



**Kenilworth Union Church**  
**Service of Worship**  
**May 2, 2021**  
**Fifth Sunday of Eastertide**  
**9:30 a.m. Online**  
**10:30 a.m. Sanctuary**

CONNECT TO WORSHIP at 9:30 a.m.

**Prelude**

“We Thank You, God” from *Cantata 29*

J.S. Bach

**Call to Worship**

**Opening Hymn**

*Now Thank We All Our God*

1. Now thank we all our God with heart and hands and voices,  
Who wondrous things hath done, in whom this world rejoices;  
Who, from our mothers' arms, hath blessed us on our way  
With countless gifts of love, and still is ours today.
2. O may this bounteous God through all our life be near us,  
With ever joyful hearts and blessed peace to cheer us;  
And keep us in God's grace, and guide us when perplexed,  
And free us from all ills in this world and the next.

3. All praise and thanks to God, who reigns in highest heaven,  
To father and to son and spirit now be given:  
The one eternal God, whom heaven and earth adore,  
The God who was, and is, and shall be evermore.

**Opening Prayer**                      *Meditations of the Heart*                      Howard Thurman, 1899–1981

Open unto me - light for my darkness.  
Open unto me - courage for my fear.  
Open unto me - hope for my despair.  
Open unto me - peace for my turmoil.  
Open unto me - joy for my sorrow.  
Open unto me - strength for my weakness.  
Open unto me - wisdom for my confusion.  
Open unto me - forgiveness for my sins.  
Open unto me - tenderness for my toughness.  
Open unto me - love for my hates.  
Open unto me - Thy Self for my self.  
Lord, Lord, open unto me.

**Ministry of Music**                      *If You But Trust In God To Guide You*                      Georg Neumark

If you but trust in God to guide you, with hopeful heart through all your ways.  
You will find strength, with God beside you, to bear the worst of evil days;  
For those who trust God's changeless love build on the rock that will not move.  
What gain is there in futile weeping, in helpless anger and distress?  
If you are in God's care and keeping, in sorrow will God love you less?  
For Christ who took for you a cross will bring you safe through every loss.  
Sing, pray, and keep God's ways unswerving; offer your service faithfully,  
And trust God's word; though undeserving, there find the truth to set you free.  
God will not fail to guide and bless those who embrace God's faithfulness.

**Reception of New Members Litany of Welcome**                      9:30 a.m.

For there is one body, one spirit, just as there is one hope in our calling by God.  
There is one Lord, one faith, one baptism, and one God and father of all, over all, through all, and within all.  
Members of Kenilworth Union Church, I commend to your friendship and care, these persons whom we  
welcome this day into the membership of our congregation. I charge you to encourage their faith, confirm their  
hope, and enhance their love.

New Members, I urge you to lead a life worthy of the faith to which you are called. With all humility and  
gentleness and with patience, support each other and this congregation in love. Take every care to preserve the  
unity of the spirit by the peace that binds us together.

Let us be generous to one another, sympathetic, forgiving one another as God forgives us in Christ. As God's dear  
children, let us take Jesus as our pattern and follow him by loving as he loved us.

New Members, will you be a faithful member of this congregation and share in its worship and ministry through  
your prayers and gifts, your study, and service?

*New Members:        We will.*

Let us welcome these new members as they join with us in worship and mission of the Church.

We warmly welcome you as members of Christ's Church to our fellowship. With you we renew our vows to  
uphold our Church by our prayers, our presence, our gifts, and our service.

**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  
Prayer of Dedication

**Prayer for Illumination**

**Scripture and Sermon**

4/18	Psalm 1	<i>Shafts of Light, I: Mary McLeod Bethune</i>
4/25	Psalm 27	<i>Shafts of Light, II: Alexander Solzhenitsyn</i>
<b>5/2</b>	<b>Psalm 74</b>	<b><i>Shafts of Light, III: Dietrich Bonhoeffer</i></b>
5/9		<i>Shafts of Light, IV: Corrie ten Boom</i>
5/30		<i>Shafts of Light, V: Anne Frank</i>
6/6		<i>Shafts of Light, VI: Anne Sullivan and Helen Keller</i>
6/13		<i>Shafts of Light, VII: Albert Schweitzer</i>
6/20		<i>Shafts of Light, VIII: Mother Teresa</i>
6/27		<i>Shafts of Light, IX: Václav Havel</i>
7/4		<i>Shafts of Light, X: Berlin Wird Mauerfrei</i>
7/11		<i>Shafts of Light, XI: Raoul Wallenbourg</i>
7/18		<i>Shafts of Light, XII: UNICEF</i>

**Closing Hymn**

*By Gracious Powers*

1. By gracious powers to wonderfully sheltered,  
And confidently waiting, come what may,  
We know that God is with us night and morning  
And never fails to greet us each new day.
2. Yet is this heart by its old foe tormented,  
Still evil days bring burdens hard to bear;  
O give our frightened souls the sure salvation  
For which, O Lord, you taught us to prepare.
3. And when this cup you give is filled to brimming  
With bitter suffering, hard to understand,  
We take it thankfully and without trembling,  
Out of so good and so beloved a hand.
4. Yet when again in this same world you give us  
The joy we had, the brightness of your sun,  
We shall remember all the days we lived through,  
And our whole life shall then be yours alone.

**Postlude**

“Now Thank We All Our God” from *Cantata 79*

J.S. Bach

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**We Welcome to Membership Today, May 2, 2021**

Mark and Linda Anderson  
Paul and Cara Diederich  
Ben and Julia Goebel  
Ed and Buffy Maier  
Tony and Jesse Shirmang  
Steven and Amy Weir

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**Plate Offering**

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## Worship Notes

Howard Thurman, author of the Opening Prayer for the Easter Season, was a Christian prophetic mystic and pastor for the Civil Rights Movement. Dr. King famously carried with him wherever he went a Bible, a copy of the constitution and a copy of Howard Thurman's book, "Jesus and the Disinherited." Thurman introduced Gandhi to King. In 1953 Time Magazine listed Thurman as one of America's twelve greatest preachers of the century. Among other jobs, he served as chaplain though out his career at Morehouse, Spelman, Howard and Brown Universities. It was at Bethune's funeral that Thurman preached, calling her a "shaft of light," the inspiration for our sermon series title.

On July 27, 1945, a version of "If You But Trust in God to Guide You" WER NUR DEN LIEBEN GOTT by German composer Georg Neumark, was one of three sacred choral works offered during Bonhoeffer's memorial service. As Bonhoeffer's twin sister later described the service, "The choir of the community to which Dietrich had formerly ministered gave a particularly beautiful rendering of Wer nur den lieben Gott lässt walten."

Two days after Adolph Hitler became Chancellor of Germany in 1933, Lutheran Pastor Dietrich Bonhoeffer became and remained an early, fearless, and vocal opponent, which finally landed him in a Nazi prison cell in 1943. The Reverend Bonhoeffer wrote the text to our middle hymn, *By Gracious Powers*, as a Christmas poem to his fiancée Maria von Wedemeyer on December 19, 1944, from a Gestapo prison in Berlin. It was the last poem his fiancée or family would receive from him. He was hanged at Flossenbürg Concentration Camp on April 9, 1945, two weeks before the Americans liberated the camp, three weeks before Hitler died.

Though the hymn text is filled with irrepressible joy and hope, it is often sung to the tune INTERCESSOR, which, in its minor key, expresses a mournfulness fitting to the author's situation when he wrote the poem. Lisa Bond points out, however, that on its final chord the tune shifts unexpectedly to the major key, which gives a sense of final hope, no matter how dark the present moment.

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## PARTICIPANTS:

<b>Ryan Belongie</b> , Hymn Soloist	9:30 a.m.
<b>William Evertsberg</b> , Senior Minister, Preacher	
<b>Joel Fox</b> , Audio and Video	
<b>Miya Higashiyama</b> , Hymn Soloist	9:30 a.m.
<b>Susan Klotzbach</b> , Organist	
<b>Katie Snipes Lancaster</b> , Senior Associate Minister, Liturgist	
<b>Matt Leske</b> , Audio and Video	
<b>Ushers</b> , Beth Adamoli, Jim Fritz	10:30 a.m.
<b>Jonathan Wilson</b> , Soloist	

## NEWS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

**Needed: Your Input!** In March 2020, the world began to change. And, that change is yet unfolding new opportunities we never imagined. As part of our attempt to contextualize that unfolding change within the life of our church, we ask you to take our 2021 congregational assessment. Your response will shape meaningful ministry in the months ahead. Online? In-person? What works for you? What doesn't? With gratitude, we seek your input and the presence of God as we transition to a new "normal."

This assessment tool is in collaboration with a course on leading hybrid church both digitally and in-person by the Barna Group that is animating the creativity of your ministers and Senior Staff in this season of transition. Barna provides spiritual influencers with credible knowledge and clear thinking, enabling them to navigate a complex and changing culture. Please contact Katie Lancaster for more information.

**Shafts of Light in Word and Window:** "For key insight into the character of an individual, a community, a business, or a church, ask about their heroes." Bill Evertsberg announces a new sermon series that features some of the stained glass in the Malott Chapel.

**Masks in Church:** As a reminder, masks are required for all groups on campus at all times. As we move forward in the reopening process, we will continue to follow the state and federal guidelines as well as Jesus' command to love and care for our neighbors.

### WORSHIP

**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, May 4 we will pray for the following Kenilworth Union families: Betty Engelmann, Ted & Michele Epps, Mike & Sonia Esler, Michael & Laura Estes, Joseph & Rebecca Etzler, Bill & Kathy Evertsberg, Craig & Alexis Eyler, Bill & Lindsay Farley, Don & Jan Farnsworth, Bill & Mindy Fauntleroy, Sandy & Susan Faurot, Rob & Anne Faurot, Brian & Nancy Fehrenbach, Frederick Feldman, Brent & Susan Felitto, Mark & Wendy Fessler, Eric Fields & Alexis Miller, Lewis & Jody Fisher, Ken & Kris Fishman, and Patrick & Kim Fitzgerald.

**Immeasurably Immersed Spring Devotional from Katie Lancaster:** The season of Easter is a fifty-day period that explores the mystery of Jesus' post-resurrection realities. which offers relief, hope, and a breath of fresh air.

### Special Worship Sundays Worship Schedules

Youth Sunday, May 16 with Youth Sermons

No 8:30 worship

9:30 a.m. Livestream Youth Ministry Worship

10:30 a.m. Worship in the Sanctuary is reserved for Youth Ministry and Junior Bell Choir families

1 p.m. Outdoor Worship

Children and Family Sunday, May 23

8:30 Outdoor Worship with Pentecost Sermon

9:30 Livestream Children's Worship

10:30 Livestream Children's Worship

### RACIAL JUSTICE COMMITTEE

**May 10: *Martin Luther King's Letter from Birmingham Jail*** Bill Evertsberg will lead a discussion of the Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.'s. famous letter. All of the three-part speaker series will be organized around a quotation from this letter: "Injustice anywhere is a threat to justice everywhere."

### CONGREGATIONAL CARE

**Help needed in Care Guild:** We attend to Church members by delivering meals, writing, assist with transit, and making phone calls to individuals and families during life's ups and downs. Please consider participating in this

vibrant and important ministry, Volunteer online.

## OUTREACH

**WINGS Pickup Monday, May 10 through Friday, May 14:** Good news! If you saved up things for Rummage and now have nowhere to donate them, help is on the way. Thanks to a renewed partnership between Kenilworth Union Church and WINGS (one of the Church's Outreach agencies), you can arrange to have WINGS pick up donations from your porch in early May!

## CONFIRMATION

**Confirmation Class 2022:** Current 8th graders and older students are encouraged to start thinking about confirmation at Kenilworth Union Church next year. There are two course options for confirmation: The Wilderness Course that runs from July 31–August 6 or the Classroom Course that meets Sunday mornings beginning September 26.

## 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.**

**Adult Ed with Lori Lightfoot:** Join us online for a Public Affairs Adult Ed opportunity on May 4 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.

## CHILDREN AND FAMILY MINISTRY\*

**Hybrid (online and in-person) Classes and Pathways for Spring:**

- 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.*

**Kindness Rocks Treasure Hunt at Kenilworth Union!** Enjoy spring in the gardens at Kenilworth Union Church as you hunt for four clues that will lead you to find our kindness rocks—handmade by the Faith 234 and MSYG groups. The message on each rock inspires a new way to offer kindness.

**Children's Day:** Please join us online for this treasured tradition on Sunday, May 23 at 9:30 and 10:30 a.m. to recognize the devoted work of our 3rd graders who have learned scripture by heart this challenging year. The 8:30 a.m. Outdoor Worship will be family friendly with a Pentecost sermon from the Reverend Christine V. Hides.

**Family Camping Weekend Friday, July 30–Sunday, August 1:** Families with children ages birth–6th grade (older siblings welcome!) are invited for a weekend of camping, time outdoors, campfires, and outdoor worship at Potawatomi State Park near Door County, WI.

## MUSIC MINISTRY

Last Sunday the Choir section leaders sing a Capella *Laudibus in sanctis* by William Byrd. In closing soloist Ryan Belongie with Susan Klotzbach on organ present *God the Omnipotent!* Thank you for the gift of music!

**YOUTH MINISTRY\*** Follow @kucyouth Instagram

**Junior High Youth Group – JYG** – meets in person on Wednesdays at 6 pm. through May: All 7th & 8th graders, regardless of church affiliation, are invited to join us for social-distance games and candle-time talks. Registration required.

**High School Seniors/Class of 2021: Youth Sunday is May 16:** 2021 is an extraordinary year and we plan to make this day special! For the very first time, Youth Sunday planning is being done by New Trier Senior, Eden Hunsader, as her senior project for school! Please reach out to Eden Hunsader to encourage her or offer support.

**Seniors, sign up to share a message or read a prayer or scripture in worship.**

**Class of 2021 Slide Show—Photos Needed:** If you have photos of your senior throughout the years at Kenilworth Union Church (e.g., baptism, pre-school, Sunday School, Confirmation), please email them to Eden Hunsader. Include name of the senior and brief description. Deadline to submit photos in is Thursday, May 5!

*\*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](#).

## **CAREERS**

### **Administrative Assistant reports to the Senior Associate Minister and Director of Business Operations:**

Supports and assists the Senior Associate Minister and Associate Minister of Discipleship in all areas of their work and has proven experience as a database administrator. Please send resume and cover letter to Katie Lancaster and John Sharp.

### **We are a Stephen Ministry Congregation.**

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

Care Guild Co-Leaders for May is [Chris Beer](#).

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

## CALENDAR FOR THE WEEK

Fourth Sunday of Easter

New Member Sunday

May 2, 2021

### COVID-19 UPDATES

- Sun., May 2
- 5 a.m. A Spring Devotional: Immeasurably Immersed—Online
  - 8:30 a.m. Outdoor Worship—Memorial Garden
  - 9 a.m. Outdoor Family Chapel with Godly Play—Warwick Manse Backyard
  - 9:30 a.m. Online Worship—Livestream
  - 10 a.m. IMPACT Meeting—Schmidt Chapel & Library/Room 12
  - 10:30 a.m. Worship in the Sanctuary—Sanctuary
  - 11 a.m. Hybrid Third Grade Bible Milestone—Online or Warwick Manse Backyard
  - 11 a.m. Online Gratitude Journaling—Online
  - 2:15 p.m. All Youth Choirs Rehearsal—Jesus Courtyard
  - 7 p.m. IMPACT Meeting—Sanctuary & Culbertson Room
- Mon., May 3
- 5 a.m. A Spring Devotional: Immeasurably Immersed—Online
  - 7 p.m. IMPACT Make-Up Meeting—Online
- Tues., May 4
- 5 a.m. A Spring Devotional: Immeasurably Immersed—Online
  - 9 a.m. Day by Day Quote Pulling—Lower Level Conference Room
  - 12:15 p.m. Mid-Day Prayer—In-House and Livestream
  - 3:15 p.m. Junior Bell Choir I Rehearsal—Sanctuary
  - 4 p.m. Faith234—Warwick Manse Front Yard
  - 4:30 p.m. Junior Bell Choir II Rehearsal—Sanctuary
  - 6:30 p.m. Adult Bell Choir Rehearsal—Sanctuary
  - 7 p.m. Public Affairs with Mayor Lori Lightfoot—Online
- Wed., May 5
- 5 a.m. A Spring Devotional: Immeasurably Immersed—Online
  - 9:15 a.m. Online Bible Read Along The Gospel According to John—Online
  - 10 a.m. Men's Coffee—Online
  - 12:45 p.m. Women's Bible Study—Centennial Room
  - 2 p.m. Knitting Ministry—Culbertson Room
  - 5 p.m. Middle School Youth Group—Warwick Manse Front Yard
  - 6 p.m. Junior High Youth Group—Warwick Manse
- Thur., May 6
- 5 a.m. A Spring Devotional: Immeasurably Immersed—Online
- Fri., May 7
- 5 a.m. A Spring Devotional: Immeasurably Immersed—Online
- Sat., May 8
- 5 a.m. A Spring Devotional: Immeasurably Immersed—Online