



Kenilworth Union Church
Service of Worship
June 6, 2021
Tenth Sunday in Ordinary Time
10 a.m. Sanctuary Worship

CONNECT TO WORSHIP at 10 a.m.

Prelude

Prelude on "Slane"

Robert J. Powell

Call to Worship

Opening Hymn

Be Thou My Vision

**1. Be thou my vision, O Lord of my heart;
Naught be all else to me save that thou art.
Thou my best thought by day or by night,
Waking or sleeping, thy presence my light.**

**2. Be thou my wisdom, and thou my true word;
I ever with thee and thou with me, Lord.
Thou my great father, I thy true son,**

Thou in the dwelling, and I with thee one.

**3. Riches I heed not, nor man's empty praise,
Thou mine inheritance, not and always,
Thou and thou only, first in my heart.
High king of heaven, my treasure thou art.**

**4. High king of heaven, my victory won,
May I reach heaven's joys, O bright heav'n's sun!
Heart of my own heart, whatever befall,
Still be my vision, O ruler of all.**

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 *i thank you god for most this amazing day*

Laura Farnell
poem by e e cummings

i thank You God for most this amazing
day: for the leaping greenly spirits of trees
and a blue true dream of sky; and for everything
which is natural which is infinite which is yes
(i who have died am alive again today,
and this is the sun's birthday; this is the birth
day of life and love and wings: and of the
great happening illimitably earth)
how should any tasting touching any hearing seeing
breathing any—lifted from the no
of all nothing—human merely being
doubt unimaginable You?
(now the ears of my ears are awake,
now the eyes of my eyes are opened)
i thank you God for most this amazing day.

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 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>
5/2	Psalm 74	<i>Shafts of Light, III: Dietrich Bonhoeffer</i>
5/9	Psalm 46	<i>Shafts of Light, IV: Corrie ten Boom</i>
5/30	Psalm 118	<i>Shafts of Light, V: Anne Frank</i>
6/6	Psalm 146	<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 *Amazing Grace, How Sweet the Sound*

- 1. Amazing grace, how sweet the sound,
That saved a wretch like me!
I once was lost, but now am found,
Was blind, but now I see.**
- 2. 'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear,
And grace my fears relieved.
How precious did that grace appear
The hour I first believed!**
- 3. Through many dangers, toils, and snares,
I have already come.
'Tis grace has brought me safe thus far,
And grace will lead me home.**
- 4. The Lord has promised good to me;
His word my hope secures.
He will my shield and portion be
As long as life endures.**
- 5. When we've been there ten thousand years,
Bright shining as the sun,
We've no less days to sing God's praise
Than when we'd first begun.**

Benediction

Choral Benediction

I Believe

Mark Miller

*This anonymous Jewish poem was etched into a wall
by a prisoner of Auschwitz Concentration Camp.*

I believe in the sun even when it's not shining.
I believe in love even when I don't feel it.
I believe in God even when God is silent.

Postlude

Trumpet Tune in C Major

Johnson

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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 Mary McLeod Bethune's funeral that Thurman preached, calling her a "shaft of light," the inspiration for our sermon series title.

It's fitting this morning to sing hymns which use vision and blindness as theological metaphors. An unknown Irish monk probably wrote the ancient, poignant text of *Be Thou My Vision* as far back as the eighth century, although the terminal rhymes which make it so fun to sing weren't added till the twentieth century. The tune with the Irish lilt is named SLANE for the hill in County Meath where St. Patrick is said to have lit the Easter Vigil fire in defiance of a pagan king who wanted to light his spring equinox fire first.

The famously rebellious and cantankerous John Newton (1725–1807) went to sea with his father at age 11 and later captained his own slave ships until he quit the trade at age 30. You've heard the phrase "swear like a sailor"? Captain Newton's language was so profane he made sailors blush. After a conversion experience, he became an Anglican priest and, late in life, an abolitionist. He wrote the hymn *Amazing Grace* to support his sermon on the same theme from New Year's Day, 1773. Because the Reverend Newton set his hymn in Common Meter, it can be sung to dozens of different tunes, but around 1830, the poem became sort of permanently married to a shape-note tune that had been called NEW BRITAIN before it became known as—you guessed it—AMAZING GRACE. It's known that John Newton went blind late in life, but he was still in his 40's when he wrote the line "was blind but now I see," so who knows if his spiritual metaphor arose out of his own physical experience. The Reverend Newton partnered with famed abolitionist MP William Wilberforce and lived long enough to see Parliament outlaw the slave trade in 1807. Watch the 2006 film *Amazing Grace* to learn that story and hear the most amazing rendition of the hymn. Keep watching past the credits.

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PARTICIPANTS:

Ryan Belongie, Soloist, Trio

Alyssa Bennett, Trio

Chancel Choir

William Evertsberg, Senior Minister, Preacher

Joel Fox, Audio and Video

Todd Gresick, Guest Organist, Pianist

Miya Higashiyama, Trio

Katie Snipes Lancaster, Senior Associate Minister, Liturgist

Matt Leske, Audio and Video

Ushers, Beth Adamoli, Jim Fritz

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MILESTONES

The congregation celebrates the birth of Calvin Dylan Smith on May 25, son of Dave and Helen Smith and grandson of Ralph and Sallie Smith.

The congregation celebrates the births of Tyler Cole Groden on May 24, daughter of Alex Groden and Emily Cole Groden; and of Thomas Cole Carter on June 1, son of Cullen Carter and Lindsay Cole Carter. Tylor Cole Groden and Thomas Cole Carter are the grandchildren of Tom and Connie Cole.

We extend the sympathy of the congregation to the family of John and Grace Poe upon the death of John's father, Jack Poe on May 30.

NEWS AND ANOUNCEMENTS

Kenilworth Avenue Resurfacing Update: For the next few months, Kenilworth Avenue will periodically be closed westbound from Leicester to the fountain. Please plan accordingly.

Step up to the Plate Offering: Learn more about this campaign, watch a video from Wrigley Field, or simply gift your offering below the video on the Step up to the Plate campaign page.

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." Learn about Kenilworth Union Church's heroes from a sermon series that features the Malott Chapel stained glass windows. Next Sunday Bill Evertsberg will be in the Pulpit preaching on Albert Schweitzer.

Current COVID Protocols

Summer Together at Kenilworth Union Church: There are so many ways we can enjoy summer together at Kenilworth Union. From after-worship fellowship on the front lawn (complete with cookies and yard games), to book clubs, to Children and Family Ministry's praise painting and more, you may be surprised by how much we have going on.

Please visit and bookmark our Summer Together site at kuc.org/summertogether to stay updated on the latest events. Whether you're planning to remain virtual, looking to dip your toes back in, or ready to take the full plunge, we'll meet you where you are and can't wait to connect. See you soon!

WORSHIP

Sunday Worship: †8:30 a.m. Outdoor Worship †10 a.m. Livestream and in-person Worship in the Sanctuary.

Mid-Day Prayer: Each week a new liturgy is offered in the Sanctuary at 12:15 p.m. We meet for 15 minutes to read scriptures and hear a brief reflection. On Tuesday, June 8 we will pray for the following Kenilworth Union families: John & Dana Hagenah, Will & Tricia Hagenah, Steve & Elleke Haggerty, Brian & Amy Hague, Mike & Ellen Hainen, Hank & Mary Lois Hakewill, John & Emily Hakewill, Dan Hales, Dan Hales, John & Suzanne Hales, Michael & Mikie Hall, Bill & Val Hall, Craig Hallsteen, Dave & Carrie Hamm, George & Amanda Hanley, David & Marion Hanold, Doug Hanslip, Todd & Betsy Harootyan, Mike Harper, and Ken & Julianna Harris.

Daily Devotional from Katie Lancaster: A new project called *Openings: 100 Days of Prayer* focuses on prayers from Christian Mystics across the ages, wondering how this year's re-opening of our common life (after the many restrictions of pandemic life) might co-mingle with our own spiritual opening to the presence of God.

MUSIC MINISTRY

Soloist Alyssa Bennett sings the Jewish hymn for high holy days, *Avinu Malkeinu* from Max Janowski, a composer of Jewish liturgical music. Thank you for the gift of music!

CONGREGATIONAL CARE

Depression Support Group: The group is a chapter of the National Depression and Bipolar Support Alliance-North Shore. Persons under treatment, family members, and friends are welcome to attend. Our group meets online on the second Tuesday of each month at 7 p.m. The facilitator of the group is [Jim LaRochelle](#).

RACIAL JUSTICE COMMITTEE

HEROS: Hidden Stories of the North Shore: Many New Trier high school teachers, civic and religious leaders, local historians, and youth from NTHS have gathered and prepared online presentations that will culminate with a community walk on Juneteenth, Saturday, June 19. The next online class on Wednesday, June 9 is “Education”. Join area K–12 administrators and teachers to learn more about the role our education system plays in helping students understand and navigate the legacy and impact of structural racism and other intersectional structures of inequity and oppression. Online only, registration is required.

Adult Education Book Group: We will read about 50 or 60 pages each week from *Caste: The Origins of Our Discontents* by Isabel Wilkerson and a facilitator from our congregation will prepare questions to consider and discuss. Sessions will be for six weeks and start the week of June 20. Reserve your day, time, and online or in-person preference.

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

Hybrid Bible Read Along—Selected Psalms: All are invited to drop in as you are able both in the Centennial Room or online to explore the poetry of the Psalms. Join [Christine V. Hides](#) Wednesdays at 9:15 a.m.

CHILDREN AND FAMILY MINISTRY*

Prayer, Praise and Painting Summer Family Faith Time begins June 13, 9:15–9:45 a.m. Families meet in the church front yard to learn about the inspirational people and then paint collaboratively.

Superhero Art Camp: Not all Superheroes wear capes! This camp focuses on people from the past or present who inspire us by being “the helpers”. Join one or both sessions beginning at the end of July.

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.

Well-Being: A collection of newsletters from [Christine V. Hides](#) with tips of well-being for re-entering the new normal. This week is Health and Nature with reflections from Julia Peterson.

YOUTH MINISTRY

Youth Summer Events: Youth Ministry has a calendar full of events and service opportunities to fill your summer with feel good projects!

Prayers Needed: Tulsa IMPACT Mission Trip departs Saturday, June 12. *Bless the Tulsa mission and make their work have a lasting impact, using your Spirit to inspire all involved to grow in their faith each day. Amen.*

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](#).

CALENDAR FOR THE WEEK

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COVID-19 UPDATES

Sun., June 6	8:30 a.m.	Outdoor Worship—Memorial Garden
	10 a.m.	Worship in the Sanctuary—In-house and Livestream
Mon., June 7		Kenilworth Avenue Resurfacing Project Begins
	5 a.m.	Openings: 100 Days of Prayer Devotional
Tues., June 8	5 a.m.	Openings: 100 Days of Prayer Devotional
	9:30 a.m.	Day by Day Quote Pulling—Lower Level Conference Room
	12:15 p.m.	Mid-Day Prayer—Livestream and Sanctuary
	7 p.m.	Depression Support Group—Online
Wed., June 9	5 a.m.	Openings: 100 Days of Prayer Devotional
	9:15 a.m.	Hybrid Bible Read Along: Psalms—Centennial Room/Online
	10 a.m.	Hybrid Men's Coffee—Library/Online
	12:45 p.m.	Women's Bible Study—Centennial Room
	7 p.m.	HEROS Community Education—Online
Thur., June 10	5 a.m.	Openings: 100 Days of Prayer Devotional
	9:30 a.m.	Women's Reading Group—Culbertson Room
	10 a.m.	AJN Preschool New Family Play Date—Robinson Garden
Fri., June 11	5 a.m.	Openings: 100 Days of Prayer Devotional
Sat., June 12	5 a.m.	Openings: 100 Days of Prayer Devotional
	9 a.m.	Day by Day Committee Meeting—Culbertson Room

We are a Stephen Ministry Congregation

If you would like to learn more, please contact a Stephen Leader.

Care Guild Co-Leaders for June is *Katie Nahrwold*.

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