CONNECT TO SUMMER WORSHIP

KENILWORTH UNION CHURCH
SERVICE OF WORSHIP
SEPTEMBER 13, 2020
TWENTY-FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
ONLINE 10 A.M.

APPROACH
Prelude
Adagio, K.261
Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart

Call to Worship

Opening Hymn
Where Cross the Crowded Ways

1. Where cross the crowded ways of life,
Where sound the cries of race and clan,
Above the noise of selfish strife,
We hear thy voice, O son of man.

2. In haunts of wretchedness and need,
On shadowed thresholds fraught with fears,
From paths where hide the lures of greed,
We catch the vision of thy tears.

3. From tender childhood’s helplessness,
From human grief and burdened toil,
From famished souls, from sorrow’s stress,
Thy heart has never known recoil.

4. The cup of water given for thee
Still holds the freshness of thy grace;
Yet long and these multitudes to see
Thy sweet compassion of thy face.

Opening Prayer
Good Lord, on our own, we conclude:

Walter Brueggemann, 1933–
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** 

**O Nata Lux**

Richard Ewer

O nata lux de lumine, 
Jesu redemptor saeculi, 
Dignare clemens supplicum 
Laudes precesque sumere.

Qui carne quondam contegi
Dignatus es pro perditis,
Nos membra confer effici
Tui beati corporis.

Translation:
O light born of light,
Jesus, redeemer of the world,
With loving-kindness deign to receive
Suppliant praise and prayer.

Thou who once deigned to be clothed in flesh
For the sake of the lost,
Grant us to be members
Of thy blessed body.

Sacrament of Baptism
Institution and Presentation

Baptismal Song
Covenant of Parents and Congregation
Christening
Presentation of the Light of Christ
Benediction

PROCLAMATION
Scripture Lesson for the Day
Prayer for Illumination
Sermon

Imagined Scarcity, Abundant Reality, II: Generosity When It Counts the Most

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
Minute for Gratitude
Offering of Gifts
Prayer of Dedication

Closing Hymn  

1. O Master, let me walk with thee  
   In lowly paths of service free;  
   Tell me thy secret; help me bear  
   The strain of toil, the fret of care.

2. Help me the slow of heart to move  
   By some clear, winning word of love;  
   Teach me the wayward feet to stay,  
   And guide them in the homeward way.

3. Teach me thy patience; still with thee  
   In closer, dearer company,  
   In work that keeps faith sweet and strong,  
   In trust that triumphs over wrong.

4. In hope that sends a shining ray  
   Far down the future’s broadening way;  
   In peace that only thou canst give,  
   With thee, O Master, let me live.

Benediction

Postlude  

Church Sonata in D major  

W.A. Mozart

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PARTICIPANTS:

William Evertsberg, Senior Minister, Preacher
Joel Fox, Audio and Video
Marion Hanold, Minute for Gratitude
Bev Kirk, Photos of Kenilworth
Susan Klotzbach, Organist
Katie Snipes Lancaster, Associate Minister, Liturgist
Debora Ponko, Violinist
Quartet, Alyssa Bennett, Lisa Bond, Miya Higashiyama, Ryan Belongie
MILESTONES
We welcome to baptism today at the 8:30 a.m. worship Elizabeth Joly Forman, daughter of Randy and Anne Forman; and at the 10 a.m. worship, Lael Gregor Lemein, daughter of Robert and Amanda Lemein, and granddaughter of Gregg and Carolyn Lemein.

NEWS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS
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.

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 today, September 13 at the Outdoor Worship.

Kenilworth Union Church Annual Meeting: Please join us Sunday, September 27 at 11:30 a.m. in the Sanctuary or Livestream. We will recognize retiring trustees, elect new trustees and officers, hear about the state of the Church, and goals for the upcoming year. We are self-governing, and all Church members and friends are encouraged to attend this yearly meeting.

Orchard Side Chat with Bill Evertsberg: Bill sees and explains God’s generosity as revealed in a tart cherry orchard in northwest Michigan.

Abundance Sermon Series: Bill will preach next Sunday, Homecoming Sunday about humanity. Please join us at 8:30 a.m. in the Memorial Garden for Outdoor Worship, or 9:30 a.m. livestream for our Online Worship or at 10:30 a.m. for Worship in the Sanctuary.

AJN Preschool Brings Laughter Wonder and Joy: Amy Castino, Director of AJN Preschool shares the ups and downs of opening preschool in the time of COVID.

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.

New Member Introduction Classes begin Sunday, October 18 at 11:30 a.m. online, or at 2 p.m. in the Culbertson Room, or Monday, October 19 at 7 p.m. online. Those choosing to be new members will be recognized on New Member Sunday, October 25 at 10:30 a.m. worship in the Sanctuary. Please contact Jo Forrest or George Tzanetopoulos for additional information.
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 15 we will pray for the following: Tom & Katie Nahrwold, Carol Narup, Scott Narup, Harold & Marlene Nations, James & Judith Neese, Ted & Lisa Neild, Dean & Maureen Nelson, Ruth Neuman, Robert & Roni Neumann, Evan & Elizabeth Newton, Julia Newton, Chris & Jennifer Nichols, John & Alexandra Nichols, Richard & Cynthia Nicolaides, James & Leslie Nix, Richard Nordstrom, Robert Norfleet, Dave & Pamela Norris, Richard & Leslie North, and Richard & Christine Norton, and the Outreach Agency this week is Wings. 

Fall Worship Schedule Begins Next 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 begining this Tuesday, 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.

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 (we have a couple of seats left), 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 8 a.m. this Wednesday, September 16. Contact Jo Forrest for more information.

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 prophetical writings.
**MUSIC MINISTRY**

*Section Leader Ensemble:* Alyssa Bennett, Ryan Belongie, Miya Higashiyama, David Honoré, and Jonathan Wilson gather virtually to bring you Giuseppi Ottavio Pitoni’s “Cantate Domino”.

**YOUTH MINISTRY  Follow @kucyouth instagram**

*Fall Youth Ministry Registration for grades 7–12:* To manage COVID-19 safety this year, we are requiring youth to pre-register with us and then reserve a spot for each meeting or event.

- **BYO Breakfast Club** for grades 7+ kicks off Sunday, September 20
- **JYG—Junior High Youth Group** for Grades 7–8 kicks off Wednesday, September 23
- **IMPACT** for Grades 9–12 kicks off Sunday, September 27

Please register here for Youth Ministry programs or email Silvi Pirn if you need more information.

**VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITY**

*Serve with KUC Youth! Volunteer at a Garage Sale Saturday, September 26:* 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.

*School Supply Drive for Holy Family School, September 20–October 11:* Children and Family Ministry, in partnership with the Holy Family Ministries a Kenilworth Union Outreach Agency. The school is collecting wide-ruled notebook paper, composition books, three subject spiral notebooks, index cards, pocket folders, and backpacks for Holy Family School. Items can be dropped off in the red bin inside the southeast doors during the week or on Sunday mornings at the children’s ministry check-in behind the Warwick Manse. Thank you for your donation which provides students with the supplies they need to learn and grow. For more information please contact Christine Hides.

**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.

**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-fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time
Confirmation Commissioning / Minute for Gratitude
—All Events Are Online Except Where Noted—

COVID-19 UPDATES

Sun., Sept. 13
6 a.m. A Daily Devotional Musical Interlude
8:30 a.m. Outdoor Worship with Baptism—Memorial Garden
10 a.m. Summer Worship with Baptism
12:30 p.m. Music Ministry Gathering

Mon., Sept. 14
6 a.m. A Daily Devotional Musical Interlude
7 p.m. Imagined Scarcity, Abundant Reality—Culbertson Room

Tues., Sept. 15
6 a.m. Gratitude Daily Devotional
12:15 p.m. Mid-Day Prayer—Sanctuary or Livestream
4:30 p.m. Junior Bell Choir Rehearsal—Sanctuary
7 p.m. Adult Bell Choir Rehearsal—Sanctuary

Wed., Sept. 16
6 a.m. Gratitude Daily Devotional
10 a.m. Men’s Coffee
5 p.m. Women’s Bible Study—Schmidt Chapel
6:30 p.m. Knitting Ministry—Off Site
7 p.m. Garden Side Chat with Bill Evertsberg

Thur., Sept. 17
6 a.m. Gratitude Daily Devotional
6 p.m. Chancel Choir Gathering

Fri., Sept. 18
6 a.m. Gratitude Daily Devotional

Sat., Sept. 19
6 a.m. Gratitude Daily Devotional

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