



Kenilworth Union Church
Service of Worship
January 8, 2023
Baptism of the Lord Sunday
8:30 and 10 a.m. Sanctuary Worship
CONNECT TO WORSHIP at 10 a.m.

Prelude

Christ Our Lord Came to Jordan

Johann Sebastian Bach

In Preparation for Worship

Wendell Berry, 1982

Thrush song, stream song, holy love
That flows through earthly forms and folds,
The song of heaven's Sabbath fleshed
In throat and ear, in stream and stone,
A grace living here as we live,
Move my mind now to that which holds
Things as they change.

Call to Worship

***Opening Hymn**

Spirit of God, Descend upon My Heart

**Spirit of God, descend upon my heart;
Wean it from earth, through all its pulses move;
Stoop to my weakness, mighty as thou art,
And make me love thee as I ought to love.**
**Hast thou not bid us love thee, God and king;
All, all thine own, soul, heart, and strength, and mind?
I see thy cross; there teach my heart to cling.
O let me seek thee, and O let me find!**
**Teach me to love thee as thine angels love,
One holy passion filling all my frame;
The baptism of the heaven-descended dove,
My heart an altar, and thy love the flame.**

Prayer for the Day

Holy God, when Jesus was baptized in the Jordan, the heavens opened, the Spirit descended, and your voice affirmed your love in Jesus for the healing of the human race and all creation. By water and word you lovingly invite us into this same life-giving mission. May your Spirit, moving like a stream of water flowing from its source, work in us this day to realize your vision of a world made new in Christ, in whose name we pray. Amen.

Ministry of Music

Come to the Water

John Foley, arr. Jack Schrader

O let all who thirst, let them come to the water.
And let all who have nothing, let them come to the Lord:
Without money, without price.
Why should you pay the price, except for the Lord?
And let all who seek, let them come to the water.
And let all who have nothing, let them come to the Lord:
Without money, without strife.
Why should you spend your life, except for the Lord?
And let all who toil, let them come to the water.
And let all who are weary, let them come to the Lord:
All who labor without rest.
How can your soul find rest, except for the Lord?
And let all the poor, let them come to the water.
Bring the ones who are laden, bring them all to the Lord:
Bring the children without might.
Easy the load and light: Come to the Lord.
Come to the water; Come to the Lord.

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

Prayers of the People

10 a.m.

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

Tithes and Offerings

Welcome and Announcements

Ministry of Music

Water Has Held Us

Gaelic Melody, arr. Beverly Howard

“Water has held us, moved by creation.

Out of dark chaos, broke forth the light.

Up from the deluge, showing God's promise,

Has come a rainbow, gladdening sight.

Water has saved us, as the sea parted
For Israel's children, walled on each side.
This love has led us, helped us in trouble,
On far horizon, God's cloud our guide.

Water has cleansed us, bathed with forgiveness,
Has, with clear blessing, washed sin away.
Jordan's strong currents God's son announcing,
Made a beginning, baptismal day.

Water has touched us, fresh on our foreheads,
Showing an inward, spiritual grace.
Into God's family we have been welcomed.
As sons and daughters, we take our place."

*Doxology

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
Praise God, all creatures here below;
Praise God above, ye heavenly host;
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

Prayer of Dedication

Scripture Lesson

Matthew 3:13–17

Sermon

Through Earthly Forms and Folds

Celebration of the Eucharist

8:30 a.m.

Invitation to the Table

Sursum Corda

Lector: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Lector: Lift up your hearts to the Lord.

People: We lift them up to the Lord.

Lector: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Eucharistic Prayer

The Lord's Prayer

Words of Institution

Sharing of the Bread and Cup

Please partake of the elements when you are able at the chancel stairs.

The communion elements are alcohol- and gluten-free.

Prayer of Consecration

***Closing Hymn**

I've Got Peace like a River

10 a.m.

I've got peace like a river;

I've got peace like a river;

I've got peace like a river, in my soul.

Repeat

I've got joy like a fountain;
I've got joy like a fountain;
I've got joy like a fountain, in my soul.

Repeat

I've got love like an ocean;
I've got love like an ocean;
I've got love like an ocean, in my soul.

Repeat

***Benediction**

Postlude

In Thee is Gladness

Johann Sebastian Bach

Please stand as you are able

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PARTICIPANTS:

Alyssa Bennett, Assistant Director of Choirs, Soloist

Lisa Bond, Minister of Music

Chancel Choir

William Evertsberg, Senior Minister, Liturgist

Joel Fox, Director of Media Production

Christine Hides, Associate Minister for Discipleship, Preacher

Eun Joo Ju, Organist

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

USHER

8:30 a.m.

Jim Fritz

USHERS

10 a.m.

Jeremy Diamond

Brett Gardiner

LaDona O'Donnell

John Peterson

Julie Peterson

Nancy Tierney

GREETERS

Katie White

Randy White

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Milestones: We welcome to baptism today at 10 a.m., Maren Elizabeth Ross, daughter of Matthew and Christine Ross and granddaughter of Walter and Mary McCarthy.

The yellow rose on the altar celebrates the birth of Louise Cole Carter on January 1, daughter of Cullen and Lindsay Carter, and granddaughter of Tom and Connie Cole.

We extend the sympathy of the congregation to the family of Matt and Fallon Stefani upon the death of Fallon's brother, Jesse Greer on December 26. The white rose on the altar celebrates his life.



KENILWORTH UNION
CHURCH

211 Kenilworth Avenue,
Kenilworth, Illinois 60043

Sunday, January 8

Announcements

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[Click here for Plate Offering](#)

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NEWS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Fireside Chat with Tom Cole and Bill Evertsberg: Join the discussion on Monday, January 9 at ***5 p.m.** in the Culbertson Room. Tom's book "Collaborative Crisis Management: Prepare, Execute, Recover, Repeat". The book, written with co-author Paul Verbinnen (a leading crisis communications consultant), was published by the University of Chicago Press in September 2022. Among the topics to be covered will be how adherence to Christian values help leaders of organizations prepare for and manage crises. **The odd time avoids the NCAA Football Championship at 6:30 and the Stephen Minister training at 7 p.m.*

Desert Island Books: You know the classic icebreaker question—"If you were marooned alone on a desert island, what one book would you want with you?" In 2023 at Kenilworth Union, I'm answering the question with five of my favorites. Our first selection is *Beloved*, by Toni Morrison on January 30. It's not a long book, but it is dense and enigmatic, so you'll want to get started now. Plus, you'll get extra credit if you watch the film *Beloved* and read *The 1619 Project*. We'll meet at 7 p.m. at my house, unless there are more than 15. Then we'll move the class to the Culbertson Room.

For one or both events, please RSVP to [Karen Gaynor](#).

Starting the New Year Mindfully: Joan O'Neill is a member of Kenilworth Union Church and a therapist at Inspire Counseling Center in Kenilworth. She has developed a mindfulness practice of her own over the years, and now teaches many of her clients how to use mindfulness to regulate their emotions. She would like to share what she has learned and introduce you to some of the tools she uses during a presentation on Monday, January 23 at 7 p.m. in the Culbertson Room.

The 2023 Annual Outreach Benefit, "après ski" will be held on Saturday, February 25, 6:30 p.m. at the Kenilworth Assembly Hall, 410 Kenilworth Ave, Kenilworth, IL 60043. The event will be catered by Grateful Bites in Winnetka.

Nudge & Stuff: On Wednesday, Jan. 18 from 4–7 p.m. and Friday, Jan. 20 from 9–11 a.m. please help stuff "nudge" notes in the Annual Benefit invitations to encourage our friends and fellow church members to attend the Annual Outreach Benefit on Saturday, February 25. Please drop in anytime on one or more of these days. For more details, please contact [Chris Beer](#), Outreach Benefit Chair.

Christmas Elves: Helpers are welcome on Monday, January 9 at 9 a.m. to take down and pack up the Christmas decorations.

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 Building. Due to street parking on Warwick and Kenilworth Avenues, please plan accordingly. Contact [Martha Hoza](#) for more information.

Movie Night: A casual group of movie-lovers gather on the second Tuesday of the month at 6:30 p.m. to watch a film followed by a brief discussion. This Tuesday, January 10 we will view "Belfast" directed by Kenneth Branagh. A story of love, laughter, and loss of one boy's childhood amid the music and social turmoil of the late 1960s. Please RSVP to [Sallie Smith](#).

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, January 10 we will pray for the following Kenilworth Union families: Paul and Emily Tzur; Bob and Susan Underwood; Frank and Caroline Urbahns; Marsha Urbahns; Jeffrey and Kim Urban; Vivian Vahlberg and Rick Gordon; Helen Van Duzer; John Van Duzer; Jon and Amy Van Gorp; Greg and Sarah Van Schaack; Geoffrey and Elizabeth Vance; Frank VanderPloeg; Jack and Judy Vandeveld; Chris and Angie Veber; Jon and Sally Veeder; Alex and Joan Vesselinovitch; Todd and Cari Vieregg; Bob and Amy Vieregg; Charles and Cindy Vogl; Sally Volkert-Bissell.

The Usher Corps: Are you looking for a place to serve in the New Year? Usher responsibility is simple: agree to be on time for scheduled worship, greet and assist congregants as they enter the church, and carry out safety procedures. Ushers assist the staff in setting the tone for the day. Very important and most appreciated! Teams serve every seven (7) weeks. Please contact [Jim Fritz](#) to serve in this important ministry or for more information.

ADULT EDUCATION

Hybrid Bible Read Along: Parables on Wednesdays, January 11–February 15, at 9:15 a.m. Jesus, the expert teacher, knew that stories are an entry into the deepest questions. In this new 6-week series, participants will read and discuss six different parables. Guided by the scholarship of Amy-Jill Levine, we will pay attention to how the first century Jewish audience would have heard these short stories by Jesus. This hybrid group welcomes new participants and delights in the new insights gained from one another and scripture. A Bible is all you need and lending copies are available. Contact [Christine Hides](#) for more information.

Women's Bible Study: Please join us on Wednesday, January 11 from 12:45 to 2:45 p.m. in the Centennial Room for our six-week Fall Bible Study from Melissa Spoelstra, *Romans: Good News that Changes Everything*, explore the truths found in the book of Romans that will reframe the bad news and remind us of our hope for the future. The discussions will be led by Michelle Astolfi and Carolyn Armstrong, who will guide the group through weekly bible study homework, followed by a short video to round out the lesson. Please register with [Carolyn Armstrong](#) and she will send a link to buy the study guide.

OUTREACH

Day by Day Calendar Sales: A cherished tradition at Kenilworth Union since 1979, our desktop flip calendars contain 365 days of spiritual, humorous, and inspirational quotes. Purchase these calendars at the front desk Monday through Friday. The calendars make great gifts and are \$12 each, please make checks payable to Kenilworth Union Church.

CHILDREN AND FAMILY MINISTRY

Midweek Groups: Faith234 (2nd, 3rd, and 4th graders, 4–4:45 p.m.) meet at the Warwick Building. **MSYG** (Middle School Youth Group 5–6th graders, 5–6 p.m.) meet at the Warwick Building. If you registered for Sunday School you're all set! No need to register again for midweek groups.

Childcare on Sundays is available at the 8:30 and 10 a.m. worship for children ages 6 months through three years. There is no charge for this service.

YOUTH MINISTRY*

Junior High Youth Group (JYG): Mid-week meetings for 7th and 8th graders. Join your youth group family for dinner, games, candle time talk, and find out why Wednesdays are the best days! All youth in grades 7-8 are invited, regardless of church affiliation.

Puerto Rico IMPACT Mission Trip: At this time, registrations for the 2023 mission trip have closed, as we have reached our capacity at this point. If you would like to be considered for our waiting list, please email [Squire Prince](#) and he will add you accordingly. Many thanks to God for this opportunity.

**contact Youth Director, Squire Prince for more information on Youth Ministry*

CONGREGATIONAL CARE

Exploring Grief Group: The group meets online every Thursday from 7–8:30 p.m. beginning February 9 for eight consecutive sessions. This free series provides a confidential, supportive, and educational environment to grieve the loss of a loved one or friend. All community residents are welcome to participate. For more information and to register for this, contact Joellen Hosler at 847-446-6955 ext. 419. Sponsored by Christ Church Winnetka, Kenilworth Union Church, and Winnetka Congregational Church.

As Katie Lancaster prepares for her Family Leave, the rest of the Kenilworth Union staff and ministry are positioned to help with the congregations' needs in her absence. Worship and congregational care continue to be our top priorities as a church, and should you need the help or advisement of a minister while Katie is out, please reach out to **Bill Evertsberg** (847-853-2001) and **Christine Hides** (847-853-2106). During business hours (Monday–Friday, 8:30 a.m.–4 p.m.), Katie's ministerial colleague **Marie-Pierre LeBris** (847-853-2002) can field questions while Katie is away.

Daily Prayer 365: What renewal, growth, or transformation might happen within you and within our collective community when we begin our day with a prayer, scripture, or poetry? Katie Lancaster invites you to this daily practice by [signing up for our email here](#).

Monday Faith Walk: A chance to meet, pray, and talk. We gather at the Church Cloister 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** for more information or to join this group.

Flowers: Kenilworth Union Church Green Team, Care Guild, and Altar Flower Guild are partnering to continue to weave a web of love. Purchased altar flowers may be donated to the Church where they will be repurposed into several bouquets, presented in smaller vases, and distributed by the Care Guild who care for members during their ups and downs. [Click here to find out more.](#)

Hybrid 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 the facilitator of the group, **Beth Palzet**, 847-909-3639 to learn more or to let her know you're attending.

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 January is **Kris Whisner**.

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

CALENDAR FOR THE WEEK

Baptism of the Lord
January 8, 2023

- Sun., Jan. 8
- 8:15 a.m. Childcare for six months—three years—Room 12
 - 8:30 a.m. Worship with Communion—Sanctuary
 - 9:10 a.m. Rejoice Singers and Ringers Choir Rehearsal—Schmidt Chapel
 - 9:45 a.m. Childcare for six months—three years—Room 12
 - 9:45 a.m. Sunday School—Schmidt Chapel
 - 9:45 a.m. Breakfast Club—Warwick Building
 - 10 a.m. Worship in the Sanctuary with Baptism—In-person and Livestream
 - 11 a.m. KUC Youth Choir Rehearsal—Music Room
- Mon., Jan. 9
- 9 a.m. Christmas Elves—Culbertson Room
 - 9:30 a.m. AJN Preschool Beginnings—Room 26
 - 10 a.m. Faith Walk—Meet in the Cloisters
 - 5 p.m. Fireside Chat with Tom Cole—Culbertson Room and Livestream
 - 7 p.m. Stephen Ministry Training—Centennial Room
- Tues., Jan. 10
- 9:30 a.m. Mah Jongg—Warwick Building
 - 12:15 p.m. Mid-Day Prayer—Sanctuary and Livestream
 - 6:30 p.m. Movie Night—Culbertson Room
 - 7 p.m. Hybrid Depression Support Group—Library
- Wed., Jan. 11
- 9:15 a.m. Hybrid Bible Read Along: Parables—Centennial Room and Online
 - 10 a.m. Hybrid Men's Coffee—Library and Online
 - 12:45 p.m. Women's Bible Study—Centennial Room
 - 4 p.m. Faith234—Warwick Manse
 - 4:15 p.m. Cherub Choir Rehearsal—Music Room
 - 4:45 p.m. Rejoice Singers and Ringers Choir Rehearsal—Music Room
 - 5 p.m. Middle School Youth Group—Warwick Building
 - 6 p.m. Junior Bell Choir Rehearsal—Music Room
 - 6:30 p.m. Junior High Youth Group—Warwick Manse
 - 7 p.m. Adult Bell Choir Rehearsal—Music Room
- Thur., Jan. 12
- 9:30 a.m. Women's Reading Group—Culbertson Room
 - 7 p.m. Chancel Choir Rehearsal—Transept
- Fri., Jan. 13
- 9:10 a.m. AJN Preschool Birthday Chapel—Sanctuary
- Sat., Jan. 14