



**Kenilworth Union Church**  
**Service of Worship**  
**August 29, 2021**  
**Twenty-second 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**

I will miss the sound of her singing  
 through the wall that separates  
 her bathroom from ours, in the morning  
 before school, how she would harmonize  
 with the bare-navel angst  
 of some screaming Ophelia on her stereo,  
 though she had always seemed a contented kid,  
 a grower of rare gourds, an aficionado  
 of salamanders, and a babysitter prized  
 for her playful, earnest care, her love  
 of children so pure she seemed to become  
 a little child whenever she took one by the hand,  
 entering heaven so handily.

But it reminded me, that singing,  
 of the soul depths we never know,  
 even in those we love more than our souls,  
 so mad we are to anticipate the future,  
 and already I am talking—  
 a year to go before she goes  
 to college, and listen to me talking—  
 in the past tense as she sings.

“My Daughter’s Singing” by Garret Keizer  
*How to Love the World, Poems of Gratitude and Hope*

<b>Prelude</b>	<i>My Heart Ever Faithful</i>	J.S. Bach, arr. E. Dicks	8:30 a.m.
	<i>Trio Sonata No. 3 in D minor BWV 527</i>	J.S. Bach	10 a.m.
	<i>1. Andante</i>		

# Call to Worship

## Opening Hymn

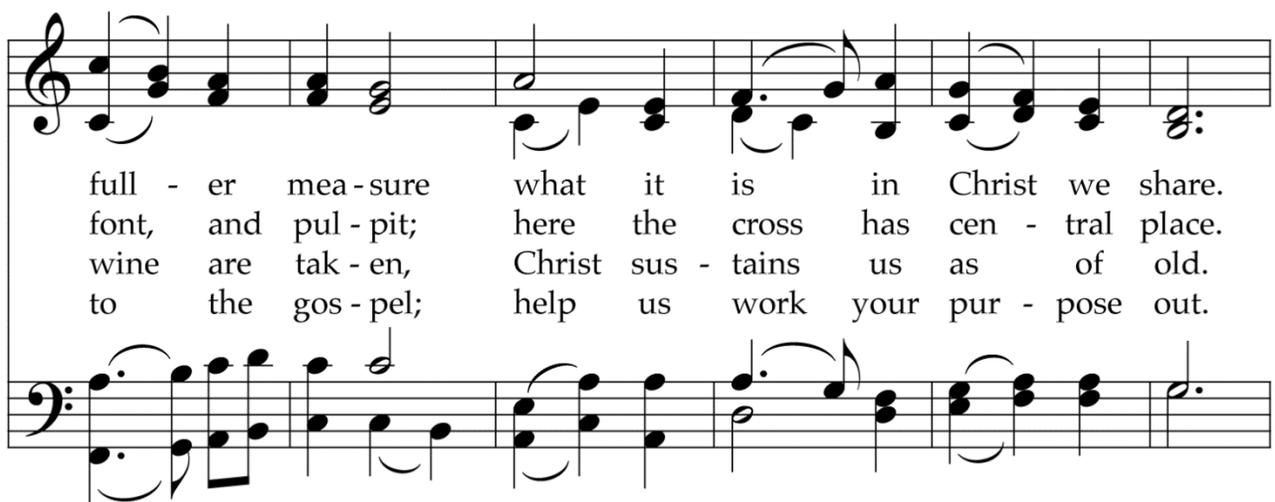
### *God Is Here!*



1 God is here! As we your peo - ple meet to  
2 Here are sym - bols to re - mind us of our  
3 Here our chil - dren find a wel - come in the  
4 Lord of all, of church and king - dom, in an



of - fer praise and prayer, may we find in  
life - long need of grace; here are ta - ble,  
Shep - herd's flock and fold; here as bread and  
age of change and doubt keep us faith - ful



full - er mea - sure what it is in Christ we share.  
font, and pul - pit; here the cross has cen - tral place.  
wine are tak - en, Christ sus - tains us as of old.  
to the gos - pel; help us work your pur - pose out.

Here, as in the world a - round us, all our  
 Here in hon - es - ty of preach - ing, here in  
 Here the ser - vants of the Ser - vant seek in  
 Here, in this day's ded - i - ca - tion, all we

var - ied skills and arts wait the com - ing  
 si - lence, as in speech, here, in new - ness  
 wor - ship to ex - plore what it means in  
 have to give, re - ceive: we, who can - not

of the Spir - it in - to o - pen minds and hearts.  
 and re - new - al, God the Spir - it comes to each.  
 dai - ly liv - ing to be - lieve and to a - dore.  
 live with - out you, we a - dore you! We be - lieve!

**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**

*The Call*

Ralph Vaughan Williams

Come, my way, my truth, my life:  
Such a way, as gives us breath:  
Such a truth, as ends all strife:  
Such a life, as killeth death.

Come, my light, my feast, my strength:  
Such a light, as shows a feast:  
Such a feast, as mends in length:  
Such a strength, as makes his guest.

Come, my joy, my love, my heart:  
Such a joy, as none can move:  
Such a love, as none can part:  
Such a heart, as joys in love.

### **Prayers of the People**

Thanksgivings and Intercessions, Back to School Blessing

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

#### **Ministry of Music**

*This Is The Day*

Les Garratt, arr. Lisa Bond

10 a.m.

### **Prayer for Illumination**

#### **Scripture**

*Psalm 23 (KJV)*

**The Lord is my shepherd; I shall not want.**

**He maketh me to lie down in green pastures: he leadeth me beside the still waters.**

**He restoreth my soul: he leadeth me in the paths of righteousness for his name's sake.**

**Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil: for thou art with me; thy rod and thy staff they comfort me.**

**Thou preparest a table before me in the presence of mine enemies: thou anointest my head with oil; my cup runneth over.**

**Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life: and I will dwell in the house of the Lord forever.**

**Sermon***How to Love the World Again*

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 Restoreth 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 &amp; Thy Staff</i>	<i>Pieces of Heaven</i>
<b>8/29</b>	<b>Psalm 23:5: <i>My Cup Runneth Over</i></b>	<b><i>The Feast of Each Moment</i></b>
9/5	Psalm 23:6: <i>The House of the Lord</i>	<i>The Joy of Making</i>

**Closing Hymn***May the God of Hope Go with Us*

10 a.m.

May the God of hope go with us ev - ery day, fill - ing all our  
 lives with love and joy and peace. May the God of jus - tice speed us  
 on our way, bring - ing light and hope to ev - ery land and race.  
 Pray - ing, let us work for peace; sing - ing, share our joy with all;  
 work - ing for a world that's new, faith - ful when we hear Christ's call.

**Benediction****Postlude***Praise Him! Praise Him!*

M. Hayes

8:30 a.m.

*I Sing the Mighty Power of God*

J. Westenkuehler

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."

Back to School Blessing sticker designed by Eloise Hides.

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## PARTICIPANTS:

<b>Ryan Belongie</b> , Assistant Director of Children's and Bell Choirs	10 a.m.
<b>Alyssa Bennett</b> , Assistant Director of Choirs	10 a.m.
<b>Joel Fox</b> , Audio and Video	10 a.m.
<b>Christine Hides</b> , Associate Minister for Discipleship, Preacher	
<b>Lily Hunsader</b> , Audio	8:30 a.m.
<b>Eun Joo Ju</b> , Guest Keyboardist and Organist	
<b>Katie Snipes Lancaster</b> , Senior Associate Minister, Liturgist	
<b>Matt Leske</b> , Audio and Video	10 a.m.
<b>Clare Nahrwold</b> , Guest Liturgist	
<b>Chris Ottsen</b> , Guest Liturgist	
<b>Ushers</b> , Beth Adamoli, Jim Fritz, Riley Gardiner	
<b>Jonathan Wilson</b> , Soloist	
<b>Youth Percussion Ensemble</b>	10 a.m.

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## Milestones

We extend the sympathy of the congregation to the family of Florri McMillan upon her death on August 3.

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

**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.

**Music Ministry Open House:** Join us in the Sanctuary today 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.

**Adult Education at Kenilworth Union:** The fall lineup this year will challenge us spiritually and intellectually, deepen our individual faiths, and develop deeper relationships with fellow Christians. Wednesday Bible Study with Christine Hides will follow the book of Exodus, and Bill Evertsberg’s Skeptics & Believers Group will follow Hans Küng’s book *Does God Exist?* Other opportunities include well-rounded and wise speakers like Mark “Chaps” Schimmelpfennig and Stephen Ray, and a visit to the Chicago Shakespeare Theatre. [Click through for more details.](#)

**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. Bill Evertsberg is in the pulpit next week closing the sermon series with *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 31 we will pray for the following Kenilworth Union families: Jack & Kathy Martin, Kelly & Pamela Martin, Linda Martin, Sean & Heather Martin, John & Dana Marzonie, Mike & Gloria Masterson, Rich & Lynn Mathias, Rob & Lisa Mathias, Nancy Mattick, John & Holly Mayfield, Ken & Jeanne McAtamney, Vincent McBrien & Judith Paine, Ashley McCall, Matthew McCall, Kevin & Katie McCalla, Gary & Mary McCallister, Walter & Mary McCarthy, Todd & Cynthia McClamroch, David & Allison McClamroch, and Jim & Pam McClamroch.

**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 intercessions 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.

## FELLOWSHIP

**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.

## SERVE with the GREEN TEAM

**Green Team/A Just Harvest Update from Katie Nahrwold and King Poor:** Support A Just Harvest (AJH) on Thursdays during September and October from 10 a.m. to noon in their outdoor growing spaces. In recent years, AJH has expanded its mission to include growing its own food at three nearby community gardens. Contact Katie Nahrwold for more information.

**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

Feel the pieces of heaven with David Honoré, soloist and Todd Gresick, guest organist from last Sunday, bring John Ness Beck's *He Shall Feed His Flock* alive. Thank you for the gift of music!

## 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.

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

**Fifth and Six Grade Service Milestone:** The new Sunday School Group is a way for middle school students to put their faith into action through service projects. The expectations for this milestone include regular attendance and participation in three (3) of the service projects during the 2021–2022 school year. Contact Tyler Yost, new Associate Director of Children and Youth Ministry to receive the complete list of expectations and to sign up.

## 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-second Sunday in Ordinary Time  
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Sun., Aug. 29	5 a.m.	Openings: 100 Days of Prayer Devotional—Online
	8:30 a.m.	Outdoor Worship—Memorial Garden
	9:20 a.m.	Percussion Ensemble Rehearsal—Sanctuary
	10 a.m.	Worship in the Sanctuary—In-person and Livestream
Mon., Aug. 30	10:45 a.m.	Music Ministry Open House—Sanctuary
	11 a.m.	Sunday School Teacher Training—Online
	5 a.m.	Openings: 100 Days of Prayer Devotional—Online
	7 p.m.	Sunday School Teacher Training—Online
Tues., Aug. 31	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., Sept. 1	5 a.m.	Openings: 100 Days of Prayer Devotional—Online
	10 a.m.	Hybrid Men's Coffee—Library/Online
Thur., Sept. 2	5 a.m.	Openings: 100 Days of Prayer Devotional—Online
	10 a.m.	A Just Harvest/Green Team Gardening Project—Off Site
Fri., Sept. 3	5 a.m.	Openings: 100 Days of Prayer Devotional—Online
Sat., Sept. 4	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** and for September is **Rosalyn Kemp**.

To let us know where help is needed, call church at (847) 251-4272