

Kenilworth Union Church
Service of Worship
March 21, 2021
Fifth Sunday in Lent
9:30 a.m. Online

[CONNECT TO WORSHIP](#) at 9:30 a.m.

Prelude

Andante Sostenuto

Ennio Morricone

Call to Worship

Mystery is Endless Knowability

Richard Rohr

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

One: Let us go deep into the mystery of God,

All: Into divine hiddenness, limitlessness, unknowability.

One: Let us discover that somehow rich, supportive, embracing, spaciousness of God
Where we do not have to ask or answer the questions we endlessly hold tight.

All: Let us be held by God so that we do not need to try to “hold” ourselves together.

One: Let us fall into the hands of the living God,

Falling into the divine abyss who is our ground, our rock, our foundation.

All: Let us hide in the endless knowability, unrestricted love, and eternal care of our God.

Opening Hymn

Now the Green Blade Rises

Martin Shaw

1. Now the green blade rises from the buried grain,
Wheat that in dark earth many days has lain;
Love lives again, that with the dead has been;
Love is come again like wheat arising green.

2. In the grave they laid him, love by hatred slain,
Thinking that he would never wake again,
Laid in the earth like grain that sleeps unseen;
Love is come again like wheat arising green.

3. Forth he came at Easter like the risen grain,
He that for three days in the grave had lain;
Raised from the dead, my living Lord is seen;
Love is come again like wheat arising green.

4. When our hearts are wintry, grieving, or in pain,

Your touch can call us back to life again;
Fields of our hearts that dead and bare have been;
Love is come again like wheat arising green.

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 *How Can I Keep from Singing*

Robert Lowry, arr. Taylor Davis

My life flows on in endless song,
Above earth's lamentation.
I hear the real though far-off hymn,
That hails a new creation.

Through all the tumult and the strife
I hear its music ringing
It sounds an echo in my soul
How can I keep from singing?

While though the tempest loudly roars,
I know the truth, it liveth,
And though the darkness round me close,
Songs in the night it giveth.

No storm can shake my inmost calm,
While to that rock I'm clinging,

Since love is Lord of heaven and earth,
How can I keep from singing?

When tyrants tremble sick with fear
And hear their death knells ringing
When friends rejoice both far and near
How can I keep from singing?

In prison cells and dungeon vile
Our thoughts to them are winging
When friends by shame are undefiled
How can I keep from singing?

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

Announcements from the Life of the Church
Minute for Mission
Prayer of Dedication

Prayer for Illumination

Scripture and Sermon

2/28 John 1:43–51
3/7 John 4:1–42
3/14 John 5:1–9
3/21 John 12:20–33
3/28 John 11:28–57; John 12:12–19
4/1 John 18 and 19
4/4 John 20:1–18

Cabinet of Colloquial Curiosities

Zenobia: When You Feel Like an Imposter
Druery: When a Relationship Fails
Aphercotropism: When Obstacles Impede
Respair: When You're Desperate
Dolorifuge: When Sadness Overwhelms
Interfulgent: When Hope Is Almost Gone
Eucatastrophe: When Death Is Winning

Closing Hymn

A Mighty Fortress Is Our God

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1. A mighty fortress is our God,
A bulwark never failing;
Our helper he amid the flood
Of mortal ills prevailing.
For still our ancient foe
Doth seek to work us woe;
His craft and power are great,
And, armed with cruel hate,

On earth is not his equal.
2. Did we in our own strength confide,
Our striving would be losing;
Were not the right man on our side,
The man of God's own choosing.
Dost ask who that may be?
Christ Jesus, it is he,
Lord Sabaoth his name,
From age to age the same,
And he must win the battle.

3. And though this world, with devils filled,
Should threaten to undo us,
We will not fear, for God hath willed
His truth to triumph through us.
The prince of darkness grim,
We tremble not for him;
His rage we can endure,
For lo! His doom is sure,
One little word shall fell him.

4. That word above all earthly powers,
No thanks to them, abideth;
The spirit and the gifts are ours
Through him who with us sideth;
Let goods and kindred go,
This mortal life also;
The body they may kill,
God's truth abideth still,
His kingdom is forever.

Benediction

Postlude

Concerto in E Major, iii

Antonio Vivaldi

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Plate Offering

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Worship Notes

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Ann Siddall wrote the Prayer for Lent. She lives in Adelaide and serves as a spiritual director in the Uniting Church of Australia.

The inspiration for our Lenten Sermon Series at Kenilworth Union comes from Paul Anthony Jones' *The Cabinet of Calm: Soothing Words for Troubled Times* (2020), where this British author compiles 51 mostly extinct English words that for various reasons faded from our common vocabulary over the centuries, but which might nonetheless speak a word of peace to us in chaotic times if we raise them from the dead.

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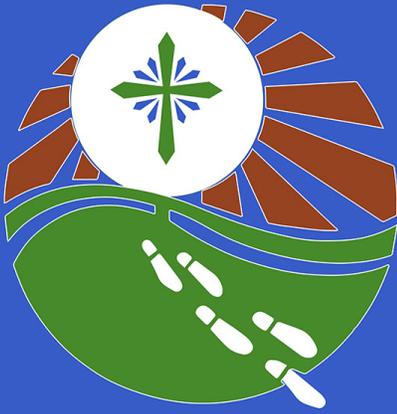
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Tim Weaver, Minute for Mission on Hunger and Food Insecurity



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KENILWORTH UNION CHURCH

Palm Sunday

8:30 a.m. Memorial Garden

9:30 a.m. Livestream

Easter Sunday

6:30 a.m. Memorial Garden

8:30 a.m. Memorial Garden

9:30 a.m. Livestream

10:30 a.m. Sanctuary

IMPACT Program Orientation for youth, parents, and leaders and anybody that would like to learn about IMPACT. The meeting is online and livestream today, 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. [Registration required.](#)

Fireside Chat with Bill Evertsberg: Bill talks with AJN Preschool Director Amy Castino about the joys and challenges of operating the school during the pandemic.

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.

Outreach Benefit Fund: We cannot get together this year and the need for services for these agencies is greater than ever. Look for an Outreach letter in your mailbox and thank you for your generosity.

Homelessness: Robin Roberts speaks about homelessness during the Outreach Minute for Mission.

I Carried You With Me Into My Research

By The Reverend Dr. Katie Snipes Lancaster

I am so grateful to have had time away to study and be with my family. I spent January in Indiana with my parents and February in Tennessee with my husband's parents. It was such a gift for my son to finally be able to see his grandparents, and for us to spend time with our parents who we missed dearly during this year of online-only grandparenting.

As I think many of you know, in addition to time with family, I also had time to study thanks to a grant from the Louisville Institute. It was probably the most intensive period of study I've had since 2007 when I finished my MDiv, and I realized that, for me, theological exploration has a transcendent quality. Reading theology connects me to the divine. [Continue reading.](#)

WORSHIP

Palm Sunday, Live Donkey, Palm Processional and Worship: Hosanna! 8:30 a.m. Outdoor Worship will include a live donkey and palms to wave. Line up at the Warwick Manse at 8:15 a.m. to process into worship.

Maunday Thursday Service of Tenenbrae: Our sanctuary will darken on Thursday night at 7:30 p.m. on April 1, marking the final supper Jesus shared with friends before he was abandoned by these same people and later betrayed. All are welcome to worship with us livestream.

Meditation: The labyrinth, located to the east of the cloisters, is available for anyone yearning for a meditative stroll. This outdoor space allows you to safely connect with both our physical church and your spiritual practice. [Labyrinth Prayer Guide](#).

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 23 we will pray for the following Kenilworth Union families: Peter & Jessie Butler, Pat & Jane Cahill, Ryan & Laurie Cahill, Dave & Debby Caldwell, Jo Caldwell, Kristin Camorlinga, Dave & Linda Campbell, Kate Campbell, Sally Campbell, Ann Carey & Gregg Walla, Brett & Laura Carlson, Joanne Carlson, Ed & Kristin Casas, Carter Cast & Allyson Paffas, Jim & Steph Cavanaugh, Clarke & Mary Caywood, Peter & Ellen Chadwick, Dave & Liz Chandler, Hamilton & Lilly Chang, Cynthia Chase-Kofkin & Robert Kofkin.

MEMBERSHIP

New Member Information: Interested in learning more about the mission and ministry of Kenilworth Union Church? Please join an in-house or online meeting on either: April 18 from 2 to 4 p.m. in the Culbertson Room or online Monday, April 19 from 7–9 p.m. Only one class is needed, they are both the same. New Member Commissioning is two weeks later Sunday, May 2.

ADULT EDUCATION

Online Bible Read Along—The Gospel According to John: All are invited to drop in as you are able to read selections from The Gospel of John. Join [Christine V. Hides](#) Wednesdays at 9:15 a.m. to explore art related to the scripture. **Past class recording can be found here.**

Living Well Through Lent: An 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](#).

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 Lenten Devotional from The Reverend Dr. Katie Snipes Lancaster. [Click here to register to receive a daily devotional.](#)

CHILDREN AND FAMILY MINISTRY*

Spring Break: No Family Chapel and Third Grade Bible Milestone Sundays, March 28 and April 4, No Faith234 Tuesday, March 30 or Middle School Youth Group Wednesday, March 31.

Classes and Pathways for Spring Beginning April 11:

- Sundays: 9 a.m. *Family Chapel* outdoors weather permitting; 11 a.m. *Third Grade Bible Milestone*
- Tuesdays: 4 p.m. *Faith234* [Register for spring group.](#)
- Wednesdays: 5 p.m. *Middle School Youth Group* [Register for spring group.](#)

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

MUSIC MINISTRY

On the Forth Sunday in Lent, Susan Klotzbach on organ accompanied Miya Higashiyama, soloist for *Beneath the Cross of Jesus* and Chancel Choir sang “God So Loved the World” from *Christus*. Thank you for the gift of music!

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

IMPACT 2021 Mission Trip Program Registration is Open: The deadline is March 31.

High School Senior’s Class 2021: Youth Sunday is May 16. If you would like to participate in Youth Sunday worship or find out what is involved [visit the registration page](#).

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.**

**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](#).

We are a Stephen Ministry Congregation.

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

Care Guild Co-Leaders for March is [Jill Kirk](#) and [Dayle Lively](#).
To let us know where help is needed, call Care Guild at (847)853-3534

Keep scrolling for the calendar

CALENDAR FOR THE WEEK

Fifth Sunday in Lent

March 21, 2021

Minute for Mission on Hunger and Food Insecurity

COVID-19 UPDATES

- Sun., Mar. 21
- 5 a.m. Divine and Dusty: Embodied Prayers for Lent—Online
 - 9 a.m. Family Chapel—Online
 - 9:30 a.m. Online Worship—Livestream
 - 11 a.m. Discovering Our Gifts—Online
 - 11 a.m. Third Grade Bible Milestone—Online
 - 7 p.m. IMPACT Mission Program Orientation—Online and Livestream
- Mon., Mar. 22
- 5 a.m. Divine and Dusty: Embodied Prayers for Lent—Online
- Tues., Mar. 23
- 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
 - 7 p.m. Stephen Ministry Supervision—Online
- Wed., Mar. 24
- 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
 - 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. 25
- 5 a.m. Divine and Dusty: Embodied Prayers for Lent—Online
 - 9:30 a.m. Women's Reading Group—Online
 - 7 p.m. Exploring Grief Group—Online
- Fri., Mar. 26
- 5 a.m. Divine and Dusty: Embodied Prayers for Lent—Online
- Sat., Mar. 27