



Kenilworth Union Church
Service of Worship
January 15, 2023
Second Sunday in Ordinary Time
8:30 and 10 a.m. Sanctuary Worship
CONNECT TO WORSHIP at 10 a.m.

Prelude

Praeludium in E Major

Vincent Lübeck

Call to Worship

***Opening Hymn**

God of Our Life

**God of our life, through all the circling years, we trust in thee.
In all the past, through all our hopes and fears, thy hand we see.
With each new day, when morning lifts the veil,
We own thy mercies, Lord, which never fail.**

**God of the past, our times are in thy hand. With us abide.
Lead us by faith to hope's true promised land. Be thou our guide.
With thee to bless, the darkness shines as light,
And faith's fair vision changes into sight.**

**God of the coming years, through paths unknown we follow thee.
When we are strong, Lord, leave us not alone. Our refuge be.
Be thou for us in life our daily bread,
Our heart's true home when all our years have sped.**

Prayer for the Day

Martin Luther King, Jr., 1929–1968

**God of grace and glory, you have called us to love you above all, and our neighbors as we love ourselves, even our enemy neighbors. In these days of personal stress and national tension, when the problems of the world are gigantic in extent and chaotic in detail, we ask you to be with us in our going out and in our coming in, in our rising up and in our lying down, in our moments of joy and in our moments of sorrow, until the day when there shall be no sunset and no dawn.
Amen.**

Ministry of Music

“The Heavens Are Telling” from *Creation*

Franz J. Haydn

The heavens are telling the glory of God,
The wonder of his work displays the firmament.
Today that is coming, speaks it the day,
The night that is gone, to following night.
The heavens are telling the glory of God,
The wonder of his work displays the firmament.

In all the lands resounds the word,
Never unperceived, ever understood.
The heavens are telling the glory of God,
The wonder of his work displays the firmament.

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

Minute for Stewardship

Ministry of Music

Precious Lord, Take My Hand

Thomas Dorsey

Precious Lord, take my hand, lead me on, let me stand,

I am tired, I am weak, I am worn;

Through the storm, through the night, lead me on to the light.

Take my hand, precious Lord, lead me home.

When my way grows drear, precious Lord, linger near,

When my life is almost gone; hear my cry, hear my call,

Hold my hand lest I fall:

Take my hand, precious Lord, lead me home.

Precious Lord, take my hand, lead me on, let me stand,

I am tired, I am weak, I am worn;

Through the storm, through the night, lead me on to the light.

Take my hand, precious Lord, lead me home.

*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 and Sermon

The Unnamed

1/15

Genesis 2–3

Groundling, Mother, Snake

1/22

Genesis 19:12–26

Lot's Wife

1/29

Genesis 40:1–22

Pharaoh's Sommelier

2/5

Gospel Sunday

2/12

Exodus 2:1–10

Pharaoh's Daughter

2/19

1 Samuel 28:3–25

The Witch of Endor

2/22	John 8:1–11	<i>The Woman Who Kept Working Late at the Office</i>
2/26	Mark 5:24–34	<i>The Woman with the Chronic Condition</i>
3/5	Mark 7:24–30	<i>The Hyphenated Woman</i>
3/12	John 4:5–42	<i>The Quintuple Divorcée</i>
3/19	John 9:1–41	<i>The Man Who'd Never Seen a Blessed Thing</i>
3/26	Matthew 27:11–26	<i>Pilate's Wife</i>
4/2	Luke 23:32–43	<i>The Gangsters</i>
4/6	Mark 15:33–39; John 19:31–36	<i>The Gunnery Sergeant</i>
4/9	Mark 14:43–51; 16:1–8	<i>The Gen 'Z' Guy</i>

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

Lift Every Voice and Sing

10 a.m.

Lift every voice and sing till earth and heaven ring,

Ring with the harmonies of liberty.

Let our rejoicing rise high as the listening skies;

Let it resound loud as the rolling sea.

Sing a song full of the faith that the dark past has taught us;

Sing a song full of the hope that the present has brought us.

Facing the rising sun of our new day begun,

Let us march on, till victory is won.

Stony the road we trod, bitter the chastening rod,

Felt in the days when hope unborn had died.

Yet, with a steady beat, have not our weary feet

Come to the place for which our parents sighed?

We have come over a way that with tears has been watered;

We have come, treading our path through the blood of the slaughtered,

Out from the gloomy past, till now we stand at last

Where the white gleam of our bright star is cast.

God of our weary years, God of our silent tears,
Thou who hast brought us thus far on the way;
Thou who hast by thy might led us into the light,
Keep us forever in the path, we pray.
Lest our feet stray from the places, our God, where we met thee;
Lest, our hearts drunk with the wine of the world, we forget thee;
Shadowed beneath thy hand may we forever stand,
True to our God, true to our native land.

***Benediction**

Postlude

Alla breve in D Major

Johann Sebastian Bach

Please stand as you are able

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PARTICIPANTS:

Alyssa Bennett, Assistant Director of Choirs, Chancel Choir Trio
Lisa Bond, Minister of Music
Chancel Choir
William Evertsberg, Senior Minister, Preacher
Joel Fox, Director of Media Production
Christine Hides, Associate Minister for Discipleship, Liturgist
Eun Joo Ju, Organist
Kasey Nahlovsky, Chancel Choir Trio
Kelsey Sandefur, Soloist
Austin Sanders, Chancel Choir Trio
George Wishart, Minute for Stewardship
Audio and Video, Lilly Hunsader, Kevin Kemp, Eric Tran-Ton

FRONT DESK

GREETER

Carol Berry

USHER

8:30 a.m.

Andy Bond

Mike Ritter

USHERS

10 a.m.

Andy Bond

Nick Bond

Jorie Collins

Rob Faurot

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Altar Flowers: The roses on the altar today are in loving memory of Lucie Phillips because she considered "January to be her birthday month."

Milestones: The yellow rose on the altar celebrates the births of Kathryn Rose and Theodore James Lancaster on January 4, daughter and son of Rob and Katie Lancaster.

We extend the sympathy of the congregation to the family of George and Jan Wishart upon the death of Jan's mother, Verna Helen Hope on January 4; and to the family of Don Asher upon his death on January 5. The white rose on the altar celebrates their lives.



KENILWORTH UNION
CHURCH

211 Kenilworth Avenue,
Kenilworth, Illinois 60043

Sunday, January 15

Announcements

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[Click here for Plate Offering](#)

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NEWS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Kenilworth Union Church's 23rd Annual Outreach Benefit is just around the corner—literally and figuratively! We would love for you to join us on Saturday, Feb. 25 at the Kenilworth Assembly Hall for a fun night of fellowship and fundraising for our church's 40 Outreach agencies.

The "Après Ski" theme this year encourages you to wear furry boots, alpine sweaters, and to maybe even arrive in style on a pair of cross-country skis. Grateful Bites is catering the event that is shaping up to be a more casual, inclusive version of our beloved benefit.

100% of funds raised will go towards all of the Outreach agencies, and this year's celebration will highlight three in particular: Breakthrough, Josselyn, and RefugeeOne.

Please come for dinner, drinks, music, and auctions—but stay for the warm companionship of fellow church members and the support of these deserving agencies. Church members will receive invitations in the mail this month, and tickets may also be [purchased online at kuc.org](http://kuc.org). Friends and neighbors are welcome! Questions? Please call the church or contact me (Chris Beer, Outreach Benefit Chair). "Ski" you soon!

The Office and AJN Preschool will be closed Monday, January 16 in observance of Martin Luther King, Jr. Day.

After a two-year hiatus, Kenilworth Union's Bambino Choir is back! Children's Choirs Restarting: After a 2-year hiatus, Kenilworth Union's **Bambino Choir** is back! This choir is for junior kindergartners, and we start on Tuesday, January 17, 4:30–5:10 p.m. We meet in the basement Music Room, and parents are welcome to stay and observe, though not required. Our youngest children's choir will be led by the Minister of Music, [Lisa Bond](#) and Assistant Director of Choirs, [Alyssa Bennett](#). Activities include singing church songs, music games, dancing/movement, some basic instrument playing, (percussion/boomwhackers /xylophones) and various fellowship play activities. All are welcome and bring a friend.

We are also inviting new members to join the Cherub and Rejoice Singers and Ringers choirs. Every voice makes a difference. **Cherub Choir** is for children in kindergarten and 1st grade and rehearses on Wednesdays from 4:15–4:55 p.m. **Rejoice Singers and Ringers**, for grades 2–5, rehearses Wednesdays 4:45–5:30 p.m. Both choirs meet in the music room, sing for worship a few times per church year, and are led by [Lisa Bond](#) and Assistant Director of Children's and Bell Choirs, [Ryan Belongie](#).

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.

ATS Valentine Card Signing Party: On Sunday, January 22 from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m., the Alison Tobey Smart Memorial Fund Committee invites the Kenilworth Union members of all ages to help send love to our college freshman and first-year boarding school students. Come write a Valentine's Day note to your favorites. For your convenience, the cards will also be left out in the Upper Level Conference Room from Monday–Wednesday January 23–25; members are invited to stop by and sign cards during office hours (8 a.m.–4 p.m.) on those days.

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.

MUSIC

Gospel Sunday 2023: On Sunday, February 5, Vernon Clark and the Heirs of Joy will be joining us for 8:30 and 10 a.m. worship. For over thirty years, Vernon and his group have inspired us to jump to our feet, and proclaim God's good news! You will see Chancel and KUC Youth Choirs moving around a bit more as we get "worked up." Be sure to attend this remarkable worship event, and arrive early to hear KUC Youth Choir sing the prelude.

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 17 we will pray for the following Kenilworth Union families: Charlie and Casey Waddell; Rick and Cate Waddell; Scott and Laurie Walker; Gregg Walla and Ann Carey; Bill Walsh; Mac Walter and Marion Stanley; Andrew Warner and Kelly Martin-Warner; Carol Watkins; Ryan and Lindsey Watson; Allen and Jennifer Weaver; Tim and Catherine Weaver; Debby Weber; Ray and Gay Weber; Tom and Ellen Wegert; Ertem Weinkopf; Steven and Amy Weir; Scott and Adrienne Weisenberger; Bill and Lulu Weiss; Carol Wellman; and Bill and Diane Welnhofer.

ADULT EDUCATION

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 Monday, 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. RSVP to Karen Gaynor. All who want to think about the biggest issue in American history are welcome, but if you have no intention of reading the book, please don't take space away from someone who has read it.

Hybrid Bible Read Along: Parables on Wednesdays until 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.

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.

FELLOWSHIP

First Wednesday: Laurie Petersen's lecture about Chicago architecture was a great start to our First Wednesday series in September. She returns to show us more fascinating local architecture in her presentation "What's Old is New Again." Please join us Wednesday, February 1 at noon, \$20 to be paid at the door, RSVP by Friday, January 27 required: Sallie Smith.

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.

CONGREGATIONAL CARE

Care Guild Members: Please join us as we gather in the Centennial Room to enjoy a light brunch and thank you for your service to Care Guild on Sunday, January 22 after worship. Meet fellow Care Guild members and enjoy fellowship. Stay for as little or as long as you like! We hope to see you there. Please [RSVP HERE](#) or to [Marie-Pierre LeBris](#).

Online 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.

Mental Health First Aid Training for Congregational Care members is a course that teaches early intervention skills to help someone who may be experiencing a mental health or substance use challenge. Learn how to identify, understand, and respond to support those in need. Registration and \$20 fee required, please contact Katie Nahrwold for more information.

As Katie Lancaster is on 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.

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. If you would like to be considered for our waiting list, please email [Squire Prince](#) at sprince@kuc.org and he will add you accordingly. Many thanks to God for this opportunity.

**contact Youth Director, [Squire Prince](#) for more information on Youth Ministry*

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.

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

CALENDAR FOR THE WEEK

Martin Luther King, Jr. Weekend—Minute for Stewardship
January 15, 2023

- Sun., Jan. 15
- 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—In-person and Livestream
 - 11 a.m. KUC Youth Choir Rehearsal—Music Room
- Mon., Jan. 16
- The Office and AJN Preschool will be closed Monday, January 16 in observance of Martin Luther King, Jr. Day
- 10 a.m. Faith Walk—Meet in the Cloisters
 - 7 p.m. Stephen Ministry Training—Centennial Room
- Tues., Jan. 17
- 9:30 a.m. Mah Jongg—Warwick Building
 - 12:15 p.m. Mid-Day Prayer—Sanctuary and Livestream
 - 3 p.m. Hybrid Stephen Ministry Leaders Meeting—Library
- Wed., Jan. 18
- 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
 - 2 p.m. Knitting Ministry—Library
 - 4 p.m. Benefit Nudge & Stuff Notes—Library
 - 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. Women's Connections—Off Site
 - 6:30 p.m. Junior High Youth Group—Warwick Manse
 - 7 p.m. Adult Bell Choir Rehearsal—Music Room
- Thur., Jan. 19
- 7 p.m. Chancel Choir Rehearsal—Transept
- Fri., Jan. 20
- 9 a.m. Benefit Nudge & Stuff Notes—Library
 - 9:10 a.m. AJN Preschool Birthday Chapel—Sanctuary
- Sat., Jan. 21

Care Guild Leader for January is [Kris Whisner](#).

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