



**Kenilworth Union Church**  
**Service of Worship**  
**May 15, 2022**  
**Fifth Sunday of Eastertide**  
**8:30 Outdoor Worship**  
**10 a.m. Sanctuary Worship**

CONNECT TO WORSHIP at 10 a.m.

**Prelude**

*Träumerei (Dreaming)*

R. Schumann

8:30 a.m.

“Allegro assai-Presto” from *Organ Concerto* J.S. Bach

10 a.m.

**Call to Worship**

**\*Opening Hymn**

*For the Beauty of the Earth*

st. 1, 2, 4

1 For the beau-ty of the earth, for the glo-ry of the skies,  
2 For the won-der of each hour of the day and of the night,  
3 For the joy of ear and eye, for the heart and mind's de-light,  
4 For the joy of hu-man love, broth-er, sis-ter, par-ent, child,  
5 For thy-self, best gift di-vine to the world so free-ly given;

for the love which from our birth o-ver and a-round us lies:  
hill and vale, and tree and flower, sun and moon, and stars of light:  
for the mys-tic har-mo-ny link-ing sense to sound and sight:  
friends on earth, and friends a-bove, for all gen-tle thoughts and mild:  
for that great, great love of thine, peace on earth and joy in heaven:

*Refrain*

Lord of all, to thee we raise this our hymn of grate-ful praise.

## Litany for the Season of Easter

Cole Arthur Riley

Leader: Easter holds memory for a God who came back to life still bearing scars.

**People: We're reminded we don't have to leave behind our grief in order to participate in the joy of liberation.**

Leader: Easter holds memory for a God who loved and honored Mary so well in life that she was able to recognize him by the sound of her own name.

**People: God is not far from us.**

Leader: As we inhale, we trust "God calls me by name."

**People: As we exhale, we remember, "I was never alone."**

Leader: We inhale again, trusting "God is alive."

**People: We exhale again, remembering, "God's breath is freedom."**

## Rite of Confirmation

8:30 a.m.

### Questions to Confirmand and the Congregation

Leader: Having gone through a season of faithful preparation for this day, do you confirm your faith in God, and by doing so, become members of Kenilworth Union Church? If so, please say "I do."

**Confirmand:** I do.

Leader: Do you promise, through prayer and action, to continue on your faith journey trusting in the love of God made known in Jesus Christ? And, do you promise to be a faithful member of this congregation of the whole church, celebrating God's love through worship, and serving Christ with energy, intelligence, imagination, and love? If so, please say, "I do."

**Confirmand:** I do.

Leader: Do you, the members and friends of Kenilworth Union Church, promise to pray for this new member of the church as he continues to journey in faith? Do you promise to share with him in the hopes and labors of the church, bound together in the unity of Christ? And, do you promise, by the power of the Holy Spirit, to grow together with him in the knowledge and love of God? If so, please say "we do."

**Congregation:** We do.

## Sacrament of Baptism

10 a.m.

Institution and Presentation

*Baptismal Song*

Betty Jacobson

Covenant of Parents and Congregation

Christening

Presentation of the Light of Christ

Benediction

## 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. *Repeat*

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.**

Choral Response

### **Welcome and Announcements**

#### **Tithes and Offerings**

10 a.m.

Prayer of Dedication

#### **Ministry of Music**

*Beloved, God's Chosen*

Robert Hobby

10 a.m.

Beloved, God's chosen, put on as a garment  
Compassion, forgiveness, and goodness of heart.  
Above all, before all, let love be your raiment  
That binds into one every dissonant part.

Within, call forth wisdom to dwell in you richly;  
Let peace rule your hearts and peace be of Christ.  
And from the heart's chamber, beloved and holy,  
Let singing thanksgiving to God ever rise.

Beloved, God's chosen, put on as a garment  
Compassion, forgiveness, and goodness of heart.  
Above all, before all, let love be your raiment  
That binds into one every dissonant part.

### **Prayer for Illumination**

#### **Scripture and Sermon**

*A Collective Murmuration*

4/24	John 20:19–31	<i>Murmuration of Faith</i>
5/1	John 21:1–19	<i>Murmuration of Song</i>
5/8	John 10:22–30	<i>Murmuration of Love</i>
<b>5/15</b>	<b>John 13:31–35</b>	<b><i>Murmuration of Blessing</i></b>
5/22	John 14:23–29	<i>Murmuration of the Heart</i>
5/29	John 17:20–26	<i>Murmuration of Remembrance</i>

1 To - day we all are called to be dis - ci - ples of the  
 2 God made the world and at its birth or - dained our hu - man  
 3 Pray jus - tice may come roll - ing down as in a might - y  
 4 May we in ser - vice to our God act out the liv - ing

Lord, to help to set the cap - tive free, make  
 race to live as stew - ards of the earth, re -  
 stream, with righ - teous - ness in field and town to  
 word, and walk the road the saints have trod till

plow - share out of sword, to feed the hun - gry, quench their  
 spond - ing to God's grace. But we are vain and sad - ly  
 cleanse us and re - deem. For God is long - ing to re -  
 all have seen and heard. As stew - ards of the earth may

thirst, make love and peace our fast, to serve the  
 proud; we sow not peace but strife. Our dis - cord  
 store an earth where con - flicts cease, a world that  
 we give thanks in one ac - cord to God who

poor and home - less first, our ease and com - fort last.  
 spreads a dead - ly cloud that threat - ens all of life.  
 was cre - at - ed for a har - mo - ny of peace.  
 calls us all to be dis - ci - ples of the Lord.



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[Click here for Plate Offering](#)

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## NEWS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

**Children and Family Ministry Year in Review:** What a joy to share that next week we will once again gather for Children's Day, a beloved tradition at Kenilworth Union Church for more than 70 years where third graders who have learned scripture by heart receive a personalized Bible. Thanks be to God for these young people and a year of growing in God's love and grace this program year.

Perhaps you remember that at the beginning of this school year we were just trying to figure out how to regather with many COVID precautions. Creativity was the key to resuming traditions. We met outside for Sunday School for three months, we wore masks and stayed distanced. Our goal was to register 140 kids.

December arrived with hope that Christmas would be another opportunity to resume normal traditions but the Omicron surge necessitated more pivots. Drawing deep from the wells of creativity we hosted our second live nativity indoors because of the weather...

...We are more grateful than ever to be able to finish the year together on Children's Day and recognize the growth we all experienced. Please join us on Sunday, May 22 at the 10 a.m. worship to help celebrate the third graders and all that God is doing in our midst. [Continue Reading](#)

**Notecards:** The children created Ukrainian flag themed notecards during Sunday school. Notecards with envelopes will be sold in packages of 8 for \$20. All proceeds will go directly to UNICEF to benefit Ukrainian families. [Purchase here](#) through the Kenilworth Union Church website.

**The glass is ¾ full!** Sunday School teacher recruitment for fall is well underway! If you are able to commit to Eight Sundays during the school year, we would love to hear from you! Please know that you never have to go it alone—you're always paired with someone and you can create your own schedule. We welcome parents and those whose children have aged out of the program who are still devoted to nurturing the children in our congregation. Please contact our Children and Family Youth Director, [Greta Connor](#) to commit or find out more information.

**Join the "Murmuration of Hope!"** It was wonderful to see some of you at the Outreach Benefit last Friday. It's not too late to support the Outreach Fund and the 40 outreach agencies it supports—in fact, "Better Media" is now **matching up to \$10,000 in donations**—so any donations received here will be doubled! [Read more about the matching grant challenge here.](#) No gift is too small; together, we can create something significant and transformative.

**Care Guild Cooks:** This Thursday, May 19 join us from 9 a.m.–noon (or drop in as your schedule permits) in the Kitchen. We will cook to stock the freezer with comfort-meals. If you would like to help please RSVP to [Melanie Earle](#). BYOA—Bring your own apron!

**A Collective Murmuration Sermon Series:** Spring at Kenilworth Union means a resurgence of communities celebrating. For six consecutive Sundays, we gather with intentionality and purpose: Confirmation, Choral Music Sunday, Mother's Day, Youth Sunday, Children's Day, and Memorial Day all bring us together for their own reasons, but at the core, each unique service offers us a window into what it means to meet God in, with and between us.

**Membership:** Interested in learning more about the mission and ministry of Kenilworth Union Church? Please join an in house meeting about membership at Kenilworth Union on Sunday, June 5. The class will be held 7–8:30 p.m. in the Culbertson Room. New Member Commissioning is the following Sunday, June 12 at the 10 a.m. worship service. Please contact [Bruce Linger](#) or [Katie Snipes Lancaster](#) for more information.

**Baptism:** We are scheduling baptisms for the summer, please reach out to [Katie Lancaster](#) if you are interested in bringing your child/ren forward for the sacrament of baptism.

**Bill Evertsberg is on Sabbatical:** As Bill Evertsberg is on his long-planned sabbatical, the rest of the Kenilworth Union staff, and ministry are positioned to help with the congregations' needs in his absence. As the spirit moves them, Bill and Kathy will include periodic posts from their trip, check for a new post weekly.

**June Town Hall Meetings, please RSVP:** The meetings will update you on our Church facility visioning and planning as well as the early stages of our proposed capital campaign.

## RACIAL JUSTICE COMMITTEE

**Civil Rights Tour:** You're Invited...November 3–6 “In recent years Kathy and I have led pilgrimages to sacred sites like Jerusalem and Edinburgh. Please join us for a journey to equally holy shrines on American soil.” —Reverend Dr. William A. Evertsberg

## ADULT EDUCATION

**Eastertide Devotional:** Last summer, Katie Lancaster undertook a project called 100 Days of Psalms and Prayers, which took us through the first one hundred Psalms. Since there are 50 Psalms yet to consider, we will spend the 50 days called the Season of Easter which stretches from Easter Sunday to the day of Pentecost (pentēkostē meaning the fiftieth day). [Sign up to receive this daily devotional in your email inbox](#) or follow along on social media.

**Bible Read Along with Christine Hides Wednesdays, 9:15–10 a.m. through May 25:** New participants welcome! Our group will study Paul's letter to the Philippians for six-weeks, using Cynthia Campbell's guide. We will explore the importance of community, Christian joy, unity, and hospitality.

## 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, May 17 we will pray for the following Kenilworth Union families: Linda Flentye, Patty Flentye, Andrew and Katie Florig, Kevin and Melanie Flynn, Mike and Susan Flynn, Christopher and Kristen Folland, William and Sue Folland, Andrew and Lucy Folland, John and Dee Fortson, Mike and Molly Foster, Scott and Maria Fowkes, Margaret Ann Fowler, Sharon Fowler, Todd and Justine Fowler, Larry and Ginny Fox, Betty Fox, Kevin and Amy Fox, Patrick and Debra Fox, Fielden and Susan Fraley, and Ed and Holly Francis.

## CONGREGATIONAL CARE

**Volunteer with 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. 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. 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](#).

**Monday Faith Walk:** A chance to meet, pray, and talk. We gather at the Church Cloisters on Mondays at 10 a.m. We share a devotional, then walk and talk at a good pace for all, arriving back to church by 11 a.m. Please contact [Nancy Johnson](#) to join this group or for more information.

**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. in the Library. Please contact [Beth Palzet](#), the facilitator of the group for more information.

## CHILDREN AND FAMILY MINISTRY\*

**Childcare:** During 10 a.m. worship, childcare is available in classroom 12 for children ages six months through age three. There is no charge for this service but please let [Greta Connor](#) know you are coming.

**Faith234 for Second–Fourth Graders** meets on Wednesdays from 4–4:45 p.m. Reconnect with your friends with games, creative activities, and prayer! Last class of this season, May 18!

**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. Last class of this season, May 18!

**Children's Day Worship, Sunday, May 22:** All are invited to attend this annual celebration during 10 a.m. worship which concludes our Sunday school program year. Third graders who reached their memory milestone will be presented with their Bibles and 5–6 graders who reached their service milestone will be presented with their awards. No Sunday school May 22. Childcare will be available.

**Registration for Family Camping weekend is open!** 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, by the way [Greta](#) is now full-time

## MUSIC

**Sponsor Help Needed in Music Ministry:** Please contact Lisa Bond with interest or question for the sponsorship of Gospel Sunday Worship featuring Vernon Clark and the Heirs of Joy scheduled for Sunday, June 5. Our Chancel Choir and Youth Choir will also be singing with Vernon. Thank you.

## YOUTH MINISTRY\*

**Junior High Youth Group year end party will be Wednesday, May 18.** Join us from 6:30–8 p.m. All 7th and 8th graders are invited!

**IMPACT Meeting Team Night 2:** Meetings are open to all high school youth, regardless of church affiliation or mission trip participation. Hawaii participants are expected to attend and are welcome to bring friends.

\*contact director [Squire Prince](#) for more information on Youth Ministry

## 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.

## COMMUNICATIONS

**Worship Flower Sponsors Needed:** Several dates are available to decorate our altar throughout the year on Sundays during 2022. The flowers will be recognized in the Sunday bulletin in honor or memory of a loved one, in celebration of a milestone, in thanksgiving of friends, or all for the glory of God! Please contact Sandy Wells to be part of this important ministry.

**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](http://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.

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

**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/](http://kuc.org/) or the [kuc.org/watch](http://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.

**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 May is [Melanie Earle](#).

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

## CALENDAR FOR THE WEEK

Fifth Sunday of Eastertide—Youth Sunday

May 15, 2022

Sun., May 15	8:30 a.m.	Worship in the Sanctuary with Confirmation—In Person
	9:45 a.m.	Last Sunday School with doughnuts during fellowship!—Schmidt Chapel
	9:45 a.m.	Childcare—Room 12
	10 a.m.	Worship in the Sanctuary with Baptisms—In Person and Livestream
	12:50 a.m.	KUC Youth Choir Rehearsal—Music Room
	2 p.m.	Youth Sunday Worship—Sanctuary and Livestream
Mon., May 16	10 a.m.	Faith Walk—Off Site
	7 p.m.	Skeptics and Believers Group—Culbertson Room
Tues., May 17	9:30 a.m.	Mah Jongg—Warwick Manse
	12:15 p.m.	Mid-Day Prayer—Sanctuary and Livestream
Wed., May 18	9:15 a.m.	Hybrid Bible Read Along—Centennial Room and Online
	10 a.m.	Hybrid Men's Coffee—Library and Online
	2 p.m.	Knitting Ministry—Library
	4 p.m.	Last Faith234—Manse sign in and Church
	4:45 p.m.	Cherub and Rejoice Singers and Ringers Choir Rehearsal—Music Room
	5 p.m.	Last Middle School Youth Group—Manse sign in and Church
	6:30 p.m.	Last Junior High Youth Group—Manse sign in and Church
7 p.m.	Adult Bell Choir—Music Room	
Thur., May 19	11 a.m.	Care Guild Cooks—Kitchen
	7 p.m.	Chancel Choir Rehearsal—Transept
Fri., May 20	9:15 a.m.	AJN Preschool Birthday Blessing's Chapel—Sanctuary
Sat., May 21	1 p.m.	A Memorial for David Honoré—Sanctuary and Livestream
	2 p.m.	A Reception for David Honoré—Culbertson Room