



**Kenilworth Union Church**  
**Service of Worship**  
**September 6, 2020**  
**Twenty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time**  
**Online 10 a.m.**

CONNECT TO SUMMER WORSHIP

**APPROACH**

**Prelude**

*Fanfare for the Common Man*

Aaron Copland

**Call to Worship**

**Opening Hymn**

*Take My Life*

st. 1-4, #391

1. Take my life, and let it be  
Consecrated, Lord, to thee.  
Take my moments and my days;  
Let them flow in ceaseless praise,  
Let them flow in ceaseless praise.
2. Take my hands, and let them move  
At the impulse of thy love.  
Take my feet, and let them be  
Swift and beautiful for thee,  
Swift and beautiful for thee.
3. Take my voice, and let me sing,  
Always, only, for my king.  
Take my lips, and let them be  
Filled with messages from thee,  
Filled with messages from thee.
4. Take my silver and my gold,  
Not a mite would I withhold;  
Take my intellect, and use  
Every power as thou shalt choose,  
Every power as thou shalt choose.

## Opening Prayer

Good Lord, on our own, we conclude:  
that there is not enough to go around,  
that we are going to run short:  
of money,  
of love,  
of grades,  
of publications,  
of members,  
of years,  
of life.

We should seize the day, seize the goods,  
seize our neighbor's goods,  
because there is not enough to go around.

And in the midst of our perceived deficit,  
you come giving bread in the wilderness,  
you come giving children at the eleventh hour,  
you come giving homes to exiles,  
you come giving futures to the shut-down,  
you come giving Easter joy to the dead.

And we watch while the blind receive their sight,  
the lame walk,  
the deaf hear,  
the poor dance and sing.

We watch, and we take food we did not grow,  
and life we did not invent,  
and future that is gift and gift and gift.

By your giving, break our cycles of imagined scarcity,  
override our presumed deficits,  
and help us to see the abundance:  
mercy upon mercy,  
blessing upon blessing.

## Ministry of Music

*Cantate Domino*

Giuseppi Ottavio Pitoni

Sing to the Lord a new song.  
His praise in the assembly of the saints.  
Let Israel rejoice in he who made them,  
And the people of Zion rejoice in their king.

## PROCLAMATION

### Scripture Lesson for the Day

Matthew 25:14–30

### Prayer for Illumination

### Sermon

*Imagined Scarcity, Abundant Reality, I: Generosity in Our Working Lives*

## 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

*For the Fruit of All Creation*

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1. For the fruit of all creation,  
Thanks be to God.  
For the gifts to every nation,  
Thanks be to God.  
For the plowing, sowing, reaping,  
Silent growth while we are sleeping,  
Future needs in earth's safe-keeping,  
Thanks be to God.

2. In the just reward of labor,  
God's will be done.  
In the help we give our neighbor,  
God's will be done.  
In our world-wide task of caring  
For the hungry and despairing,  
In the harvests we are sharing,  
God's will be done.

3. For the harvests of the spirit,  
Thanks be to God.  
For the good we are all inherit,  
Thanks be to God.  
For the wonders that astound us,  
For the truths that still confound us,  
Most of all that love has found us,  
Thanks be to God.

**Benediction**

**Postlude**

*God of Grace*

Paul Manz

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**PARTICIPANTS:**

**William Evertsberg**, Associate Minister, Preacher

**Jo Forrest**, Senior Associate, Liturgist

**Joel Fox**, Audio and Video

**Susan Klotzbach**, Organist

**Section Leader Ensemble**

## MILESTONES

We extend the sympathy of the congregation to the families of Charlie Barrow and his daughter Paula (Jeffrey) Danoff upon the death of Charlie on August 31; and to the families of Richard Holmquist and his son Glenn (Suzana) Holmquist upon Richard's death on September 1.

## NEWS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

**Lakeside Chat with Bill Evertsberg:** Before Bill heads home to Kenilworth, he gives us a last look of the Manse in Northport Point, Michigan, a sacred place for his family. Sitting lakeside Bill sees the wonder of God's creation and plans a new sermon series on God's generosity.

**Welcome:** God knows our name, and so it is a spiritual priority that we know one another's name. If you are new here, you are invited to fill out our [welcome contact form](#) so one of the pastors can reach out and we can all begin to know you by name.

**Abundance Sermon Series:** Bill is back in town with a new Sermon Series on "Abundance" where he will be talking about hospitality. Please join us next week at 8:30 a.m. in the Memorial Garden for [Outdoor Worship](#) or at 10 a.m. livestream [Summer Worship](#).

**Monday, September 7:** The office and church and AJN Preschool are closed in observance of Labor Day.

**Virtual Green Team Summit:** Join Kenilworth Union Church Green Team at *A Just Recovery 2020 Green Team Summit*, "connecting the dots between the pandemic, climate change, and racial justice" beginning Sunday, September 13 to Thursday, September 17. [Click through for an invitation from King Poor.](#)

**New ERP System:** Kenilworth Union has updated its accounting software to Blackbaud, an ERP system with increased efficiency and productivity. You may have noticed the new, easy-to-use interface when registering for [worship](#), [children and youth programing](#), or [donating online](#), but please be assured that you are still supporting the same programs you always have in a secure format. Logins to our former system, ACS, will be turned off soon. Please contact [John Sharp](#) with any questions.

**Meet Our Centennial Scholars:** Diane Hart describe the Centennial Scholar program and introduces us to this year's seven recipients.

## WORSHIP

**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, September 8 we will pray for the following: Otto & Cynthia Monnig, Brad & Jenny Morehead, Riley & Sara Morgan, Jim & Lydia Morrissey, Nick & Jen Morse, Denise Morton, Bill & Nancye Mowry, Jane Mueller, Kurt & Anne Mueller, Stephen Mugg & Lisa Metzger-Mugg, Geoff & Karyn Murphy, William & Alex Murphy, Sue Murphy, Steve & Liz Murrill, John Musolino, Lucy Myers, Robert Myers, Scott & Luvie Myers, Jay & Susan Myrick, Ellie Nadherny, and the Outreach Agency this week is West Side Forward.

**Confirmation Commissioning:** Please pray for the youth as they enter a rigorous faith-claiming process that help youth develop a deeper understanding of the Christian faith and church life and asks them to claim it for their own. Ninth graders will be commissioned into the Confirmation program next Sunday, September 13 at the Outdoor Worship.

**Fall Worship Schedule Begins Sunday, September 20:** Outdoor Worship at 8:30 a.m. in the Memorial Garden, 9:30 Online Worship livestream, and 10:30 a.m. Worship in the Sanctuary.

## CONGREGATIONAL CARE

**Gratitude Daily Devotional:** There is nothing better than gratitude to change the way we see the world and change the way the world sees us. Kenilworth Union Church invites you to become part of a gratitude journey beginning September 15 by subscribing to a daily email.

**Fall Faith Walks:** Join with active members and friends of Kenilworth Union for a time of devotion followed by a brisk 60 minute walk, admiring God's good gift of creation. Co-led by Gretchen Bodum and Nancy Johnson, we will meet Mondays at 10 a.m from September 21 through the end of October, weather permitting. Find your pace with another road runner or in a Winnie-the-Pooh speed as we will follow the guidelines for outdoor events during Phase Four. For our first walk we will begin at the cloisters at Kenilworth Union Church. Please reserve your space with Jo Forrest.

**Depression Support Group:** The group is a chapter of the National Depression and Bipolar Support Alliance-North Shore. Persons under treatment, family members, and friends are welcome to attend. The facilitator of the group is Jim LaRochelle. Our group meets on the second Tuesday of each month, September 8 at 7 p.m.

## ADULT EDUCATION

**Imagined Scarcity, Abundant Reality:** taught by the Bill 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. Reservations are limited to 12 per event. Mondays, September 14, 21, and 28 at 7 p.m. in the Culbertson Room in a socially distanced manner at 7 p.m. Please reserve your place by contacting Karen Gaynor.

**The Artist's Way:** Join Leslie Holling and Laura Sterkel for twelve virtual classes to nurture self discovery through journaling. No writing experience needed—in fact those without experience may have the greatest delight. Class begins the morning of Wednesday, September 16.

**Exploring Isaiah:** All are welcome to join Adult Education Bible Read Along on Wednesdays, September 23–November 11 at 9:15 a.m. Isaiah's prophecy unveils the full dimensions of God's judgement and salvation for the Hebrew people. Composed over an expanse of centuries, the messages are to bring a rebellious people back to obedience along with the promise of a messiah. Join Jo Forrest and friends in this journey of major prophetic writings.

## MUSIC MINISTRY

**A link to Ryan Belongie's Solo,** The 13th Century Gregorian Chant, "Ave Maria"

## VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITY

**Volunteer at a Garage Sale Saturday, September 26 Save the Date: Serve with KUC Youth!** Outreach Partner Humble Design is having a COVID-safe Garage Sale to sell off excess warehouse inventory and raise funds for its operations on Saturday, September 26. Ages 12–13 with parent, 14 and up can volunteer independently. Registration will be forthcoming, contact Silvi Pirn for more information.

## **CHILDREN AND FAMILY MINISTRY**

**Children and Family Ministry Registration Open!** The children's ministry staff and committee are excited to offer their flexible, meaningful opportunities for this fall ministry season, September 20–November 22. Safety, building community, and growing in God's love are their top priorities.

## **YOUTH MINISTRY Follow @kucyouth instagram**

**Attention Rising Ninth Graders:** Please register for the 2020/21 Confirmation classroom course, Confirmands will be commissioned at the Sunday, September 13 Outdoor Worship at 8:30 a.m. We look forward to seeing you again in a safe, healthy manner!

**Fall Youth Ministry Registration for grades 7–12 Coming Soon:** We are working toward meeting in-person. In 2020 that means we are asking you to register youth for the year and then reserve spots for each meeting, where capacities are limited. Reservations for each event/meeting will be posted soon for each event/meeting date. Thanks for your patience while we set this all up. Please email Silvi Pirn if you need more information.

**Youth Groups and IMPACT kick off the week of September 20.**

## **CONNECTING TO KENILWORTH UNION**

**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.

## **OUTREACH**

**Estate Sale Donations:** For those who are downsizing or managing the estate of a loved one, please know that Kenilworth Union Church has partnered with Sister Sales, which has graciously agreed to provide conducted estate sales for people who want the proceeds to be donated to the church Outreach fund. Sister Sales is an estate sale company owned and operated by long time church members, Traci Groff and Dene Hillinger. Please contact Traci Groff for details.

**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 September is Rosalyn Kemp.

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

**CALENDAR FOR THE WEEK**  
**Twenty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time**

—All Events Are Online Except Where Noted—

COVID-19 UPDATES

- Sun., Sept. 6
- 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., Sept. 7
- Labor Day: Offices and AJN Preschool Closed
  - 6 a.m. Daily Devotional: 100 Days of Homegrown Prayer
- Tues., Sept. 8
- AJN Preschool First Day
  - 6 a.m. Daily Devotional: 100 Days of Homegrown Prayer
  - 12:15 p.m. Mid-Day Prayer—Sanctuary or Livestream
  - 7 p.m. Depression Support Group
- Wed., Sept. 9
- 6 a.m. Daily Devotional: 100 Days of Homegrown Prayer
  - 10 a.m. Men's Coffee
  - 5 p.m. More than a Hashtag Discussion—Front Yard
  - 6:30 p.m. Adult Bell Choir Rehearsal—Sanctuary
  - 7 p.m. Garden Side Chat with Bill Evertsberg
- Thur., Sept. 10
- Fri., Sept. 11
- Sat., Sept. 12

**CALENDAR**

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