



Kenilworth Union Church
Service of Worship
September 27, 2020
Twenty-sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time
9:30 a.m. Online
10:30 a.m. Sanctuary

CONNECT TO WORSHIP at 9:30 a.m.

Prelude	<i>Ornament of Grace</i>	Bernard Sanders	9:30 a.m.
	<i>It Is Well With My Soul</i>	Phillip Bliss, arr. J. Raney, L. Bond	10:30 a.m.

Call to Worship

Opening Hymn *God of the Fertile Fields* arr. Felice de Giardini

1. God of the fertile fields,
Shaper of earth that yields our daily bread:
Forth from your bounteous hand
Come gifts your love has planned,
That all in every land be clothed and fed.
2. We would be stewards true,
Holding in trust from you all that you give;
Help us in love to share,
Teach us like you to care
For people everywhere, that all may live.
3. As grows the hidden seed
To fruit that serves our need, so your reign grows.
Let all our toil be used,
No gift of yours abused,
No humble task refused your love bestows.
4. God of the countryside,
Dear to the Christ who died to make us one:
We pledge our lives anew
In faithful love to you.
Guide all we say and do. Your will be done.

Opening Prayer Walter Brueggemann, 1933–
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

An Offering

Dan Forrest

O Christ, who spared not any cost,
Nor any grace withheld,
But poured forth your redeeming blood
In love unparalleled;
What would you have me offer, Lord?
What must I count as loss
That I may taste the fellowship
That brings me near your cross?
Why should I cling to gifts you give?
Why grasp in foolish pride

What you who gave yourself for me
Now bid me lay aside?
To know you is my highest gain
Worth any sacrifice,
A treasure worthy to possess
At any earthly price.

Yet if behind my open hands,
My heart shrinks from the cost,
Teach me that nothing offered you
Is ever truly lost.
A hundredfold reward awaits
In one glimpse of your face,
My sacrifice forgotten
In the riches of your grace.

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 Stewardship

Prayer of Dedication

Scripture Lesson for the Day

II Corinthians 9:6–15

Prayer for Illumination

Sermon

Imagined Scarcity, Abundant Reality, IV: Jubilant Generosity

Each of you must give as you have made up your mind, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver.

II Corinthians 9:7

Closing Hymn

As Those of Old Their Firstfruits Brought arr. Ralph Vaughn Williams

1. As those of old their firstfruits brought of vineyard, flock, and field
To God the giver of all good, the source of bounteous yield.
So we today our firstfruits bring, the wealth of this good land:
Of farm and market, shop and home, of mind and heart and hand.
2. A world in need now summons us to labor, love, and give,

To make our life an offering that all may truly live.
The church of Christ is calling us to make the dream come true:
A world redeemed by Christ-like love, all life in Christ made new.

3. In gratitude and humble trust we bring our best today,
To serve your cause and share your love with all along life's way.
O God who gave yourself to us in Jesus Christ your son,
Help us to give ourselves each day until life's work is done.

Benediction

Postlude

God of Grace and God of Glory

arr. Linda McChesney

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PARTICIPANTS:

Lisa Bond, Director of Music, Pianist

William Evertsberg, Senior Minister, Preacher

Jo Forrest, Senior Associate Minister, Liturgist

Joel Fox, Audio and Video

Susan Klotzbach, Organist

Debora Ponko, Violinist

9:30 a.m.

Ushers, Beth Adamoli, Jeremy Diamond, Don Farnsworth, Jim Fritz,

10:30 a.m.

Rob Schuldt, Stu Schuldt

Jonathan Wilson, Soloist

George Wishart, Minute for Stewardship

NEWS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Welcome: We would like to get to know you whether you are next door or in the next state. Neighbors, visitors, families, and friends 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.

Ken Harris, President of the Board of Trustees: Ken gives his last trustees report as he steps down as president this Sunday.

Kenilworth Union Church Annual Meeting

Please join us Sunday, September 27 immediately following the 10:30 Worship 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.

PROXY FOR 2020 ANNUAL MEETING

We need your vote to count on Sept. 27: Please print, vote, sign, scan, and email this proxy to info@kuc.org. Alternatively, you may send an email stating, "I agree with ALL the PROXY FOR 2020 ANNUAL MEETING information" along with, your name, and contact information to info@kuc.org.

The All of Me, All of Us Stewardship Campaign has Commenced: George Wishart, Stewardship Committee Chair announces, "Now more than ever God seems to want all of us and all of what we can offer." Thank you for making your pledge by Sunday, November 8 with the "[make your pledge](#)" link.

Wednesday Chat with Bill Evertsberg: Bill shares his feelings on the new 10:30 a.m. Worship in The Sanctuary and other opportunities for worship on Sundays at Kenilworth Union.

Registration for Next Sunday's Worship: Meet in the Memorial Garden at [8:30 a.m. Outdoor Worship with Baptism](#), or 9:30 a.m. livestream for our [Online Worship with Communion](#) or at [10:30 a.m. Worship in the Sanctuary with Communion](#).

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.

Freshmen Care Package Project: We need your mailing address so we can send you a care package! Home addresses are encouraged too. We want to be sure to include freshmen that are taking a gap year, remote learning, or taking time to figure out next steps! The project is generously underwritten by the Alison Tobey Smart Memorial Fund. Submit your address to [Silvi Pirn](#).

WORSHIP

Mid-Day Prayer: Each week a new liturgy is offered in the Sanctuary and livestream this week 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 29 we will pray for the following: Jeanine Papageorge, Gail Pascus, Scott & Susan Patterson, Don & Connie Patterson, Michael & Jennifer Patterson, Dick & Jean Patterson, William Patterson & Nancy Jaffee, Chris & Ali Pearson, Brian Pendleton, Joan Pendleton, Hyde & Ann Perce, Ben & Sally Perks, Norm & Mary Petelik, Ann Petersen, Mike & Laurie Petersen, Duff & Lisa Peterson, John & Julie Peterson, Rick & Kate Peterson, Tim & Julia Peterson, and Doug & Judy Petrie, and the Outreach Agency this week is Youth & Opportunity United (Y.O.U.).

MUSIC MINISTRY

Last Sunday at our 9:30 a.m. Online Worship: Susan Klotzbach, organist and Evelyn Wouters, soloist perform Will You Come and Follow Me, arr. John L. Bell. Miya Higashiyama, Virtual Music Assistant, joins Chancel, KUC Youth, Rejoice Choirs and the Ponko Family trio on strings for The King of Love My Shepherd Is, arr. Vicky Hancock Wright. Susan Klotzbach finishes using her very best advanced piano skills with Rejoice in the Lord Always arr. Sharon Greiner.

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 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. There are two groups that meet until the end of October, weather permitting: Group One: Co-led by Gretchen Bodum and Nancy Johnson, we will meet Mondays at 10 a.m and/or Group Two: led by Kathy Evertsberg, we will meet Thursdays at 9:30 a.m. 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. Please reserve your space with Jo Forrest.

Fall Exploring Grief Group: The group meets online every Thursday from 7–8:30 p.m. beginning October 15 for eight consecutive sessions except for November 26 due to Thanksgiving. This free series provides a confidential, supportive, and educational environment to grieve the loss of a loved one or friend. All community residents are welcome to participate. For more information and to register for this, contact Joellen Hosler at 847-446-6955 ext. 19. Sponsored by Christ Church Winnetka, Kenilworth Union Church, and Winnetka Congregational Church. View SamaCare Counseling Flyer

ADULT EDUCATION

Exploring Isaiah: All are welcome to join Adult Education Bible Read Along on Wednesdays, September 30–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.

GREEN TEAM— The Climate Crisis: The Solutions Are In Reach: Online Presentation led by Jane Goldenberg on Tuesday, October 20 at 6:30 p.m. Please RSVP: [Go Green Winnetka](#).

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.

- **IMPACT** for Grades 9–12 kicks off Sunday, September 27
- **JYG—Junior High Youth Group** for Grades 7–8 on Wednesdays
- **BYO Breakfast Club** for Grades 7–8 on Sunday mornings

Please [register here](#) for Youth Ministry programs or email [Silvi Pirn](#) if you need more information.

CHILDREN AND FAMILY MINISTRY

Children and Family Ministry Registration The children's ministry staff and committee are excited to offer their flexible, meaningful opportunities for this fall ministry season, through 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](#).

ENTERPRISE RESOURCE PLANNING

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's programming](#), 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.

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 and for October is Laurel Lien.

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

CALENDAR FOR THE WEEK

Twenty-sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time
Annual Church Meeting / Minute for Stewardship

COVID-19 UPDATES

Sun., Sept. 27	6 a.m.	Gratitude Daily Devotional—Online
	8:30 a.m.	Outdoor Worship—Memorial Garden
	9 a.m.	Confirmation Class—East Frontyard & Schmidt Chapel
	9 a.m.	This Is Our Prayer—Warwick Manse Driveway
	9 a.m.	Family Chapel—Warwick Manse Driveway & Backyard
	9:30 a.m.	Online Worship—Livestream
	10:30 a.m.	BYO Breakfast Club—Warwick Manse
	10:30 a.m.	Worship in the Sanctuary—Sanctuary
	11 a.m.	Kenilworth Union Annual Meeting—Sanctuary & Livestream
	11 a.m.	Confirmation Class—East Frontyard & Schmidt Chapel
	11 a.m.	Third Grade Bible Hybrid—Online
	11 a.m.	Digging Deeper—Warwick Manse Backyard
	11 a.m.	Third Grade Bible—Online
	5 p.m.	IMPACT A—Warwick Manse
	7 p.m.	IMPACT B—Warwick Manse
Mon., Sept. 28	6 a.m.	Gratitude Daily Devotional —Online
	10 a.m.	Fall Faith Walks—Church Cloisters
	4 p.m.	Katie Lancaster Virtual Office Hours—Online
	7 p.m.	Imagined Scarcity, Abundant Reality—Culbertson Room
Tues., Sept. 29	6 a.m.	Gratitude Daily Devotional—Online
	12:15 p.m.	Mid-Day Prayer—Sanctuary and Livestream
	4:30 p.m.	Junior Bell Choir Rehearsal—Sanctuary
	7 p.m.	Adult Bell Choir Rehearsal—Sanctuary
Wed., Sept. 30	6 a.m.	Gratitude Daily Devotional—Online
	9:15 a.m.	Adult Education, Exploring Isaiah—Online
	10 a.m.	Men's Coffee—Online
	1 p.m.	Women's Bible Study—Schmidt Chapel
	5 p.m.	Middle School Youth Group—Warwick Manse Backyard
	6:30 p.m.	Junior High Youth Group—Warwick Manse
	7 p.m.	Garden Side Chat with Bill Evertsberg—Online
Thur., Oct. 1	6 a.m.	Gratitude Daily Devotional—Online
	9:30 a.m.	Fall Faith Walks—Church Cloisters
Fri., Oct. 2	6 a.m.	Gratitude Daily Devotional—Online
Sat., Oct. 3	6 a.m.	Gratitude Daily Devotional—Online