



**Kenilworth Union Church**  
**Service of Worship**  
**October 29, 2023**  
**Reformation Sunday**  
**8:30 and 10 a.m. Sanctuary Worship**

CONNECT TO WORSHIP at 10 a.m.

**Prelude**

*Adagio*  
*All Glory, Laud and Honor*

Alexandre Gilmant  
Melchoir Teschner

**Call to Worship**

**\*Opening Hymn**

*As Those of Old Their Firstfruits Brought*

Red pew hymnal #414

**As those of old their firstfruits brought of vineyard, flock, and field  
To God, the giver of all good, the source of bounteous yield,  
So we today our firstfruits bring, the wealth of this good land:  
Of farm and market, shop and home, of mind and heart and hand.  
A world in need now summons us to labor, love, and give,  
To make our life an offering that all may truly live.  
The church of Christ is calling us to make the dream come true:  
A world redeemed by Christ-like love, all life in Christ made new.  
In gratitude and humble trust we bring our best today,  
To serve your cause and share your love with all along life's way.  
O God who gave yourself to us in Jesus Christ your Son,  
Help us to give ourselves each day until life's work is done.**

**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**

*Home*

Philip Phillips

Hold on to me as we go,  
As we roll down this unfamiliar road.  
And although this wave is stringin' us along,  
Just know you're not alone,  
'Cause I'm gonna make this place your home.

Settle down, it'll all be clear.  
Don't pay no mind to the demons;  
They fill you with fear.  
Trouble, it might drag you down.  
You get lost, you can always be found.  
Just know you're not alone.  
'Cause I'm gonna make this place your home.  
Ooh, ah, oh  
*Repeat*

## 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 Mission, By the Hand  
Ministry of Music

*Doxology for a New Day*

arr. Mark Miller

*Refrain*

You are God, we are your children,  
Formed by love, we are your own.  
You are God, we are your children,  
Holy One, your heart our home.

From all that dwell below the skies,  
Let the Creator's praise arise,  
Let the Redeemer's name be sung,  
Through every land by every tongue.

Eternal are your mercies, Lord,  
Eternal truth attends your word.  
Your praise shall sound from shore to shore,  
Till suns shall rise and set no more. *Refrain*

Praise God from whom all blessings flow.  
Praise God, all creatures here below.  
Praise God above, the heav'nly host.  
Creator, Christ, and Holy Ghost.  
Amen, amen, amen!

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Praise God above, the heav'nly host.  
Creator, Christ, and Holy Ghost.  
Amen, amen, alleluia!  
Amen, alleluia!  
You are God, we are your children,  
Holy One, your heart our home,  
Your heart our home.  
Amen! Amen!

\*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

8:30 a.m.

## Stewardship Commissioning

10 a.m.

Leader: As the stewardship season begins, we reaffirm our vision and joyfully invite one another into the mission of this church:

**People: We seek to love God and neighbor by doing justice, loving kindness, and walking humbly with the Lord our God. We trust that this ancient and sacred vision is upheld by the grace of God made known in Christ.**

Leader: Today we commission our stewardship ministry, trusting that by God's grace, every act of generosity grows into something far beyond what we could ever ask for or imagine: the creation of a community of love in this world. Let us pray:

**People: God, you gather us in. You call us toward our common yearning for a community of love. We ask that as our stewardship ministry goes forth to do their work, that you will invite each of us to participate with boldness in this church's mission, letting generosity abound. Here, with you, we make love our aim. Do a new thing in our midst. Draw us in. Bless us. Amen.**

### 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 13:7; Matthew 24:42-47	<i>The Greatest of These, VII: Steadiness</i>
<b>10/29</b>	<b>1 Corinthians 13:5; I John 3:1-18</b>	<b><i>The Greatest of These, VIII: Unselfishness</i></b>
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

*For the Fruit of All Creation*

Red pew hymnal #553

10 a.m.

**For the fruit of all creation, thanks be to God.**

**For the gifts to every nation, thanks be to God.**

**For the plowing, sowing, reaping, silent growth while we are sleeping,**

**Future needs in earth's safekeeping, thanks be to God.**

**In the just reward of labor, God's will be done.**

**In the help we give our neighbor, God's will be done.**

**In our worldwide task of caring for the hungry and despairing,**

**In the harvests we are sharing, God's will be done.**

**For the harvests of the spirit, thanks be to God.**

**For the good we all inherit, thanks be to God.**

**For the wonders that astound us, for the truths that still confound us,**

**Most of all that love has found us, thanks be to God.**

#### Benediction

#### Postlude

*A Mighty Fortress is Our God, BWV 720*

Johann Sebastian Bach

**\*Please stand as you are able\***

**PARTICIPANTS:**

- Will Beer**, KUC Youth Choir Soloist
- Ryan Belongie**, Assistant Director of Rejoice and Bell Choirs
- Alyssa Bennett**, Assistant Director of Choirs
- Lisa Bond**, Minister of Music
- Margot Bowen**, By the Hand
- Chancel Choir**
- Don Dale**, Guitarist
- William Evertsberg**, Senior Minister, Preacher
- Barbara Falk**, Pianist
- Joel Fox**, Director of Media Production
- Eun Joo Ju**, Organist
- Junior Bell Choir**
- KUC Youth Choir**
- Katie Snipes Lancaster**, Senior Associate Minister, Liturgist
- Donnita Travis**, Executive Director, By the Hand
- Andraya Yousfi**, Managing Director of Partnerships and Development, By the Hand
- Front Desk Greeter**, Carol Berry 10 a.m.
- Greeters**, Katie Nahrwold, Peter Schaff 10 a.m.
- Ushers**, Drew Durdov, Veronica Durdov 8:30 a.m.
- Ushers, Paul Sortal**, Andy Bond, Jim Fritz, Marion Hanold, Drew Jester, Sommer Jester 10 a.m.
- 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.

**Stewardship Campaign**

Jena Acuff	Melanie Flynn	Catherine King	Peter Schaff
Sarah Alshouse	Scott Fowkes	Linda Kingman	Sallie Smith
Cameron Avery	Mark Fuller	Adam LeFebvre	Mark Toledo
Chris Beer	Cindy Fuller	Bruce Linger	Jeff Urban
Scott Bondurant	Dave Gezon	Scott Myers	Ryan Watson
Jim Boyle	Marion Hanold	Katie Nahrwold	Roger Winship
Chris Cole	Ken Harris	Elizabeth Newton	George Wishart
Laura Connell	John Hart	John Peterson	Jan Wishart
Kim Crossgrove	Drew Hemmings	King Poor	Wendy Yamada
David Crossgrove	Melinda Hurley	Virginia Reising	
Paul Embree	Jerry James	Meg Revord	
Katie Florig	Kelly Kenney	Mike Revord	

**Milestones**

The yellow rose on the altar today celebrates the October 15 birth of Cameron Lee Hillis, daughter of Taylor and Jessica Hillis; and to the October 18 birth of George Hodgson Hart, son of Will and Meagan Hart, and grandson of John and Margaret Hart. We extend our condolences to the family of John Jaffe upon the death of his mother Margaret Jaffe on October 19. The white rose on the altar 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** and for November is **Dayle Lively**.  
 To let us know where help is needed, call the church at (847)251-4272



KENILWORTH UNION  
CHURCH

211 Kenilworth Avenue  
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# Sunday, October 29

## Announcements

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### NEWS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

#### **Recapping the Stewardship Call by Chris Beer and George Wishart, Stewardship Co-Chairs**

At Kenilworth Union Church, we strive to create a holy community that nurtures love, faith, and fellowship while inspiring generosity and service for all people in the name of Jesus. Our community thrives because of your gifts of time, skills, compassion, and, especially, financial resources. Your generous contributions have empowered us to welcome a fresh face in the form of a Minister for Youth and Mission, enhance our digital footprint with a revamped website, and ensure our church remains a welcoming sanctuary for all.

As an interconnected community, we are bound by our love for God and the commitment to serve others. However, staying relevant and connected does pose its own set of challenges. It's your unwavering support that equips us to better serve God and our congregation. This sense of gratitude and humility is particularly palpable during our annual All of Me, All of Us Stewardship Campaign, a time when we reflect on our financial resources. We warmly invite you to participate by making a pledge. [Continue reading](#)

**Gil and Marlene Bowen Fresh Food and Nutrition Center October Update:** We are pleased that By The Hand's Executive Director, Donnita Travis, and Managing Director of Partnerships and Development, Andraya Yousfi, will join Margot Bowen today to provide an update on the exciting advancements happening with the club and the nutrition center.

**RJC "The Color Tax" screening and discussion:** 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." To learn more or to register, [please visit the event webpage](#). If you are having trouble registering, call the church at 847-251-4272.

**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](#).

**Daylight Saving Ends:** Turn your clocks back for an extra hour of sleep this Saturday evening.

**Annual Stewardship Campaign:** Please check your mailbox, letters for the Annual Stewardship Campaign went in the mail last week, please look for them, and if you didn't receive one please contact [Michelle Gutowski](#).

**First Wednesday:** Enjoy seeing longtime friends, and meet others as we share a delicious lunch and program in the Culbertson Room on November 1 at noon. Returning speaker, member, friend, and editor of several "AIA Guide to Chicago" book resources: Laurie Petersen will talk about "The Ever-Changing Chicago Shore Line." Please RSVP to [Sallie Smith](#).



#### **OUTREACH FAMILY TO FAMILY 2023**

Once again, Kenilworth Union Church is partnering with Christopher House for its Family to Family Holiday gifting program. [Spread joy by signing up today.](#)

## 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 Katie Lancaster will preach: *The Greatest of These, IX: Integrity*.

**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 31 we will pray for the following Kenilworth Union families: Robert and Janie Reifenberg; Rich and Virginia Reising; Michael and Susan Resko; Mario and Debbie Retondo; Kate Revord; Michael and Meg Revord; Thomas and Emily Reynolds; Mark and Sarah Ricciardi; Bartlett and Doris Richards; Ingrid Richards; Thomas and Tracey Richter; Susan Riggs; Chris Gowe and Rachael Riggs-Gowe; Gregg and Julie Riley; Barbara Rinella; Blasko and Lisa Ristic; Branden and Erin Ritchie; Michael and Liza Ritter; Michael and Nancy Ritter; and David and Mia Roberts.

## OUTREACH

**Join the Outreach Committee:** The committee, which reviews Outreach Agency grant applications and helps decide which agencies to fund is looking for new members. It is a rewarding opportunity to serve on the Outreach Committee, which has contributed nearly \$2 million to Chicago-area agencies over the past four years. The committee is also looking for a few outreach liaisons, who work directly with the agencies we fund. If you'd like to know more, contact co-chairs [Denise Akason](#) or [Mike Revord](#).

## 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!

## ADULT EDUCATION

**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 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 or online.

**Skeptics and Believers:** On Monday, November 20 we will gather to finalize the discussion Karen Armstrong's "The Case for God" Please reserve a spot in the Culbertson Room at 7 p.m. with [Karen Gaynor](#).

**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.

## 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.

## 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.

## 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.

**The Image Bearer, Sunday, October 29, 7 p.m.:** We are gathering with youth from some of our local churches to lift a mighty voice of praise and worship. Come be renewed and uplifted by God's mighty love! KUC IMPACT leaders leading worship, Squire speaking a short devo, and snacks afterwards, what more could you need? See you there!

**Parent Involvement Meeting, Monday, October 30, 6 p.m.:** We are hosting a meeting for parents of all youth (7th–12th graders) to learn more about what our youth are up to and how you can support their faith journey at Kenilworth Union! Light snacks provided. All parents encouraged to attend. Meet in the Warwick Building  
*\*Please contact [Squire Prince](#) for more information about the Youth Ministry.*

## 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](#).

**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.



**Try It!** These announcements are interactive and meant to engage you with [kuc.org](#), the church's website. When the bulletin with announcements is viewed online the green highlighted text is a hyperlink. When you click on this link, the link will take you to the target of the link, which may be a webpage, a .pdf document, pop open your email to easily RSVP for an event, or other online content. This document uses hyperlinks as a way to easily navigate online content.

## CALENDAR FOR THE WEEK

Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time—Stewardship Sunday—By the Hand Speakers  
October 29, 2023

- Sun., Oct. 29
- 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. Board of Trustees Committee Meeting—Centennial Room
  - 7 p.m. Youth Ecumenical Revival Worship—Sanctuary
- Mon., Oct. 30
- 9:15 a.m. AJN Preschool Beginnings—Room 26
  - 10 a.m. Faith Walk—Off Site
  - 6 p.m. All Youth Parent Meeting—Warwick Manse
  - 7 p.m. Desert Island Book Club—Off Site
- Tues., Oct. 31
- 9:30 a.m. Mah Jongg—Malott Chapel
  - 12:15 p.m. Mid-Day Prayer—Sanctuary
- Wed., Nov. 1
- 9:15 a.m. Hybrid Practicing Hope Gathering—Centennial Room
  - 10 a.m. Hybrid Men's Coffee—Library and Online
  - noon First Wednesday—Culbertson Room
  - 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
  - 7 p.m. Adult Bell Choir Rehearsal—Music Room
- Thur., Nov. 2
- 6 p.m. Exploring Grief Group—Off Site
  - 7 p.m. Chancel Choir Rehearsal—Transept
  - 7 p.m. Shame of Chicago—Off Site
- Fri., Nov. 3
- No School AJN Preschool—Parent Conferences
- Sat., Nov. 4
- AJN Preschool Gala fundraiser—Off Site