Kenilworth Union Church
Service of Worship
January 24, 2021
Third Sunday in Ordinary Time
9:30 a.m. Online

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Prelude *Our Father Who Art in Heaven* Georg Böhm

Call to Worship

Welcome.
In this moment, we gather together in spirit
to praise our redeemer,
to reflect on God's word,
and to become equipped with the breastplate of righteousness,
the helmet of salvation, and the belt of truth as we prepare for the week ahead.
But for today, we will, as King David wrote,
Give thanks to the Lord with our whole hearts,
Tell of all of God's wonderful deeds,
Be glad and exult in our creator,
And sing praise to the one who is most high.
Let us worship God.

Opening Hymn *Our Father, Lord of Heaven and Earth* #590

1. Our Father, Lord of heaven and earth,
Let praise and honor clothe your name.
Your kingdom come, your will be done;
Throughout the world complete your reign.
Teach us, O Lord, to trust in you
For bread and breath each day anew.

2. Forgive us, Lord, our sins and debts
As we to debtors show your grace.
Remove us from all tempting paths
And guard us from the devil's ways;
For glory, strength, and heaven's throne
Belong to you, and you alone. Amen.

Opening Prayer

Please add your voice virtually from wherever you are to this responsive prayer.

Lector: God, we find ourselves asking the same question asked by the Israelites in the wilderness of the Exodus, "How long, O Lord, how long?"

All: "How long will we suffer from racial injustice, from economic strain, from political division, from this unrelenting pandemic, from a lack of touch and fellowship with our friends, family, and church?"

Lector: And since the Exodus, you, too, O God, have asked us, "How long?"

All: "How long will you refuse to humble yourselves before me?"

Lector: "How long will you refuse to keep my commandments and instructions?"

All: "How long will you refuse to believe in me, in spite of all the signs that I have done?"

Lector: Holy one, we humble ourselves before you.

All: We bring our longing to you.

Lector: And we rest in the assurance that you are the alpha and the omega, the beginning and the end, and the answer to all of our questions in between. Amen.

Ministry of Music *The Lord's Prayer* Albert Hay Malotte

Our father, which art in heaven,
Hallowed be thy name.
Thy kingdom come.
Thy will be done in earth,
As it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread.
And forgive us our debts,
As we forgive our debtors.
And lead us not into temptation;
But deliver us from evil;
For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever.
Amen.

Prayers of the People

Thanksgivings and Intercessions

Tithes and Offerings

Announcements from the Life of the Church

Prayer of Dedication

Gracious and merciful God,
You ask us to carry each other's burdens. With these gifts, let us carry the burdens of our sisters and brothers in a tangible way. As this offering transforms into hospital visits, Sunday School classes, online bible studies, and the myriad other labors of Kenilworth Union, may these gifts, without fail, reflect your untiring, uncompromising love. Amen.

Prayer for Illumination

Scripture and Sermon ***Help, Thanks, Wow! The Lord's Prayer***

1/3	Matthew 6:9–13	Heavenly Father	*Near as the Air, High as the Stars*
1/10	Exodus 3:1–15	Holy Name	*Father in Heaven, How'd You Know My Name*
1/17	Luke 12:22–34	Kingdom Come	*The First Reich*
1/24	**Exodus 16:13–21**	**Daily Bread**	***Prayer in the Imperative Mood***
1/31	Matthew 18:21–35	Forgiving Trespasses	*Chapter 11*
2/7	Psalm 91	Deliver Us	*Strong Deliverer*
2/14	Psalm 29	Power, Glory	*Wow and Awe*

Closing Hymn *My Faith Looks Up to Thee* #383

1. My faith looks up to thee,
Thou lamb of Calvary,
Savior divine:
Now hear me while I pray,
Take all my guilt away,
O let me from this day
Be wholly thine!

2. May thy rich grace impart
Strength to my fainting heart,
My zeal inspire;
As thou has died for me,
O may my love to thee
Pure, warm, and changeless be,
A living fire!

3. While life's dark maze I tread,
And griefs around me spread,
Be thou my guide;
Bid darkness turn to day,

Wipe sorrow's tears away,
Nor let me ever stray
From thee aside.

4. When ends life's transient dream,
When death's cold, sullen stream
Shall o'er me roll,
Blest savior, then, in love,
Fear and distrust remove;
O bear me safe above,
A ransomed soul!

Benediction

Postlude *Praeludium in C* Georg Böhm

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Plate Offering

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PARTICIPANTS:

Alyssa Bennett, Hymn Quartet, Trio, Media Production
Lisa Bond, Minister of Music, Media Production
Ami Campbell, Guest Liturgist
William Evertsberg, Senior Minister, Preacher
Joel Fox, Audio and Video
Miya Higashiyama, Hymn Quartet, Media Production
David Honoré, Hymn Quartet
Susan Klotzbach, Organist
Kelsey Sandefur, Trio
Jonathan Wilson, Hymn Quartet
Evelyn Wouters, Trio

Milestones: The congregation celebrates the birth of John Gregory Eisinger on November 30, son of Michael and Cameron Eisinger, and grandson of Brian and Barbara Williams; and the congregation celebrates the birth of Luca Rinella on December 29, son of Rich and Ayla Rinella and grandson of Dick and Barbara Rinella; and the congregation celebrates the birth of Matias (Mats) Yijian Winship on January 10, son of Charles and Rachel Winship and grandson of Roger and Julie Winship. Wea extend the sympathy of the congregation to the family of Randy and Jane Whitchurch upon the death of Randy's father, Chuck Whitchurch on January 7; and to the family of Kristin (Solberg) Camorlinga upon the death of Francisco Javier (Paco) Camorlinga on January 17; and to the family of Virginia Anderson upon her death on January 18.

NEWS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Help, Thanks, Wow: The Lord's Prayer Sermon Series: According to Anne Lamott, there are only three really good prayers: help, thanks, wow. According to Jesus of Nazareth, the best prayer is only 38 words long (at least in the Gospel of Luke). Annie and Jesus are both masters of the simple. Join us next week at worship for *Chapter 11*, all are welcome.

Annual Outreach Benefit Leadership Needed! We need two volunteers to co-chair this year's April 30 Outreach Benefit, which is the largest source of funds for Kenilworth Union's Agency Grant Program. With the continuing pandemic and economic fall-out, the needs are greater than ever. If interested or for more information, please contact Outreach Committee co-chair Wendy Yamada.

Chat with Bill Evertsberg: Bill talks with Melanie Flynn about the Stephen Ministry, which provides one-to-one Christian caregiving.

COVID-19 Updates: please click through to view the church's guidelines and check the calendar for the latest updates.

WORSHIP

Sundays at Kenilworth Union Church: Join us at Sunday Online Worship at 9:30 a.m., Outdoor Worship and Worship in the Sanctuary have been temporarily suspended.

John Sharp's Tips to Enhance Online Worship: John is Director of Business Operations, plus is responsible for all Kenilworth Union technology, which supports our Church's online presence.

Mid-Day Prayer: Each week a new liturgy is offered livestream at 12:15 p.m. We meet for 15 minutes to read scriptures and hear a brief reflection. On Tuesday, January 26 we will pray for the following Kenilworth Union families: Jane Williamson, Richard & Sara Williamson, Jacqueline Willrich, Jiffy Willson, Alex & Emily Wilson, Bryan & Stephanie Wilson, Michael & Page Wilson, Dee Wilson, Steven & Karen Wilson, Thad & Megan Wilson, Dave & Marilyn Winchester, Roger & Julie Winship, George & Jan Wishart, Rob & Mary Womsley, Jim & Nancy Wood, Lynn Wood, Woody & Barbara Wood, Kees & Alice Woodward, Paul & Rosemary Wormley, and Bill & Anne Wortel.

ADULT EDUCATION

Online Bible Study: *A Story of Homecoming*, the parables of Luke 15 invite the reader to experience home not as a place, but a relationship. Join the Reverend Christine V. Hides and friends online on Wednesdays, review *Part I: The Younger Son* class here. Henri Nouwen's book, *The Return of the Prodigal Son* will support this study, however it is not required reading. All are welcome.

RACIAL JUSTICE COMMITTEE

Speaker Series from the Racial Justice Committee: Registration is required.

• Monday, January 25 at 7 p.m. Todd Maxman, New Trier Social Studies Faculty, will present on "Race on the North Shore: Some Local History in Our Community and in Our Schools."

• Monday, February 1 at 7 p.m. Robin Steinberg, CEO of The Bail Project, will do a presentation on "Reimagining Justice in America."

• Monday, February 8 at 7 p.m. Rabbi Samuel Gordon of the Congregation Sukkat Shalom in Wilmette will lead a book discussion on Isabel Wilkerson's, *Caste: The Origins of Our Discontents.*

CONGREGATIONAL CARE

A Blessing to Walk Around In: The Reverend Dr. Katie Snipes Lancaster has put together daily devotionals for the winter months on Art, Poetry, Music, and Nature for the New Year. Those who are registered for daily devotionals are enrolled for *A Blessing to Walk Around In.* Click here to register to receive a daily devotional.

Exploring Grief Group: The group meets online every Thursday from 7–8:30 p.m. beginning February 4 for eight

consecutive sessions. This free series provides a confidential, supportive, and educational environment to grieve the loss of a loved one or friend. Click here for more information.

CHILDREN AND FAMILY MINISTRY*
—Online Only—The Winter Catalog highlights ministry events from January 10–February 14:
• Sundays: 9 a.m. *Family Chapel*; 9:25 a.m. *Entering In to Worship*; 11 a.m. *Third Grade Bible Milestone;* and 11 a.m. *Drawing Close to God*
• Tuesdays: 4 p.m. *Faith234*
• Wednesdays: 5 p.m. *Middle School Youth Group*
• Thursdays: 4 p.m. *Storytime*
Click here for information and to register.
**for more information on Children and Family Ministry Programs please contact Greta Connor.*

GREEN TEAM
End Plastic Pollution Discussion: Join a February 3 at 7 p.m. discussion with the focus on problems of single-use plastics, framed by the movie *The Story of Plastic*, and how we can be part of the solution, framed by the Shedd Aquarium's new initiative *Let's Shedd Plastic*.

MUSIC MINISTRY
Last Sunday on Martin Luther King, Jr. Sunday, David Honoré, soloist and Susan Klotzbach, pianist presented *When Israel Was in Egypt's Land*, and Miya Higashiyama, Soloist sang *Precious Lord Take My Hand*. Thank you for the gift of music!

YOUTH MINISTRY* Follow @kucyouth Instagram
Junior High Youth Group for 7th and 8th Graders: All youth, regardless of church affiliation, are invited to join us online for a fun meetup with games and candle-time talks. Meet on Wednesdays at 6 p.m. online.
Junior High Youth Group Outdoor Event: Pre-register now for Snow Tubing at Wilmot Mountain Resort on Wednesday, February 3 at 4:45 p.m.
Last College Break Work Day for the winter season: Volunteer with Silvi Pirn this Wednesday, January 27, 1 p.m. Greater Chicago Food Depository.
IMPACT 2021 is On! We have reconfigured to offer a condensed mission trip program. The destination Reveal Night is Sunday, February 21. Click through for dates.
**for more information on Youth Ministry Programs please contact Silvi Pirn.*

YOUTH MENTAL HEALTH
This pandemic has been tough on youth. At Kenilworth Union we are responding …
#mentalhealthmondays The Kenilworth Union staff is offering encouraging and practical help to support mental health in a series of posts on the @kucyouth Instagram appearing every Monday. Follow KUC Youth Instagram to get these encouraging messages!
Youth Mental Health Team: we are seeking interested high school youth to help make plans for programs that support the mental health of peers and younger youth. Contact Kate Revord.
KUC Cares is a group of teens who are here to support youth who are facing challenges. The challenges might be related to physical or mental health, or just emotional burden or distress. To get care for yourself or someone you know, complete this survey.

We are a Stephen Ministry Congregation.
If you would like to learn more, please contact a Stephen Leader.

While Katie Lancaster, is on sabbatical, please contact Kathy McCabe our administrative hub, for all congregational care milestones, needs, or follow-ups that come up during Katie's absence.

Care Guild Leader for January is Kris Whisner and for February is Susi Swisher.
To let us know where help is needed, call Care Guild at (847)853-3534

CALENDAR FOR THE WEEK

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COVID-19 UPDATES

Sun., Jan. 24	6 a.m.	A Blessing to Walk Around In Daily Devotional—Online
	9 a.m.	Family Chapel with Godly Play—Online
	9:25 a.m.	Enter In to Worship—Prepare with Children & Family Ministry Video
	9:30 a.m.	Online Worship—Livestream
	11 a.m.	Third Grade Bible Milestone—Online
	11 a.m.	Drawing Close to God—Online
Mon., Jan. 25	6 a.m.	A Blessing to Walk Around In Daily Devotional—Online
	7 p.m.	RJC Speaker Todd Maxman—Online
Tues., Jan. 26	6 a.m.	A Blessing to Walk Around In Daily Devotional—Online
	12:15 p.m.	Mid-Day Prayer—Livestream
	4 p.m.	Faith234—Online
	7 p.m.	Stephen Ministry Supervision—Online
Wed., Jan. 27	6 a.m.	A Blessing to Walk Around In Daily Devotional—Online
	9:15 a.m.	Online Bible Study: A Story of Homecoming—Online
	10 a.m.	Men's Coffee—Online
	1 p.m.	College Break Work Day—Off Site
	4:45 p.m.	Junior High Youth Group Outdoor Event—Offsite
	5 p.m.	Middle School Youth Group—Online
	7 p.m.	A Chat with Bill Evertsberg—Online
Thur., Jan. 28	6 a.m.	A Blessing to Walk Around In Daily Devotional—Online
	9:30 a.m.	Women's Reading Group—Online
	4 p.m.	Storytime—Online
Fri., Jan. 29	6 a.m.	A Blessing to Walk Around In Daily Devotional—Online
Sat., Jan. 30	6 a.m.	A Blessing to Walk Around In Daily Devotional—Online