



Kenilworth Union Church
Service of Worship
February 28, 2021
Second Sunday in Lent
9:30 a.m. Online

CONNECT TO WORSHIP at 9:30 a.m.

Prelude

Beneath the Cross of Jesus
In the Cross

Robert Lau
Robert Powell

Call to Worship

One: From a world which leaves the weak to the mercy of the strong,

All: We come to worship the God who turns crosses into crowns.

One: With hearts that long for the victory of life but fear the triumph of death,

All: We come to worship the God who turns the vanquished into victors.

One: With awe and trembling, yet with hope and joy, we say:

All: Thanks be to God, who gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ.

Opening Hymn

Kind Maker of the World

#79

1. Kind maker of the world, O hear
The fervent prayer, with many a tear
Poured forth by all the penitent
Who keep this holy fast of Lent!
2. Each heart is manifest to thee;
Thou knowest our infirmity;
Now we repent and seek thy face;
Grant unto us thy pardoning grace.
3. Spare us, O Lord, who now confess
Our sins and all our wickedness,
And, for the glory of thy name,
Our weakened souls to health reclaim.
4. Give us the discipline that springs
From abstinence in outward things
With inward fasting, so that we
In heart and soul may dwell with thee.
5. Grant, O thou blessed trinity,
Grant, O unchanging unity,
That this our fast of forty days
May work our profit and thy praise!

Prayer for Lent

Ann Siddall

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

One: O God, help us to use this season of Lent
to examine our attachments,

and to sense where you invite us
to live more simply and deeply.

**All: Shine the light of your love
into the private corners of our lives
where we have acquired so much clutter
that it has begun to restrict our freedom.**

One: Grant us the strength to free ourselves
from appetites and needs that drive us
into taking, having, and wanting
more than we need or have time for.

**All: Teach us that in letting go,
we become free, rather than deprived,
generous rather than covetous,
and spacious rather than restricted.**

One: We offer you our Lenten observance,
and today we place our feet
on the road to Easter,
and walk the way that you have walked before us.

All: Amen.

Ministry of Music

Forty Days and Forty Nights

Becki Mayo and Paul Adams

Noah heard the voice of God say, "Go and build an ark!
Build it tall and build it long, for soon the rain will start."
Though he did not understand, Noah followed God's command.
For forty days and forty nights, the rain came fallin' down.
Forty days and forty nights, he waited on the Lord.
Forty days and forty nights, he trusted in God's word.
Moses heard the voice of God say, "Climb that mountain tall.
There on tablets made of stone, I'll write my holy law."
Though he did not understand, Moses followed God's command.
For forty days and forty nights, he listened to God's plan.
Forty days and forty nights, he waited on the Lord.
Forty days and forty nights, he trusted in God's word.

Jesus heard the spirit lead him to the wilderness.
Jesus went to fast and pray, he fought the tempter's test.
Looking to God's mighty hand, Jesus followed God's command.
For forty days and forty nights, he trusted in God's plan.
Forty days and forty nights, he waited on the Lord.
Forty days and forty nights, he trusted in God's word.

Looking to God's mighty hand, Jesus followed God's command.
For forty days and forty nights, he trusted in God's plan.
He trusted in God's plan, forty days and nights!

Prayers of the People

Thanksgivings and Intercessions

The 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

Alyssa Bennett, Assistant Director of Choirs, Media Production
Lisa Bond, Minister of Music, Media Production
William Evertsberg, Senior Minister, Preacher
Joel Fox, Audio and Video
Christine Hides, Associate Minister of Discipleship, Liturgist
Miya Higashiyama, Media Production
Susan Klotzbach, Organist
KUC Youth Choir
Matt Leske, Audio and Video
Rejoice Singers
Jonathan Wilson, Hymn Soloist

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Milestones: We extend the sympathy of the congregation to the family of Jeff Hudson and Joslyn Blokell upon the death of Jeff's mother, Margaret Hudson on February 19; and to the family of Kathy Schuldts upon the death of her father, Dale Park on February 21.

NEWS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

[Welcome Katie Lancaster on Monday, March 1:](#) Starting tomorrow please contact [Katie Lancaster](#) for Congregational Care and Membership needs.

[Chat with Bill Evertsberg and John Sharp:](#) Bill talks with John, director of business operations, about what originally drew him to Kenilworth Union, and what it's like to work at the church.

[News from Christine Hides:](#) Throughout the pandemic, I have been wondering about the relationship between resilience and resurrection hope. There seem to be connections between neuroplasticity, growing through adversity, and God's healing power. My friend and colleague, Amelia Richardson Dress, wrote a book about resilience in uncertain times. Amelia writes and speaks from a deep love and appreciation for children's spirituality and the realities of parenthood. With wonder and warmth, she invites families to explore new and familiar practices, bless one another, and reflect. On Thursday, March 11, 7:30 p.m. Amelia Richardson Dress will join us online to discuss spiritual practices that build resilience for families of all shapes and sizes. You do not need to read the book to attend her talk. [Register here.](#)

[IMPACT 2021 is Tulsa, Oklahoma!](#) Youth will need to attend orientation on Sun., March 21 at 7 p.m., complete registration by Wed., March 31 and attend weekly meetings beginning in April.

[Adult Ed with Lori Lightfoot:](#) Join us online for a Public Affairs Adult Ed opportunity on March 16 at 7 p.m. with the mayor of Chicago as she discusses current and local events, followed by a short Q&A. Registration is required; attendance is limited.

The mission of the Public Affairs speaker series is to bring informative and stimulating presentations to the members of our congregation and to the broader community. These presentations include issues related to global affairs, U. S. Public and Foreign Policy.

[COVID-19 Restore Illinois Updates:](#) Please click through to view the church's guidelines as we begin to reopen and check the calendar for the latest updates.

WORSHIP

[Lenten and Holy Week Calendar:](#) Journey with us through Lent. Bill Evertsberg has put together a new sermon series [Cabinet of Colloquial Curiosities: Rare Words for Troubled Times](#). Katie Lancaster sends a daily devotional [Divine and Dusty: Embodied Prayers for Lent](#). Christine Hides meets weekly to discuss a devotional [Living Well Through Lent](#).

[Mid-Day Prayer:](#) Each week a new liturgy is offered [livestream](#) or in the [Sanctuary at 12:15 p.m.](#) We meet for 15 minutes to read scriptures and hear a brief reflection. On Tuesday, March 2 we will pray for the following Kenilworth Union families: Barbara Besant, Jim Beyl & Sharon Smarsh, Mike & Melissa Bianucci, Chandler & Elizabeth Bigelow, Mike & Carlee Bilello, Jon & Kristen Bilton, James Binnall, Sean & Jennifer Bisceglia, Joyce Bishop, Ben & Susan Bishop, Bill & Heather Blackwell, Chuck & Jocko Blair, Benson & Lindy Blake, John & Liz Blanchard, Scott & Kimmie Blanchard, Marilou Bleecker, Joslyn Blokell & Jeff Hudson, Rick & Taffy Blommer, Steve & Laree Bobo, and Gretchen Bodum & Ron Sipiora.

[Online Worship Only Until Spring:](#) Out of an abundance of caution and love for our neighbors and friends, Kenilworth Union Church will continue to livestream [Online Worship at 9:30 a.m.](#) on Sundays, and will resume in-person Outdoor Worship on Palm Sunday, March 28, weather permitting. The sanctuary is open for Mid-Day Prayer on Tuesdays at 12:15 p.m.

ADULT EDUCATION

[Past class recording can be found here.](#)

[Living Well Through Lent:](#) A new online discussion group who reads and discusses select devotionals written by a diverse group of writers. Download the devotional and join the online as you are able to discuss on Tuesdays at 9 a.m., through March 30 with [Christine V. Hides](#).

[The Hopeful Family Book Discussion:](#) Join Christine Hides on Thur., March 4 at 7:30 p.m. for an informal conversation of Amelia Dress' book about raising resilient children in uncertain times. [Registration here.](#)

Online parent gathering with Amelia Richardson Dress: Author of *The Hopeful Family: Raising Resilient Children in Uncertain Times*. Thur., March 11 at 7:30 p.m. [Register here](#).

RACIAL JUSTICE COMMITTEE

[Receive News, Updates, and Events from RJC:](#) Opt in to receive the new monthly Racial Justice Committee newsletter. More information can be found at the [RJC website](#).

CONGREGATIONAL CARE

[Divine and Dusty: Embodied Prayers for Lent—A New Lenten Devotional](#) from The Reverend Dr. Katie Snipes Lancaster. Those who are registered for daily devotionals are enrolled for *Divine and Dusty*. [Click here to register to receive a daily devotional](#).

CHILDREN AND FAMILY MINISTRY*

—Online Only—

[Classes and Pathways for Lent:](#)

- 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. *Discovering Our Gifts*
- Tuesdays: 4 p.m. *Faith234*
- Wednesdays: 5 p.m. *Middle School Youth Group*

[Click here for information and to register](#).

**for more information on Children and Family Ministry Programs please contact [Greta Connor](#).*

MUSIC MINISTRY

On the First Sunday in Lent the Chancel Choir prepared [How Long, O Lord](#) by Eugene Butler, and Susan Klotzbach on organ accompanied Jonathan Wilson, soloist [Blessed Jesus, at Your Word](#) by John Rudolph. Thank you for the gift of music!

YOUTH MINISTRY* Follow [@kucyouth Instagram](#)

[Junior High Youth Group for 7th and 8th Graders is Back in Person:](#) All youth, regardless of church affiliation, are invited to join us with social-distance games and candle-time talks. Meet on Wednesdays at 6 p.m. [Reservations are required](#).

[IMPACT Program Orientation](#) for youth, parents, and leaders. The meeting is online Sunday, March 21 at 7 p.m., and covers the basics of the IMPACT mission trip program and details about travel, accommodations, and mission partnerships and projects.

**for more information on Youth Ministry Programs please contact [Silvi Pirn](#).*

YOUTH SUPPORT

[#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!

[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](#).

Support: Our staff can help youth find the support they need when facing life's challenges. We can meet one-on-one or in groups for pastoral care and direction. We can also help advocate for and find the resources locally to provide counseling and care each teen needs. Please reach out to [Silvi Pirn](#).

LEADERSHIP NEEDED

[Children and Youth Ministries has a Full-Time Position:](#) The Church seeks a detail-oriented and energetic individual to help build on strong ministries already in place.

We are a Stephen Ministry Congregation.

If you would like to learn more, please contact a [Stephen Leader](#).

Care Guild Co-Leader for February is [Jill Kirk](#) and [Dayle Lively](#).

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., Feb 28	5 a.m.	Divine and Dusty: Embodied Prayers for Lent—Online
	9 a.m.	Family Chapel—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.	Discovering Our Gifts—Online
	11 a.m.	Third Grade Bible Milestone—Online
Mon., Mar. 1	5 a.m.	Divine and Dusty: Embodied Prayers for Lent—Online
Tues., Mar. 2	5 a.m.	Divine and Dusty: Embodied Prayers for Lent—Online
	9 a.m.	Living Well Through Lent Devotional Group—Online
	12:15 p.m.	Mid-Day Prayer—In-House and Livestream
	4 p.m.	Faith234—Online
Wed., Mar. 3	5 a.m.	Divine and Dusty: Embodied Prayers for Lent—Online
	9:15 a.m.	Online Bible Read Along The Gospel According to John—Online
	10 a.m.	Men's Coffee—Online
	2p.m.	Knitting Ministry—Online
	5 p.m.	Middle School Youth Group—Online
	6 p.m.	Junior High Youth Group—Warwick Manse
	7 p.m.	A Chat with Bill Evertsberg—Online
Thur., Mar. 4	5 a.m.	Divine and Dusty: Embodied Prayers for Lent—Online
	7 p.m.	Exploring Grief Group—Online
	7:30 p.m.	The Hopeful Family Book Discussion—Online
Fri., Mar. 5	5 a.m.	Divine and Dusty: Embodied Prayers for Lent—Online
Sat., Mar. 6	5 a.m.	Divine and Dusty: Embodied Prayers for Lent—Online