



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

In Preparation for Worship

I said to my soul, be still, and wait without hope
For hope would be hope for the wrong thing; wait without love
For love would be love of the wrong thing; there is yet faith
But the faith and the love and the hope are all in the waiting.
Wait without thought, for you are not ready for thought:
So the darkness shall be the light, and the stillness the dancing.

—excerpt from T. S. Eliot poem *East Coker in Four Quartets*

Prelude

We Now Implore the Holy Spirit
O Worship the King

Dietrich Buxtehude
Johann M. Haydn, arr. P. Hurlbutt

Call to Worship

***Opening Hymn** *Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty*

Red pew hymnal #138, st. 1–3

Holy, holy, holy! Lord God almighty!
Early in the morning our song shall rise to thee.
Holy, holy, holy! merciful and mighty!
God in three persons, blessed trinity!
Holy, holy, holy! all the saints adore thee,
Casting down their golden crowns around the glassy sea;
Cherubim and seraphim falling down before thee,
Who wert, and art, and evermore shalt be.
Holy, holy, holy! though the darkness hide thee,
Though the eye of sinfulness thy glory may not see,
Only thou art holy; there is none beside thee,
Perfect in power, in love and purity.

Opening Prayer

Walter Brueggemann, b. 1933

Lector: O God, maker of heaven and earth,
People: Governor of day and night,
Lector: we give thanks for your ordered gift of life to us,
People: for the rhythms that reassure,
Lector: for the equilibriums that sustain,
People: for the reliabilities that curb our anxieties.

Lector: We treasure from you,
People: days to work and nights to rest.
Lector: We cherish from you,
People: days to control and nights to yield.
Lector: We savor from you,
People: days to plan and nights to dream.
Lector: Be our day and night
People: our heaven and our earth,
Lector: our sea and our sky,
People: and in the end our true home. Amen.

Ministry of Music

Jesus Shall Reign

arr. Bill Ingram

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

My Shepherd Will Supply My Need

arr. Virgil Thompson

My shepherd will supply my need, Jehovah is his name.
In pastures fresh he makes me feed beside the living stream.
He brings my wand'ring spirit back when I forsake his ways.
He leads me for his mercy's sake in paths of truth and grace.
When I walk through the shades of death, thy presence is my stay.
One word of thy supporting breath drives all my fears away,
Thy hand, in sight of all my foes, doth still my table spread.
My cup with blessings overflows, thine oil anoints my head.
The sure provisions of my God attend me all my days,
O may thy house be my abode and all my work be praise.
There would I find a settled rest, while others go and come,
No more a stranger or a guest but like a child at 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

9/10	1 Corinthians 13:4; Exodus 14:5–14	<i>The Greatest of These, I: Patience</i>
9/17	1 Corinthians 13:4; Micah 6:6–8	<i>The Greatest of These, II: Kindness</i>
9/24	1 Corinthians 13:4; I Kings 21:1–19	<i>The Greatest of These, III: Equanimity</i>
10/1	1 Corinthians 13:4; Luke 14:7–11	<i>The Greatest of These, IV: Humility</i>
10/8	1 Corinthians 13:5; Titus 3:1–11	<i>The Greatest of These, V: Courtesy</i>
10/15	1 Corinthians 13:6; John 1:43–51	<i>The Greatest of These, VI: Guilelessness</i>
10/22	1 Corinthians 13:5; Matthew 24:42–51	<i>The Greatest of These, VII: Steadiness</i>
10/29	1 Corinthians 13:5; I John 3:1–18	<i>The Greatest of These, VIII: Unselfishness</i>
11/5	1 Corinthians 13:6; Daniel 3:13–30	<i>The Greatest of These, IX: Integrity</i>
11/12	1 Corinthians 13:7–13	<i>The Greatest of These, X: Immortality</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 as you are able at the chancel stairs. Place the glass cups in the pew cup holders. The communion elements are alcohol-and gluten-free.

Prayer of Consecration

***Closing Hymn** *A Mighty Fortress Is Our God* Red pew hymnal #260, st. 1 & 4 10 a.m.

A mighty fortress is our God, a bulwark never failing.

Our helper he, amid the flood of mortal ills prevailing.

For still our ancient foe doth seek to work us woe.

His craft and power are great, and armed with cruel hate,

On earth is not his equal.

That word above all earthly powers, no thanks to them, abideth.

The spirit and the gifts are ours through him who with us sideth.

Let goods and kindred go, this mortal life also.

The body they may kill; God's truth abideth still.

His kingdom is forever.

Benediction

Postlude

Praeludium in F Major BuxWV 144

Dietrich Buxtehude

Please stand as you are able

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PARTICIPANTS:

Adult Bell Choir

Alyssa Bennett, Assistant Director of Choirs

Lisa Bond, Minister of Music

Chancel Choir

William Evertsberg, Senior Minister, Liturgist

Joel Fox, Director of Media Production

Eun Joo Ju, Organist

Katie Lancaster, Senior Associate Minister, Preacher

Front Desk Greeters, Ralph Smith, Sallie Smith 10 a.m.

Greeters, Melinda Hurley 10 a.m.

Ushers, Drew Durdov, Veronica Durdov 8:30 a.m.

Ushers, Andy Bond, Dave Campbell, Linda Campbell, Jim Fritz, Emmett Harootyan, 10 a.m.

King Poor

Audio and Video, Grant Kalil, Eljasz Perez, Eric Tran-Ton

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Worship Notes

Walter Brueggemann, the most important living American scholar of the Hebrew Bible, wrote the Opening Prayer. He taught at Columbia Theological Seminary 1986–2003 and is currently the William Marcellus McPheeters Professor Emeritus of Old Testament at Columbia. He's written 157 books (I know, I couldn't believe it either), including several collections of the prayers he composed and recited at the beginning of every class he ever taught.

Altar Flowers

The flowers on the altar are in loving memory of Dr. and Mrs. Hodgson by the Don Hummel family.

Milestone

We extend our condolences to the family of Tanya Dietrich upon her death on October 10. The white rose on the altar today celebrates her life.

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 October is **Kim Urban**.

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



KENILWORTH UNION
CHURCH

211 Kenilworth Avenue
Kenilworth, Illinois 60043

Sunday, October 15

Announcements

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[Click here for Plate Offering](#)

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NEWS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

RJC “The Color Tax” screening and discussion: In an effort to better understand why the racial wealth gap exists, members of Kenilworth Union’s Racial Justice Committee screened the film “Shame of Chicago.” What we learned was impactful and, alongside our amazing sponsors, we wanted to share it with our neighbors on the North Shore. Join us on Thursday, November 2 at 7 p.m. at Sears School to view the 40-minute documentary, followed by a discussion with Bruce Orenstein, lead director and producer; and Dr. Clinton Boyd, executive director of “Fathers Families Healthy Communities”.

This program, co-sponsored by six local houses of worship and a local business, is open to the public and doors open at 6:30 p.m. Registration is required. To learn more or to register, please visit the event webpage. If you are having trouble registering, call the church at 847-251-4272.

Investing in Our Future: After several weeks of sharing the Capital Campaign vision of a facility plan to sustain our church for future generations, Bill Evertsberg, Peter Schaff, and Meg Revord are excited to receive your pledge. Please [click here](#) to learn how to be involved with the improvements and the different campaigns to fund the church. Meanwhile Peter and Meg will be in the Culbertson Room today during fellowship to answer any questions. View the **Capital Campaign Page.**

Special Music Sponsors: The music program needs special music sponsors for the 2023/2024 church year. These sponsorships, which supplement funding provided the annual stewardship campaign, will help underwrite the cost of hiring extra instrumentalists for our special musical church services throughout the year. Please contact Lisa Bond if you are interested in donating special music for the following:

- December 24, Christmas Eve (Special preludes and anthems for worship provided by Chancel Choir, Apostle Alumni Choir, Organ, and the Kenilworth Brass Ensemble)
- Sunday, March 31, Easter Sunday (Special preludes and anthems for worship provided by Chancel Choir, Organ, and the Kenilworth Brass Ensemble)

Youth Mental Health First Aid Training: Monday, October 23, 9:30 a.m.–3 p.m.: This training is geared towards adults who work with youth in any way (parents are encouraged to attend!). Learn how to understand, recognize, and respond to a youth who may be experiencing a mental health or substance use challenge. [Learn more and register here.](#)

Altar Flowers Guild Needs Help: We would love any vase donations but only small (not bud vases) to medium (not large!). The Flower Guild has been very successful in rearranging the altar flowers into smaller gifts and delivering to our home bound members. Please contact Sarah Riccardi for more information or [signup online here to help deliver.](#)

Hybrid Practicing Hope Gathering: Join Christine Hides in a creative and prayerful practice of exploring our longings in all their feathered and less than fluffy forms. You are invited to one or both of the three-week sessions. Each hybrid gathering will feature a short reflection, time to write, and an invitation to share with the group. Please RSVP to Christine Hides. **Session 1:** 9:15-10 a.m. Wednesday October 25, Nov 1, Nov 8. 9:15-10 a.m. Centennial Room. **Session 2 (Advent):** 9:15-10 a.m. Wednesday Nov 29, Dec 6, Dec 13 Centennial Room.

Skeptics and Believers: On Monday, October 16 we will gather to discuss Karen Armstrong’s “The Case for God” as we continue the debate of why Christianity must change or die. Please reserve a spot in the Culbertson Room at 7 p.m. with Karen Gaynor.

WORSHIP

Sunday Worship in the Sanctuary: Worship with Communion at 8:30 a.m. and Worship with livestream at 10 a.m. **The Greatest of These...** Bill, Katie, and Christine will use Henry Drummond's "The Greatest Thing in the World" as basic scaffolding to cover I Corinthians 13 in a 10 week fall sermon series. Next Sunday Bill Evertsberg will preach: *The Greatest of These, VII: Steadiness.*

Help Needed Usher Corps: Are you looking for a place to serve with the worship committee? 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 our new head usher, [Virginia Reising](#) to serve in this important ministry, or for more information.

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, October 17 we will pray for the following Kenilworth Union families: Vlatka Piergies; James and Judith Pierpont; Dick and Karen Pigott; Steve and Bev Pinaire; Nigel and Lesley Pitman; John and Laura Podjasek; John and Grace Poe; Marilyn Poe; Sally Pofcher; Kristen Pogensee and Brian Hake; Adam and Sissy Polacek; Joe and Sarah Pomeroy; Jeff and Debby Ponko; King and Hope Poor; John and Merry Ann Pratt; Jack and Anna Pressman; Philip Preston and Alissa Taylor; Bill Pridmore and Melissa Frey; Peter and Rosemary Prommer; John and Betsey Puth; Reginald and Micheline Rabjohns.

CHILDREN AND FAMILY MINISTRY

Sunday School: Children meet on Sunday mornings during 10 a.m. Worship for preschool sixth grade. During 8:30 and 10 a.m. worship, childcare is available in classroom 12 for children ages six months through age three.

Faith234: A midweek, play-based group, with joyful spiritual practice. We meet at Warwick Building on Wednesdays at 4 p.m.

MSYG: Join us for fun and games, orange snacks, and a chance to pray for ourselves and each other! Meet at the Warwick Building Wednesdays at 5:15 p.m.

AJN Preschool Beginnings: Parents with children ages 0–24 months can drop in on Mondays, from 9:15–10:15 a.m., the program allows them to connect with other families who are involved with or interested in Kenilworth Union Church and AJN Preschool. Please register if you would like to join us!

RACIAL JUSTICE COMMITTEE

The Segregation of an American City: An episode of Shame Of Chicago, "The Color Tax" will be shown Thursday, November 2, 7 p.m. at The Joseph Sears School in Kenilworth. The Racial Justice Committee encourages all to attend. After the documentary, there's a discussion with Bruce Orenstein, Lead Director and Producer, and Dr. Clinton Boyd, Executive Director of "Fathers Families Healthy Communities." This program is made possible with generous funding support from these sponsors: Am Shalom, Compass: Amy and Dave Chung, First Presbyterian Church of Wilmette, Glencoe Union Church, Holy Comforter Church, Kenilworth Union Church, Temple Jeremiah, Winnetka Congregational Church. Please Register to attend.

ADULT EDUCATION

Desert Island Book Club: Our last book on colonialism, "The Poisonwood Bible" by Barbara Kingsolver meets Monday, October 30. Bill Evertsberg and friends will gather at the Evertsberg's home to discuss the book, and Kathy Evertsberg will be serving goodies in conjunction with the book discussion. Please let Karen Gaynor know you're coming, if we have too many, we'll meet in the Culbertson Room.

OUTREACH

Day by Day Ringers Needed: The annual "ringing" of the calendars is on Saturday, October 28 from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. in the Culbertson Room. Drop in anytime to lend a hand. Please contact [Laurie Petersen](#) for more information.

MUSIC MINISTRY

Rehearsal Times: Wednesdays Cherub Choir 4:15 p.m., Rejoice Singers and Ringers 4:45 p.m., Junior Bell Choir 6 p.m., and Adult Bell Choir 7 p.m.; **Thursdays:** Chancel Choir 7 p.m.; **Sundays:** Rejoice Singers and Ringers 9:10 a.m. KUC Youth Choir 11 a.m.

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 Malott Chapel. [Contact Martha Hoza for more information.](#)

Women's Connections on Wednesday, October 18: A friendly, casual group that rotates meetings in private homes on the third Wednesday of each month at 6:30 p.m. to enjoy food, wine, and conversation. Please RSVP to Sallie Smith.

CONGREGATIONAL CARE

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 at church by 11 a.m. Please contact [Nancy Johnson](#) for more information or to join this group.

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 *

Breakfast Club meets Sundays at 9:45 a.m. in the Warwick Building: The 7th and 8th graders are welcome to join, even if they aren't registered (we can register on the spot)! We will collect emergency contact information at first attendance. Each week we will dig into the Bible, faith and life over a yummy breakfast. High schoolers are welcome to come help in the classroom!

Junior High Youth Group meets Wednesdays at 6:30: All 7th and 8th graders (and high school leaders) are welcome to join us for some fun fellowship as we try out different games, and explore where God is in our everyday lives. We will tackle some real questions about living out faith in some pretty cool ways. Mark your calendars on Wednesday, October 25, 6:30 p.m. for our spooktacular party at JYG! This is a costume party so come dressed in your Halloween finest.

IMPACT Meeting (High School Youth Group), Sunday, October 22 at 7 p.m.: Join us as we finish decorating college care packages and writing sweet notes for our first-year friends! This meeting counts as service hours for our confirmation students and those interested in joining the IMPACT mission trip next summer. Even if neither of those apply to you, we need all hands on deck so come through!

**Please contact Squire Prince with your questions.*

SERVICE

Youth Ushers Needed on Sundays, 9:30 a.m.: Participate in our church community by serving as an usher! Each Sunday counts as 1.5 hours of community service. [Sign up here.](#)

Day By Day Ringing Day, Saturday, October 28, 9 a.m.–1 p.m.: Drop in anytime for the annual "ringing" of the calendars. [More information here.](#) Contact Laurie Peterson to let her know you're coming.

Racial Justice Committee Film Screening of "Shame of Chicago," Thursday, November 2, 7–9 p.m.: Youth volunteers are needed to check people in, among other tasks. [More information here.](#) Contact Laura Connell to let her know you're coming.

CALENDAR FOR THE WEEK

Twenty-eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time

October 15, 2023

- Sun., Oct. 15
- 8:15 a.m. Childcare for six months–three years—Room 12
 - 8:30 a.m. Sunday Worship with Communion—Sanctuary
 - 9:10 a.m. Rejoice Singers and Ringers Rehearsal—Schmidt Chapel
 - 9:45 a.m. Childcare for six months–three years—Room 12
 - 9:45 a.m. Confirmation Classroom—Centennial Room
 - 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
 - 2:45 p.m. Service at Saint Leonard’s Sunday Supper—Off Site
- Mon., Oct. 16
- 9:15 a.m. AJN Preschool Beginnings—Room 26
 - 10 a.m. Faith Walk—Off Site
- Tues., Oct. 17
- 9:30 a.m. Mah Jongg—Malott Chapel
 - 12:15 p.m. Mid-Day Prayer—Sanctuary
- Wed., Oct. 18
- 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. Faith234—Warwick Building
 - 4:15 p.m. Cherub Choir Rehearsal—Music Room
 - 4:45 p.m. Rejoice Singers and Ringers Rehearsal—Music Room
 - 5:15 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 Building
 - 6:30 p.m. Women’s Connections—Off Site
 - 7 p.m. Adult Bell Choir Rehearsal—Music Room
- Thur., Oct. 19
- 6 p.m. Exploring Grief Group—Off Site
 - 7 p.m. Chancel Choir Rehearsal—Transept
- Fri., Oct. 20
- 1 p.m. Church Bridge—Culbertson Room
- Sat., Oct. 21