



Kenilworth Union Church
Service of Worship
August 22, 2021
Twenty-first 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

After a long numbness, I wake
 and suddenly I'm noticing everything,
 all of it piercing me with its beautiful,
 radical trust: the carpenter bee tonguing
 the needles of the echinacea believing
 in their sweetness, the exuberance
 of an orange day lily unfolding itself
 at the edge of the street, and the way
 the moss knows the stone, and the stone
 accepts its trespass, and the way the dog
 on his leash turns to see if I'm holding on,
 certain I know where to go. And the way
 the baby rabbit—whose trembling ears
 are the most delicate cups—trusts me,
 because I pried the same dogs' jaws
 off his hips, and then allows me to feed him
 clover when his back legs no longer work,
 forcing me to think about forgiveness
 and those I need to forgive, and to hope
 I am forgiven, and that just maybe
 I can forgive myself. This unstoppable,
 excruciating tenderness everywhere inviting
 us, always inviting. And then later, the firefly
 illuminating the lantern of its body,
 like us each time we laugh.

“Rabbit” by Heather Swan

How to Love the World, Poems of Gratitude and Hope

Prelude “The Little Shepherd” from *Children’s Corner*
Sheep May Safely Graze

Claude Debussy
 Johann Sebastian Bach

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

Call to Worship

Opening Hymn

God of the Ages, Whose Almighty Hand

(optional)

1 God of the a - ges, whose al-might - y
2 Thy love di - vine hath led us in the
3 From war's a - larms, from dead - ly pes - ti -
4 Re - fresh thy peo - ple on their toil - some

hand leads forth in beau - ty all the star - ry band
past. In this free land by thee our lot is cast.
lence, be thy strong arm our ev - er sure de - fense.
way. Lead us from night to nev - er - end - ing day.

of shin - ing worlds in splen - dor through the skies,
Be thou our rul - er, guard - ian, guide, and stay:
Thy true re - li - gion in our hearts in - crease.
Fill all our lives with love and grace di - vine,

our grate - ful songs be - fore thy throne a - rise.
thy word our law, thy paths our cho - sen way.
Thy boun - teous good - ness nour - ish us in peace.
and glo - ry, laud, and praise be ev - er thine.

The musical score is written in 4/4 time with a key signature of two flats (Bb and Eb). It features a treble and bass clef. The first system includes an optional introduction with a triplet of eighth notes. The lyrics are aligned with the melody in the treble clef. The score concludes with a final cadence in the bass clef.

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

He Shall Feed His Flock

John Ness Beck

He shall feed his flock like a shepherd:
He shall gather the lambs with his arm,
And carry them in his bosom,
And gently shall lead those that are with young.
He shall gather the lambs in his arm,
And carry them close to his heart;
And gently, so gently, so gently shall lead those with young.
He shall feed his flock like a shepherd;
He shall gather the lambs with his arm,
And carry them in his bosom,
And gently, so gently shall lead those with young.

Sacrament of Baptism

8:30 a.m.

Institution and Presentation

Baptismal Song

Betty Jacobson

Covenant of Parents and Congregation

Christening

Presentation of the Light of Christ

Benediction

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

10 a.m.

Prayer of Dedication

Prayer for Illumination

Scripture and Sermon

How to Love the World Again

7/25

Psalm 23:1: *The Lord Is My Shepherd*

Presence

8/1

Psalm 23:2: *Green Pastures*

Kingdom

8/8

Psalm 23:3: *God Restoresh My Soul*

Returning

8/15

Psalm 23:4a: *I Will Fear No Evil*

Small Victories

8/22

Psalm 23:4b: *Thy Rod & Thy Staff*

Pieces of Heaven

8/29

Psalm 23:5: *My Cup Runneth Over*

The Feast of Each Moment

Closing Hymn

Take Us As We Are, O God

10 a.m.

Capo 3: (D) (G) (D) (G) (D) (A)
 F B^b F B^b F C

1 Take us as we are, O God, and claim us as your own. As
 2 Bless us for your ser - vice, Lord; no pow - er we de - vise will
 3 Break us o - pen to dis - close how bro - ken - ness can heal, wher -
 4 Give us to the world you love as light and salt and yeast, that

(Em) (Am) (Em) (D) (G)
 Gm Cm Gm F B^b

once you chose to tell your love in hu - man flesh and bone, so
 ev - er give us strength e - nough or make us tru - ly wise, yet
 ev - er bro - ken loaves suf - fice to give a crowd a meal and
 we may nour - ish in your name the last, the lost, the least, un -

(D) (Bm) (Em) 1-3 4
 F Dm Gm (Asus)(A) (A)
 Csus C C

let our lives be used to make your sav - ing pur - pose known.
 by your prom - ise we can know the peace your grace sup - plies.
 graves break o - pen to re - lease new life from death's dread seal.
 til at length you call us all to your un - end - ing feast.

Benediction

Postlude

Gigue

Domenico Zipoli

8:30 a.m.

Postlude on a Ground

Herbert Murrill

10 a.m.

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."

PARTICIPANTS:

Andy Crossgrove, David Crossgrove, Guest Liturgists	10 a.m.
Joel Fox, Audio and Video	10 a.m.
Christine Hides, Associate Minister for Discipleship, Preacher	
Leslie Holling, Guest Liturgist	8:30 a.m.
David Honoré, Soloist	
Lily Hunsader, Audio	8:30 a.m.
Todd Gresick, Guest Keyboardist and Organist	
Katie Snipes Lancaster, Senior Associate Minister, Baptism Officiant	
Matt Leske, Audio Video	10 a.m.
Ushers, Jim Fritz, Riley Gardiner	

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Milestones

We welcome to baptism today at the 8:30 a.m. worship Elyse Grace Pomeroy, daughter of Joseph and Sarah Pomeroy.

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[Click here for Plate Offering](#)
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NEWS AND ANOUNCEMENTS

Tulsa Mini Mission Trip for Ages 12–Adult: Experience the transformative power of serving others for Christ. Thursday, Nov. 11 through Sunday, Nov. 14 at Turn Church in Tulsa, Oklahoma. There will be an online information meeting on Monday, September 13.

Responsorial Back to School Prayer from the Reverend Christine V. Hides

Lord, you are my teacher and my guide; you provide for my learning.

You lead me to the places of health and growth: you lead me outside to play and rest.

You bring joy to my life: you show me the best way even when I am not sure.

Yes, when I am overwhelmed with homework or anxiety, even when I mess up a test, or am starting at a new school, I will try not to be afraid:

For you are with me.

You are my security and the source of my inner strength.

Your hope is for all people—even those I find it hard to get along with—to sit around your overflowing table.

You get us ready for the bright future you imagine. When I think of your love my heart fills up.

For you are with me.

Surely God, your goodness and mercy will be with me every day from preschool to elementary school, then middle school, high school, and beyond.

Your love is a place I can call home forever.

For you are with me.

2021–2022 Directory Update: Look for the Directory Update letter in your mailbox this week. If there are corrections, please fill out the form and mail or email responses to [Michelle Gutowski](#), or drop the form in the collection plate on Sunday. Or our new [member portal](#) is now available to update your personal contact information, save a credit card to make future payments, and review past giving and pledge information.

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. Christine Hides is in the pulpit next week preaching *The Feast of Each Moment*.

Homecoming Sunday: Be with us Sunday, September 19 for a new season of worship at 8:30 or 10 a.m., and Sunday school at 9:45 a.m. Family Fest will be held immediately after on the front lawn.

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 24 we will pray for the following Kenilworth Union families: Doug & Annie Mabie, John Mabie, John & Emily MacEntee, PJ & Wendy MacGregor, Scott & Mary MacGregor, Samuel & Nancy Mack Badger, Blake & Courtney Mackenzie, Sara Lynn Mackenzie, Susan Mackesey, Butch & Janice MacVicar, David & Joan Malliband, Deane & Jill Malott, Ches & Christine Manly, Chris & Amanda Marks, Daniel & Vida Marks, Newt & Susan Marshall, Dave & Jennifer Martay, Brad & Liz Martin, John & Vicki Martin, and John & Sally Martin.

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

Exploring Grief Group: The group meets online every Thursday from 7–8:30 p.m. beginning October 14 for eight consecutive sessions. This free series provides a confidential, supportive, and educational environment to grieve the loss of a loved one or friend.

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.

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.

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 Thursday, August 26 at 10 a.m. **Click through to learn more, view pictures, or volunteer to help!**

Celebrate Kenilworth's 125th Anniversary by learning trees and landmarks on our church property. Enjoy a scavenger hunt using clues from the Green Team.

MUSIC MINISTRY

Fear no evil with Ryan Belongie, soloist and Christine Kraemer, guest organist from last Sunday, bring P. Tchaikovsky, arr. R. Maxwell and F. Feibel's "*The Lord Is My Shepherd*" alive. Thank you for the gift of music!

Music Ministry Open House: Join us in the sanctuary next 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.

Back to School Blessing next 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

Confirmation Classes for 9th graders start in September. Register [here](#).

Homecoming Sunday Cornhole Tournament! Homecoming Sunday, September 19, will feature a single elimination tournament with a prize for the winning team.

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.

CALENDAR FOR THE WEEK
Twenty-first Sunday in Ordinary Time
August 22, 2021

Sun., Aug. 22	5 a.m.	Openings: 100 Days of Prayer Devotional—Online
	8:30 a.m.	Outdoor Worship with Baptism—Memorial Garden
	10 a.m.	Worship in the Sanctuary—In-person and Livestream
Mon., Aug. 23	5 a.m.	Openings: 100 Days of Prayer Devotional—Online
Tues., Aug. 24	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
	4 p.m.	Percussion Ensemble & Junior Bell Choir Rehearsal—TBD
	7:30 p.m.	Sunday School Teacher Training—Online
Wed., Aug. 25	5 a.m.	Openings: 100 Days of Prayer Devotional—Online
	10 a.m.	Hybrid Men's Coffee—Library/Online
Thur., Aug. 26	5 a.m.	Openings: 100 Days of Prayer Devotional—Online
	10 a.m.	A Just Harvest/Green Team Gardening Project—Off Site
	6 p.m.	AJN Preschool Back To School Social—Robinson Garden
Fri., Aug. 27	5 a.m.	Openings: 100 Days of Prayer Devotional—Online
Sat., Aug. 28	5 a.m.	Openings: 100 Days of Prayer Devotional—Online

We are a Stephen Ministry Congregation

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

Care Guild Leader for August is [Dayle Lively](#).

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