



Kenilworth Union Church
Service of Worship
February 13, 2022
Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time
8:30 and 10 a.m. Sanctuary Worship
CONNECT TO WORSHIP at 10 a.m.

In Preparation for Worship

Illimitable

Elinor Lennen

This tenement of sinew, blood and bone
Can never house illimitable me.
I live in rugged, sea-remembering stone
Whose wildness gives my will identity.
Gaunt, wind-purged branches braving timber line
Have offered perilous and precious home.
Insistent, land-doomed ocean tides confine
My spirit with impermanent, frail foam.
The clouds that sheltered me wait my return;
I who have wandered distantly apart
Inquire their secret, that I may discern
Why vagrancy can rest this vagrant heart.
Bone, blood and sinew, frangible, fleet walls
Cannot retrain me when the wide earth calls!

Prelude

Benedictus

M. Reger

Call to Worship

*Opening Hymn

Blessed Assurance, Jesus Is Mine!

1 Bless - ed as - sur - ance, Je - sus is mine! O what a
2 Per - fect sub - mis - sion, per - fect de - light, vi - sions of
3 Per - fect sub - mis - sion, all is at rest; I in my

fore - taste of glo - ry di - vine! Heir of sal - va - tion,
rap - ture now burst on my sight; an - gels de - scend - ing,
Sav - ior am hap - py and blest, watch - ing and wait - ing,

pur - chase of God, born of his Spir - it, washed in his blood.
bring from a - bove ech - oes of mer - cy, whis - pers of love.
look - ing a - bove, filled with his good - ness, lost in his love.

Refrain

This is my sto - ry; this is my song, prais - ing my Sav - ior

all the day long; this is my sto - ry; this is my

song, prais - ing my Sav - ior all the day long.

Opening Prayer

Lector: Blessed are you, Poet of Galaxies, unnamable and unfathomable, for whom we toll the bells.

People: Blessed are you, El Roi, the One who sees the shape of this day and makes visible the possibility of hope.

Lector: Blessed are you, Embodied Nearness, who binds yourself to us, restoring the umbilical connection to your incarnate love.

People: Blessed are you, Immeasurable Silence, who meets us in utter solitude.

Lector: Blessed are you, Crown of Winter, who whispers promises across the blistering cold.

People: Blessed are you, Vernal Longing, who even now nudges daffodils awake, waiting.

Lector: Blessed are you, Balm in Gilead, who hears our wobbling liturgies of lament, banishes our worries and inscribes a new gentleness upon our heart.

People: Blessed are you Renewing Chrysalis, who conjures the mystery of new life from the tomb and green fields from this blanket of snow.

Lector: Blessed are you, Storied Hope, whose sacred texts become laden with clues to face the challenges laid at our feet, in this season, on this day.

People: Blessed are you, Divine Liberator, who stirs in us a world-spinning call to renewal and rest, justice and change.

Lector: Center us. Ground us. Lead us. Shift within us. Amen.

Ministry of Music

Blessed Be God

Betty Jacobson

God is my rock, God is my fortress,
 A very present help in time of need.
 God is my rock, God is my fortress,
 How precious are his thoughts to me;
 If I should count them, If I should count them,
 They are more in number than the sand,
 They are more in number than the sand.

Search me, O God, and know my heart,
 Try me, O God, and know my thoughts.
 O search me, O God, and know my heart;
 Lead me in the way everlasting,
 Lead me in the way everlasting.

Search me, O God, and know my heart,
Try me, O God, and know my thoughts.
O search me, O God, and know my heart;
Lead me in the way everlasting,
Lead me in the way everlasting.

Blessed be God from everlasting to everlasting;
Blessed be God from everlasting to everlasting;
Amen and amen, Amen and amen, Amen.

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

Minute for Outreach

Tithes and Offerings

Prayer of Dedication

10 a.m.

Ministry of Music

Beatitudes

Albert Hay Malotte

Blessed are the poor in spirit:
For theirs is the kingdom of heaven.
Blessed are they that mourn:
For they shall be comforted.
Blessed are the meek:
For they shall inherit the earth.
Blessed are they which do hunger
And thirst after righteousness:
For they shall be filled.

Prayer for Illumination

Scripture and Sermon

The Impossible Possibility for an Impossible Time

1/9 Luke 3:15–22

Baptism by Fire

1/16 Luke 4:14–31

Free at Last!

1/23 John 2:1–11

In Every Glass of Common Water, Hints of Garnet-Gold

1/30 Luke 5:1–11

That Mirror of Strange Glories

2/6 Luke 5:27–39

A Whisper Will Be Heard

2/13 Luke 6:17–26

Posse Ipsum

2/20 Luke 6:27–38

The Church of Not Being Horrible

2/27 Luke 9:28–36

Into Thin Air

***Closing Hymn**

Blest Be the Tie That Binds

1 Blest be the tie that binds our hearts in
2 Be - fore our *Fa - ther's throne we pour our
3 We share our mu - tual woes; our mu - tual
4 When we are called to part, it gives us
5 From sor - row, toil, and pain, and sin we

Chris - tian love. The fel - low - ship of
ar - dent prayers. Our fears, our hopes, our
bur - dens bear. And of - ten for each
in - ward pain; but we shall still be
shall be free; and per - fect love and

kin - dred minds is like to that a - bove.
aims are one, our com - forts and our cares.
oth - er flows the sym - pa - thiz - ing tear.
joined in heart, and hope to meet a - gain.
friend - ship reign through all e - ter - ni - ty.

***Benediction**

Postlude

Fugue No. 1 in C minor

F. Mendelssohn

Please stand as you are able

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PARTICIPANTS:

Audio and Video, Lilly Hunsader, Kevin Kemp, Eric Tran Ton

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Eun Joo Ju, Organist

Katie Snipes Lancaster, Senior Associate Minister, Preacher

FRONT DESK

GREETER

Traci Groff

**CHILDREN
AND FAMILY**

MINISTRY

GREETER

Hilary Scott

USHERS

8:30 a.m.

Jim Fritz

USHERS

10 a.m.

Tim Weaver

Beth Fritz

Jim Fritz

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ALTAR FLOWERS

The altar flowers are given in loving memory of Bob and Caryll Kenyon on behalf of their children and their families.

MILESTONE

A memorial for Huck Hindsley will be held at Kenilworth Union Church on Saturday, February 19 at 2 p.m. in the Sanctuary. Huck's memorial is delivered to those who cannot attend in person via livestream at the kuc.org WATCH page or [youtube.com/c/kenilworthunionchurch](https://www.youtube.com/c/kenilworthunionchurch).

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Click here for Plate Offering
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NEWS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

All Of Us Made A Difference! Thanks to you, the All of Me, All of Us Stewardship Campaign is at 98% of our goal, with \$2,147,429 pledged to date. We are especially grateful for the 43 families that pledged this year after missing last year, and for the 16 families pledging for the very first time. What a joy it is to witness your investment and your new or renewed engagement in our community!

On behalf of your ministers, the Board of Trustees, and the Stewardship Committee, thank you for enabling Kenilworth Union Church to continue ministering, nurturing, connecting, and serving. If you have not yet submitted your pledge and want to join the over 550 families supporting Kenilworth Union, please visit kuc.org/give/stewardship. Together, All of Us can celebrate the faithful stewardship of our congregation!

Update on Church Building Enhancements from Meg Revord and Bill Evertsberg: It is our pleasure to provide an update on the initiatives concerning our Church facilities upgrades and fundraising that we began in 2018 but set aside with the onset of the pandemic.

Exploring Membership at Kenilworth Union Church: The March 6 membership class will be held 2–3:30 p.m. in the Culbertson Room; the March 7 class will be from 7–8:30 p.m. online. Only one class is needed as they are both the same. New Member Commissioning is the following Sunday, March 13 at the 10 a.m. worship service. Please contact Bruce Linger or Katie Snipes Lancaster for more information.

Registration is Open for the Creative Wellness: Mignon Dupepe is leading a second creative wellness course, Cocon, on Tuesday, March 8 in the Culbertson Room at 7 p.m. Please register early.

Save the Date for Outreach Benefit 2022: On April 29, the Outreach Committee will hold an in-person benefit at Michigan Shores Club in support of Kenilworth Union's Outreach agencies. We are looking for one more co-chair to work alongside Benefit co-chair Julie Danilek, as well as volunteers for the Benefit Committee. For more information, contact Julie or Outreach co-chairs Chris Cole and Mike Revord.

WORSHIP

Mid-Day Prayer: Each week a new liturgy is offered in the Sanctuary and online at 12:15 p.m. We meet for 15 minutes to read scriptures and hear a brief reflection. On Tuesday, February 15 we will pray for the following Kenilworth Union families: Trent and Jena Acuff; Frank and Christine Adams; Doug and Mei Aden; Jennifer and Alex Adler; Brad and Denise Akason; Rob and Bridget Albertson; Oscar and Kimberly Alcantara; Chuck and Gayla Allen; Charles and Joanna Allen; Mary Allen; Peter and Rachel Allport; Matt and Sarah Alshouse; Marty and Cindy Alston; Joan and Tom Ambrose; Trent and Judith Anderson; Mark and Linda Anderson; Carol Andrews..

Connect with Kenilworth Union via podcast: The 10–15 minute sermon messages are inspiring, thoughtful companions for walks and commutes.

Lent begins on Ash Wednesday, March 2 with Worship for All Ages at 4 p.m. and Traditional Worship at 7:30 p.m.

Reminders for Livestream Worship: Two ways to view worship from home and away! We now have options for ad-free viewing: please use the livestream link at kuc.org/ or the kuc.org/watch tab at the top of the page. The [youtube.com/c/kenilworthunionchurch](https://www.youtube.com/c/kenilworthunionchurch) channel is still also available with ads. A recording of 10 a.m. Worship or 12:15 Mid-Day Prayer is available starting about an hour after the service.

The current sermon series: “The Impossible Possibility for an Impossible Time”, which focuses on cultivating Christ-like virtues in a challenging world is the perfect opportunity to spread the word to loved ones near and far about this simple, direct way of grounding yourself with God.

CHILDREN AND FAMILY MINISTRY*

No Sunday School next Sunday in observance of Presidents' Day Weekend.

God's Love Always Goes with Us! Christine V. Hides shares the seeds sown in Sunday School will grow roots in faith. **Lent Kits Available:** If you are looking for ways to establish Lenten traditions with your family, or are simply interested in learning more about Lent, please sign up to receive a Lent Kit. Please email [Greta Connor](#) for your free kit (one per family). The season of Lent begins on Ash Wednesday, March 2, with a family service at 4 p.m. in the Sanctuary.

Faith234 for Second–Fourth Graders meets on Wednesdays from 4–5 p.m. Reconnect with your friends with games, creative activities, and prayer! We will meet in the Warwick Manse to sign in and the adventure will begin in church. Wear masks and be socially distanced.

Middle School Youth Group (MSYG) for Fifth–Sixth Graders meets on Wednesdays at 5 p.m. Reconnect with your friends with games, creative activities, and prayer! We will meet in the Warwick Manse to sign in and the adventure will begin in church. Wear masks and be socially distanced.

Save the Date for VBS! Welcome to our Great Big Beautiful World VBS! June 13–16 from 4–6 p.m. for rising Kindergarten through Fourth Graders. Don't miss this opportunity for fun, faith, and fellowship! Registration opens this Tuesday, February 15.

The World Jesus Knew: Save the date March 13 to learn what life was like in Jesus' time by walking through a village created by our middle school class after worship. We are excited for the return of this beloved tradition!

Save the date for Family Camping weekend! July 22–24 at Bong State Park. Just an hour's drive to Wisconsin means hours of fun with campfires, nature walks, and family time.

*contact [Greta Connor](#) for more information on Children and Family Ministry

YOUTH MINISTRY

Love is Officially on Its Way to Our Youth! Carolyn Raitt wraps up the Alison Tobey Smart Valentine project with a blog entry. All freshman youth received a card signed by many friends. Carolyn explains the importance this project has to the participants and the recipients.

Breakfast Club: For 7th and 8th graders on Sundays at 9:45 a.m. Meet in the Church Library each week to dig into the Bible, faith, and life. Join us for Breakfast and comradery.

Junior High Youth Group (JYG): All youth in grades 7–8 are invited regardless of church affiliation to drop-in to the group. Sign in is at the Warwick Manse and the meeting is in Church most Wednesdays at 6:30 p.m. for dinner, games, and candle time talk.

IMPACT 2022 Hawai'i Meeting: Meetings continue Sunday, February 27 at 7 p.m. in the Culbertson Room where we dive deeper into the 2022 theme: Division. What divides us and how might God's love provide the way to reconciliation across differences. All high schoolers are invited regardless of mission trip registration status. Mission trip participants are expected to attend.

CONGREGATIONAL CARE

Care Connection: When circumstances arrive in life that preclude someone from engaging in the life of the church through in-person gatherings or worship and yet the fellowship of the congregation remains vital, we connect members together through cards, phone calls, and visits when possible. Care Connections celebrate the enduring thread that binds us together through the church. **Volunteer:** One of the easiest and best ways to bring a smile is to send a short note of encouragement, happiness, and love to our members who are homebound and no longer able to attend. If interested in serving on Care Connections or if you know of a member who would value the outreach, please contact [Dayle Lively](#) or [Katie Lancaster](#).

Weekday Devotional—My Neighbor's Prayer: The Vocabulary of Blessing as Common Bond Follow the Rev. Dr. Katie Lancaster's new devotional teaching us the importance of our neighbors. If you're new to devotionals and would like a Monday through Friday morning devotional from Katie please [register here](#).

ADULT EDUCATION

An Epiphany Bible Read Along: Drop in as you can with Christine Hides for Bible study on Wednesdays through February 23—online and in person. We will use the Gospel text from the Revised Common lectionary the Sunday prior. To view the lectionary texts in Advance, please visit [Vanderbilt's website](#).

FELLOWSHIP

Mah Jongg: The basics for this popular Asian tile game are easy to learn. Meet for lessons and play on Tuesdays at 9:30 a.m. in the Warwick Manse. Due to street parking on Warwick and Kenilworth Avenues, please plan accordingly. Contact [Martha Hoza](#) for more information.

CONNECTING

Find us in your inbox! All email addresses in the Kenilworth Union directory now receive a weekly Sunday worship email and the eNews on Thursdays. If you are not receiving these but would like to, you may subscribe at [kuc.org](#). To unsubscribe click the link at the bottom of the email. Contact [Christine Adams](#) if you would like us to change your email address or help with anything else.

We are a Stephen Ministry Congregation

If you would like to learn more, please contact

Reverend Dr. Katie Lancaster or a Stephen Leader as listed in the Church Directory

Care Guild Leader for February is Susi Swisher

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

CALENDAR FOR THE WEEK

Minute for Outreach—Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time
February 13, 2022

- Sun., Feb. 13 8:30 a.m. Worship in the Sanctuary—In Person
 9:45 a.m. Sunday School—Sign in at Schmidt Chapel
 9:45 a.m. Breakfast Club—Library
 10 a.m. Worship in the Sanctuary—In Person and Livestream
 11 a.m. KUC Youth Choir Rehearsal
- Mon., Feb. 14
- Tues., Feb. 15 VBS Registration is Now Open
 9:30 a.m. Mah Jongg—Warwick Manse
 12:15 p.m. Mid-Day Prayer—Livestream and Sanctuary
- Wed., Feb. 16 9:15 a.m. Hybrid Epiphany Read Along—Centennial Room/Online
 10 a.m. Hybrid Men's Coffee—Library/Online
 2 p.m. Knitting Ministry—Library
 4 p.m. Faith234—Manse sign in and Church
 4:45 p.m. Cherub and Rejoice Singers and Ringers Choir Rehearsal—Sanctuary
 5 p.m. Middle School Youth Group—Manse sign in and Church
 6 p.m. Junior Bell Choir—Music Room
 6:30 p.m. Junior High Youth Group—Manse sign in and Church
 7 p.m. Adult Bell Choir—Music Room
- Thur., Feb. 17 No AJN Preschool—Teacher Institute Day
 7 p.m. Exploring Grief Group—Online
 7 p.m. Chancel Choir Rehearsal—Transept
- Fri., Feb. 18 9 a.m. AJN Preschool Birthday Blessings Chapel—Sanctuary
- Sat., Feb. 19 2 p.m. A Memorial for Huck Hindsley—Sanctuary and Livestream