



Kenilworth Union Church
Service of Worship
August 8, 2021
Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time
8:30 a.m. Outdoor Worship
10 a.m. Sanctuary Worship

CONNECT TO WORSHIP at 10 a.m.

Preparation for Worship

There is a big excitement in C block today.

On the window sill,
 in a plastic ice cream cup
 a little plant is growing.

This is all the men want to talk about:
 how an apple seed germinated
 in a crack of damp concrete;
 how they tore open tea bags
 to collect the leaves, leached them
 in water, then laid the sprout onto the bed
 made of Lipton. How this finger of spring
 dug one delicate root down
 into the dark fannings and now
 two small sleeves of green
 are pushing out from the emerging tip.
 The men are tipsy with this miracle.
 Each morning, one by one,
 they go to the window and check
 the progress of the struggling plant.
 All through the day they return
 to stand over the seedling
 and whisper.

“Growing Apples” by Nancy Miller Gomez
How to Love the World, Poems of Gratitude and Hope

Prelude

Sarabande (Suite in B-flat)
Fugue in C Major, BWV 547

G.F. Handel
 J.S. Bach

8:30 a.m.
 10 a.m.

Call to Worship

Opening Hymn

The King of Love My Shepherd Is

st. 1, 2, 4, 6

1 The King of love my shep-herd is, whose good - ness
 2 Where streams of liv - ing wa - ter flow my ran - somed
 3 Per - verse and fool - ish oft I strayed, but yet in
 4 In death's dark vale I fear no ill with thee, dear

fail - eth nev - er; I noth - ing lack if
 soul he lead - eth, and where the ver - dant
 love he sought me, and on his shoul - der
 Lord, be - side me; thy rod and staff my

I am his and he is mine for - ev - er.
 pas - tures grow, with food ce - les - tial feed - eth.
 gent - ly laid, and home, re - joic - ing, brought me.
 com - fort still, thy cross be - fore to guide me.

5 Thou spread'st a table in my sight;
 thy unction grace bestoweth;
 and O what transport of delight
 from thy pure chalice floweth!

6 And so through all the length of days
 thy goodness faileth never;
 Good Shepherd, may I sing thy praise
 within thy house forever.

Opening Prayer

A Prayer to Learn to Love the World Again

Sarah Bessey

**God of herons and heartbreak,
teach us to love the world again.
Teach us to love extravagantly,
knowing it may
(it will) break our hearts
and teach us that it is worth it.**

**God of pandemics and suffering ones,
teach us to love the world again.**

**God of loneliness and longing,
of brushfires and wilderness,
of soup kitchens and border towns,
of snowfall and children,
teach us to love the world again. Amen.**

Ministry of Music

G.F. Handel

"Then shall the eyes of the blind be opened" and "He shall feed his flock like a shepherd" from *Messiah*

Then shall the eyes of the blind be opened,
And the ears of the deaf unstopped.
Then shall the lame man leap as a hart,
And the tongue of the dumb shall sing.
He shall feed his flock like a shepherd;
And he shall gather the lambs with his arm,
And carry them in his bosom,
And gently lead those that are with young.

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.**

Welcome and Announcements

Tithes and Offerings

Prayer of Dedication

Prayer for Illumination

Scripture and Sermon

How to Love the World Again

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| 7/25 | Psalm 23:1: <i>The Lord Is My Shepherd</i> | <i>Presence</i> |
| 8/1 | Psalm 23:2: <i>Green Pastures</i> | <i>Kingdom</i> |
| 8/8 | Psalm 23:3: <i>God Restoresh My Soul</i> | <i>Returning</i> |
| 8/15 | Psalm 23:4a: <i>I Will Fear No Evil</i> | <i>Small Victories</i> |
| 8/22 | Psalm 23:4b: <i>Thy Rod & Thy Staff</i> | <i>Pieces of Heaven</i> |
| 8/29 | Psalm 23:5: <i>My Cup Runneth Over</i> | <i>The Feast of Each Moment</i> |
| 9/5 | Psalm 23:6: <i>The House of the Lord</i> | <i>The Joy of Making</i> |

10 a.m.

1 *Great is thy faith - ful - ness, O God my Fa - ther;
 2 Sum - mer and win - ter, and spring - time and har - vest,
 3 Par - don for sin and a peace that en - dur - eth,

there is no shad - ow of turn - ing with thee.
 sun, moon, and stars in their cours - es a - bove
 thine own dear pres - ence to cheer and to guide,

Thou chang - est not; thy com - pas - sions they fail not.
 join with all na - ture in man - i - fold wit - ness
 strength for to - day and bright hope for to - mor - row:

As thou hast been thou for - ev - er wilt be.
 to thy great faith - ful - ness, mer - cy, and love.
 bless - ings all mine, with ten thou - sand be - side!

Refrain

Great is thy faith - ful - ness! Great is thy faith - ful - ness!
오 신 실 하 신 주 오 신 실 하 신 주

Morn - ing by morn - ing, new mer - cies I see.
날 마 다 자 비 를 배 푸 시 며

All I have need - ed thy hand hath pro - vid - ed.
일 용 할 모 든 것 내 려 주 시 니

Great is thy faith - ful - ness, Lord un - to me!
오 신 실 하 신 주 나 의 구 주

Benediction

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| Postlude | <i>Passacaglia (Suite in g minor)</i> | G.F. Handel | 8:30 a.m. |
| | <i>Fugue in g minor (Little), BWV 578</i> | J.S. Bach | 10 a.m. |

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Worship Notes

Today's opening prayer, which mirrors the title of this sermon series, is taken from Sarah Bessey's new book *A Rhythm of Prayer*. After a season of disorientation, she invites us to a homespun prayer circle where we are invited to both share our grief and "broaden our hope." Bessey is a *New York Times* best-selling author and co-creator of Evolving Faith.

This sermon series is using the book of poetry called "How to Love the World" because we need both the ancient sacred voice of Psalm 23 and the very-recent divine voices of poets who breathe hope and gratitude into this moment. James Crews, who put together the collection, has poetry published for the *Christian Century* and along with writing, he offers mindfulness workshops, which of course, seem quite adjacent to the work of gathering up poems that name—with sparse, delicate, bold language—an unearthed gratitude. Ross Gay, whose poetic interludes between sections of poems accompany the collection, is a Midwest poet who sews together threads of gratitude with ease. He was recently interviewed by Krista Tippett for the "On Being" podcast, discussing his newly published "A Book of Delights" in which he spent a year reflecting on the delight of being human, embodied, alive. Tippett says he will "train your gaze to see the wonderful alongside the terrible; to attend to and meditate on what you love, even in the midst of difficult realities and as part of working for justice."

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PARTICIPANTS:

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| Stephen Alltop , Guest Keyboardist and Organist | |
| Joel Fox , Audio and Video | 10 a.m. |
| Christine Hides , Associate Minister for Discipleship, Liturgist | |
| Miya Higashiyama , Soloist | |
| Eden Hunsader , Audio | 8:30 a.m. |
| Katie Snipes Lancaster , Senior Associate Minister, Preacher | |
| Matt Leske , Audio and Video | 10 a.m. |
| Ushers: John Peterson, Julie Peterson, Tim Weaver | 8:30 a.m. |
| Andy Bond, Don Farnsworth | 10 a.m. |

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Milestones

We extend the sympathy of the congregation to the family of Dave and Carrie Hamm upon the death of Carrie's mother, Mary Kay Goetz on June 2.

A memorial service for William J. Kirby will be held at Kenilworth Union Church on Friday, August 20 at 11 a.m. in the Memorial Garden, weather permitting.

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[Click here for Plate Offering](#)

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NEWS AND ANOUNCEMENTS

A note from the Minister of Music, Lisa Bond: **Thank You for the Gift of Music!**

Music Ministry friends and all Kenilworth Union Families. Wow, we have great news for you and your family! From ages 5 up through high school, we will be making COVID safe music, all for the Glory of God. We are replanting the way we create music in this COVID era. Inside, unvaccinated kids will be ringing new colored bells/chimes and playing new Orff xylophone instruments. Outside under the church cloisters we will be singing. More details and registration info will be coming soon. For now reserve these days/times for Kenilworth Union's children and youth Music Ministry.

Kick Back with the Church Family: Summer Fellowship at the Kenilworth Assembly Hall featuring food truck-Chicago Lunchbox. Kick back with friends, neighbors, church family (a few staff will be there), Mon., Aug 16 from 5–6:30 p.m.

Psalm 23 Sermon Series The series is based on “How to Love the World—A Psalm of Gratitude and Hope” an uplifting book of poems by well known authors, our Psalm 23 stained glass window, and 10 favorite hymns from Psalm 23. Katie Lancaster is in the pulpit next week preaching *Gratitude for Small Victories*.

Current COVID Protocols

WORSHIP

Sunday Worship: †8:30 a.m. Outdoor Worship †10 a.m. in-person and livestream 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, August 10 we will pray for the following Kenilworth Union families: Chris Kuenzel, Ron & Nancy Kurz, Jim & Julia Kyle, Mary Lambert, David & Darlene Landsittel, Penny Lanphier, Stuart & Karin Larkins, Gregg & Sue Latterman, Morley & Diana Lautens, Connor & Kelsey Lawrie, Craig & Lisa Lawson, Harold & Missy Leddy, Lydia Lee, Sue Leech, Adam & Jessica LeFebvre, Paul & Leslie LeFebvre, Ryan & Michelle LeFebvre, Gregg & Carolyn Lemein, Nancy Lemein, and Ned Leuchtner.

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.

Prayer Archive: At Kenilworth Union Church the Pastoral Prayer's title is *Prayers of the People* and is authored and delivered by the liturgist every Sunday at divine worship. The prayer contains thanksgivings, supplications, and intersessions that are current spiritual needs of the church, the community, the nation, and globally. This popular prayer is posted weekly to pray sincerely in hopes to offer comfort to the people being prayed for as well as the person praying.

Past Sermons are available here.

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 on the second Tuesday of each month at 7 p.m. The facilitator of the group is Beth Palzet.

Stephen Ministry: Do you know someone who would benefit from Stephen Ministry? Those going through a difficult time—whether the loss of a loved one, job challenges, health concerns, relationships, or adjusting to a new environment—would benefit from the confidential relationship with a trained Stephen Minister. More information about Stephen Ministry is on our website or through conversation with Katie Lancaster or any of our Stephen Ministry Leaders.

FELLOWSHIP

Yoga in Our Garden: Join us on Tuesday, August 17 at 7 p.m. in the Memorial Garden as we explore using yoga to integrate our mind, body, and spirit through readings and movement. No prior experience necessary. Please register

Mah Jongg: Meet for lessons and play on Tuesdays at 9:30 a.m. in the Warwick Manse. Contact Martha Hoza for a seat at the table or information.

CONFIRMATION

Confirmation Class 2022: Current 8th graders and older students are encouraged to start thinking about confirmation at Kenilworth Union Church next year. Confirmands are commissioned during worship on Sunday, September 12 and the Classroom Course meets on Sundays beginning September 26.

ADULT EDUCATION

Skeptics & Believers Group: *Does God Exist?* Want to find out? Or offer your opinion? In September, Bill Evertsberg will begin a new study group to look at Hans Küng's 1980 theological tour de force *Does God Exist?* It's not for the faint of heart, but if you want to join a small group of other Kenilworth Union seekers, contact Bill to let him know of your interest of joining. We'll meet monthly and take six or eight sessions to get through the book, taking turns moderating the discussion. The free books are gone but there's space for you in the group!

SERVE with the GREEN TEAM

Green Team/A Just Harvest Update from Katie Nahrwold and King Poor: Support A Just Harvest (AJH) outdoor growing spaces. In recent years, AJH has expanded its mission to include growing its own food at three nearby community gardens. The Kenilworth Union Green Team thought that now would be the time to start gardening with one of our benevolences on Thursdays this August 12 & 26 at 10 a.m. **Click through to learn more, view pictures, or volunteer to help!**

MUSIC MINISTRY

Kelsey Sandefur, soloist from last Sunday, brings Psalm 23 to the Chancel with Samuel Liddle's *The Lord Is My Shepherd*. Thank you for the gift of music!

Music Ministry Open House: Join us in the sanctuary on Sunday, August 29 just after 10 a.m. worship. Come see the colorful new instruments for the Children's Music Ministry program. You can try new colored handbells, colored chimes, and all sorts of Orff xylophones and percussion instruments. Adults and older kids will be there to help keep things sanitized and COVID safe.

CHILDREN AND FAMILY MINISTRY*

Children and Family Ministry Fall Registration is Open: Please watch your email for the online link. For safety and planning purposes, we ask that parents fill out one form for the year for children birth–sixth grade. Sunday school will begin on Homecoming Sunday, September 19, which will be followed by Fall Fest on the front lawn.

Save the date for our Back to School Blessing on Sunday, August 29 during the 8:30 a.m. Outdoor Worship and 10 a.m. in-person or livestream Worship in the Sanctuary. Then join us for popsicles and back to school SWAG in the Robinson Garden. Head back to school with a blessing of hope and joy for kids, parents, and teachers!

*contact Greta Connor for more information on Children and Family Ministry

YOUTH MINISTRY

Pre-Season Youth Group Water Games for rising 5th–8th graders, Wednesday, August 11 from 5–7 p.m. This is your chance to see some youth group friends and meet up with youth group leaders old and new before youth groups start back up in September.

Leadership Opportunity: This paid position requires availability Sunday mornings from 9–11 a.m. during the program year, attendance at occasional meetings, and holiday events. High School Leaders will provide greeting/check in support, chapel leadership, classroom management, and lead breakout discussions, primarily for grades 2–4. This position is available to high school youth age 16 and over.

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

We are a Stephen Ministry Congregation

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

Care Guild Co-Leader for August is Dayle Lively.

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

CALENDAR FOR THE WEEK
Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time
August 8, 2021

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| Sun., Aug. 8 | 5 a.m. | Openings: 100 Days of Prayer Devotional—Online |
| | 8:30 a.m. | Outdoor Worship—Memorial Garden |
| | 10 a.m. | Worship in the Sanctuary—In-person and Livestream |
| | 11:30 a.m. | CORE Meeting—Off Site |
| Mon., Aug. 9 | 5 a.m. | Openings: 100 Days of Prayer Devotional—Online |
| Tues., Aug. 10 | 5 a.m. | Openings: 100 Days of Prayer Devotional—Online |
| | 9:30 a.m. | Mah Jongg—Warwick Manse |
| | 12:15 p.m. | Mid-Day Prayer—Livestream and Sanctuary |
| | 7 p.m. | Depression Support Group |
| Wed., Aug. 11 | 5 a.m. | Openings: 100 Days of Prayer Devotional—Online |
| | 10 a.m. | Hybrid Men's Coffee—Library/Online |
| | 5 p.m. | Youth Groups Pre-Season Water Games—Warwick Manse |
| Thur., Aug. 12 | 5 a.m. | Openings: 100 Days of Prayer Devotional—Online |
| | 10 a.m. | A Just Harvest/Green Team Gardening Project—Off Site |
| Fri., Aug. 13 | 5 a.m. | Openings: 100 Days of Prayer Devotional—Online |
| Sat., Aug. 14 | 5 a.m. | Openings: 100 Days of Prayer Devotional—Online |

Summer Together at Kenilworth Union Church Calendar