

COVID-19 UPDATES

Sun., Aug. 23	6 a.m.	Daily Devotional: 100 Days of Homegrown Prayer
	8:30 a.m.	Outdoor Worship—Memorial Garden—By Reservation
	10 a.m.	Summer Worship
Mon., Aug. 24	6 a.m.	Daily Devotional: 100 Days of Homegrown Prayer
	4 p.m.	Katie Lancaster Virtual Office Hour
Tues., Aug. 25	6 a.m.	Daily Devotional: 100 Days of Homegrown Prayer
	12:15 p.m.	Mid-Day Prayer—Sanctuary or Livestream
	7 p.m.	Stephen Ministry Supervision
Wed., Aug. 26	6 a.m.	Daily Devotional: 100 Days of Homegrown Prayer
	10 a.m.	Men's Coffee
	7 p.m.	Garden Side Chat with Bill Evertsberg
Thur., Aug. 27	6 a.m.	Daily Devotional: 100 Days of Homegrown Prayer
	7 p.m.	Exploring Grief Group
Fri., Aug. 28	6 a.m.	Daily Devotional: 100 Days of Homegrown Prayer
Sat., Aug. 29	6 a.m.	Daily Devotional: 100 Days of Homegrown Prayer

CALENDAR

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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 August is Dayle Lively.

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