



Kenilworth Union Church
Service of Worship
November 12, 2023
Thirty-second Sunday in Ordinary Time
8:30 and 10 a.m. Sanctuary Worship
CONNECT TO WORSHIP at 10 a.m.

Prelude

Praeludium in C Major

Georg Böhm

Call to Worship

***Opening Hymn**

Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise

Red pew hymnal #263

**Immortal, invisible, God only wise,
In light inaccessible hid from our eyes,
Most blessed, most glorious, the ancient of days,
Almighty, victorious, thy great name we praise.
Unresting, unchanging, and silent as light,
Nor wanting, nor wasting, thou rulest in might:
Thy justice, like mountains high soaring above;
Thy clouds, which are fountains of goodness and love.
To all, life thou givest, to both great and small.
In all life thou livest, the true life of all.
We blossom and flourish like leaves on the tree,
Then wither and perish; but naught changeth thee.
Thou reignest in glory; thou dwellest in light.
Thine angels adore thee, all veiling their sight.
All praise we would render; O help us to see
'Tis only the splendor of light hideth thee!**

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.

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.

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

Ain't No Grave

arr. P. Caldwell and S. Ivory

Refrain

Ain't no grave can hold my body down.
 They ain't no grave can keep a sinner underground.
 Oh, I will listen for the trumpet sound,
 Ain't no grave can hold my body down.

You know they rolled a stone on Jesus.
 And then they tried to bury me.
 But then the Holy Ghost it freed us
 So we could live eternally.
 Sister you better get your ticket if you wanna ride.
 Catch a ride in the mornin' when Jesus call my number,
 I'll be on the other side. I will fly. *Refrain*

Ain't no grave is gonna hold me.
 Ain't no grave is gonna bury me.
 Ain't no serpent gonna trick me.
 No, they ain't no grave can hold my body down.
 I will fly to Jesus in the mornin' when I die.
 I know he will take me home to live with him on high.
 I will fly with Jesus in the mornin'.
 Don't look here. I'll be way up in the sky.
 Soon one day he's gonna call me up to heaven
 For a chariot ride. *Refrain*

Ain't no grave, ain't no grave,
I say no, no, no, no, no, no ain't no grave,
Ain't been a grave could hold me,
No grave can hold my body,
Ain't no grave dug deep enough to hold me.
Ain't no devil been slick enough to trick me.
Ain't no grave digger man enough to bury me.
You cain't hold me down!

Ain't no grave can hold me down.
You can't keep me underground.
When the silver trumpet sounds,
Ain't no grave can hold me down.
Ain't no grave ever been dug so low.
No grave digger ever been born so strong.
No, ain't no man that can, ain't no devil can,
Ain't no grave can hold me.
Ain't no grave that goes so low,
Ain't no grave dug low enough down.

*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
9/17	1 Corinthians 13:4; Micah 6:6–8
9/24	1 Corinthians 13:4; I Kings 21:1–19
10/1	1 Corinthians 13:4; Luke 14:7–11
10/8	1 Corinthians 13:5; Titus 3:1–11
10/15	1 Corinthians 13:6; John 1:43–51
10/22	1 Corinthians 13:7; Matthew 24:42–47
10/29	1 Corinthians 13:5; I John 3:1–18
11/5	1 Corinthians 13:6; Daniel 3:13–30
11/12	1 Corinthians 13:7–13

The Greatest of These, I: Patience
The Greatest of These, II: Kindness
The Greatest of These, III: Equanimity
The Greatest of These, IV: Humility
The Greatest of These, V: Courtesy
The Greatest of These, VI: Guilelessness
The Greatest of These, VII: Steadiness
The Greatest of These, VIII: Unselfishness
The Greatest of These, IX: Integrity
The Greatest of These, X: Immortality

Celebration of the Eucharist

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**

Jesus Calls Us

10 a.m.

Jesus calls us: o'er the tumult
Of our life's wild, restless sea;
Day by day his sweet voice soundeth
Saying, "Christian, follow me."

Jesus calls us from the worship
Of the vain world's golden store,
From each idol that would keep us,
Saying, "Christian, love me more."

In our joys and in our sorrows,
Days of toil and hours of ease,
Still he calls, in cares and pleasures,
"Christian, love me more than these."

Jesus calls us: by thy mercies,
Savior, may we hear thy call,
Give our hearts to thy obedience,
Serve and love thee best of all.

Benediction

Postlude

Cantique

Edward Elgar

Please stand as you are able

PARTICIPANTS:

Alyssa Bennett, Assistant Director of Choirs

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, Pianist

Front Desk Greeter, Lydia Morrissey

10 a.m.

Greeters, Katie Nahrwold, Jeff Urban

10 a.m.

Ushers, Rob Faurot, Michael Ritter

8:30 a.m.

Ushers, Andy Bond, Kitty Bliss, Peter Conkey, Rob Faurot, Ann Mohn

10 a.m.

Audio and Video, Charlie Braatz, 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.

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 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
Kenilworth, Illinois 60043

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Announcements

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[Click here for Plate Offering](#)

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NEWS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Extended Advent by The Reverend Dr. William A. Evertsberg

Some Christians think it's a little unfair that somber Lent gets six weeks and joyful Advent only four. Perhaps the Church Calendar is like that because penitence takes more work than joy, and Christians need more help with it.

Still some liturgical experts are trying to rectify the imbalance between Advent and Lent by extending Advent to six weeks.

This movement is called [The Advent Project](#) and emerged recently among a small number of Episcopalian congregations. The Advent Project points out that before the twelfth century, Advent in the Christian Church lasted seven weeks until Gregorian reform foreshortened it to four.

We started trying this at Kenilworth Union for the first time in 2019. Since then, some Advents here are four weeks and some are six and some are seven, depending on what the preachers are trying to accomplish homiletically. It will be six weeks in 2023. [Here is the Advent and Christmastide schedule.](#)

The title of the sermon series might not make much sense to you. We'll explain what's going on next week.



We hit 46% of our goal of 2.2M!

Thank you to all who pledged to "All of Me, All of Us." Pledges are due Sunday, November 26. If you have not made your pledge, you may pledge online [here](#).

2023 Outreach Family-to-Family Holiday Gifting Program—Katie Florig and Jessica LeFebvre, **Family to Family Co-Chairs:** This year you have the power to help brighten a family's holiday. Jessica and Katie will be in the Culbertson Room after Worship today to answer any of your questions and to help you sign up. Registration is due tomorrow, November 13 and all gifts will need to be dropped at the church on Saturday, December 9. [Click here to learn more or to register.](#)

2023 Lawrence Hall A Joyful Giving: Help bring a piece of that magic to a child or youth who would not otherwise have something to open. Through this opportunity you would spend \$50 per Wish List. Please let [Julia Peterson](#) know if you and your family would like to participate in this wonderful program. The deadline to drop off your wrapped gifts is Wednesday, December 6 at Kenilworth Union Church. Please let us know by Sunday, November 26 if you and your family would like to participate in this wonderful program. "Your" child will be forever grateful!

Memorial Wreaths: Boy Scouts will be in the Culbertson Room and/or outside in front of church today after 10 a.m. worship, and Sunday, Nov 19. Order a wreath for \$35 or with a red bow for \$40 to remember a loved one in the garden while supplies last. Make checks out to "BSA Troop 13". Delivery is the week of November 19. For more information please contact [Pete Ruck](#), Scoutmaster Troop 13.

Hope, Peace, Joy, and Love are the gifts of Advent: Free Advent kits available today include an Advent book to use as a devotional guide as we practice giving and receiving God's gifts of hope, peace, joy, and love. Also includes an art activity. There is no charge as the kits are funded by the annual [Stewardship Campaign](#). Please contact [Greta Connor](#) if you would like a kit.

WORSHIP

Sunday Worship in the Sanctuary: Worship with Communion at 8:30 a.m. and Worship with livestream at 10 a.m.

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, November 14 we will pray for the following Kenilworth Union families: Brian Ryder and Kirby Richards; Edward Saavedra and Abby Tarbox; Jeff and Linda Salmon; Jean Sampson; Billy and Jody Savino; Mike and Beth Sawyer; Susan Schad; Andy and Robyn Schaefer; Johnson and Lisa Schaff; Peter and Alice Schaff; Jeb and Suzy Scherb; Tony and Jesse Schirmang; James and Deanna Schmid; Doug Schmidt; Erik and Sarah Schmidt; Gene Schmitt; Stephen and Allison Schmitt; Jeff and Sally Schneiders; Bruce and Sherry Schneidewind.

CHILDREN AND FAMILY MINISTRY

Christmas Pageant with Live Animals Sunday, December 3: Join us for the return of the 78th Christmas Pageant at 4 p.m. Celebrate the season in the Sanctuary with traditional Christmas songs, the nativity story, angels and shepherds, and live animals. After the pageant enjoy refreshments in the Culbertson Room and a petting zoo on the front lawn. Children in preschool through sixth grade who would like to participate are asked to sign up for the Pageant here. The rehearsal will be held after worship on December 3.

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.

*No midweek groups (Faith234 and MSYG) on Wednesday, Nov. 22 for Thanksgiving break; and Wed., Dec. 27 and Jan. 3 for Christmas break. Midweek groups will resume Jan. 10.

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 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](#).

FELLOWSHIP

Movie Night: A casual group of movie-lovers that gather on the second Tuesday of the month at 6:30 p.m. to watch a film followed by a brief discussion. On November 14 we will gather to watch "Saving Mr. Banks". Please RSVP to [Sallie Smith](#).

Women's Connections: 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 November 15 hostess, [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 Malott Chapel. Contact [Martha Hoza](#) for more information.

First Wednesday Note Date Change: Our "A Festive Holiday Program" will be held one week earlier, on Wednesday, November 29 from noon to 2 p.m. where we will have lunch, Stephen Alltop and Josefine Stoppelenburg will share holiday music, and visit with friends. \$20 at the door and 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.

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](#).

New Trier Multifaith Alliance Volunteers Needed: Kenilworth Union Church responded "yes" to an invitation to participate in NTMA, the New Trier Multifaith Alliance and we need two volunteers to represent us, Kenilworth Union Church at the monthly meetings. Volunteers need to care about interfaith dialogue and mutual interreligious understanding. Past NTMA programs have included conversations about what global sacred texts say about the role of women, the environmental movement, etc., and they host an annual Interfaith Thanksgiving service the Tuesday before Thanksgiving Day. If this piques your interest, contact Katie Lancaster.

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 begin our Giving series! We will play some fun games and explore how God calls us to use and share our unique gifts with the world.

*No midweek groups (JYG) on Wednesday, Nov. 22 for Thanksgiving break; and Wed., Dec. 27 and Jan. 3 for Christmas break. Midweek groups will resume Jan. 10. No Breakfast Club Sundays, December 24 and 31.

IMPACT Reveal Night: Tonight at 7 p.m. We know you are just eager to find out where the mission trip will be for the Summer of 2024! The location is picked, and the flag is somewhere in the building! Come to this special IMPACT meeting to help find the flag. The Jr. Board has a special plan in mind, but we are encouraging you, come ready to run, you never know when a Roman might be coming around the corner!

**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](#).

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.

Day by Day Sales: Day by Day calendars are now on sale at the front desk during business hours, \$12 per calendar and \$12 per reusable acrylic stand. They make treasured gifts for the holiday, exact cash or check only.

CALENDAR FOR THE WEEK

Thirty-second Sunday in Ordinary Time—Stewardship, Boyscout Wreaths, Family to Family
November 12, 2023

- Sun., Nov. 12
- 8:15 a.m. Childcare for six months–three years—Room 12
 - 8:30 a.m. Sunday Worship with Communion—Sanctuary
 - 9 a.m. Confirmation Classroom and Wilderness—Warwick Building
 - 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. Sunday School—Schmidt Chapel
 - 9:45 a.m. Breakfast Club—Centennial Room
 - 10 a.m. Worship in the Sanctuary—In person and Livestream
 - 11 a.m. KUC Youth Choir Rehearsal—Music Room
 - 7 p.m. IMPACT Reveal—Culbertson Room
- Mon., Nov. 13
- 9:15 a.m. AJN Preschool Beginnings—Room 26
 - 10 a.m. Faith Walk—Off Site
- Tues., Nov. 14
- 9:30 a.m. Mah Jongg—Malott Chapel
 - 12:15 p.m. Mid-Day Prayer—Sanctuary
 - 6:30 p.m. Movie Night—Culbertson Room
 - 7 p.m. Depression Support Group—Library
- Wed., Nov. 15
- 10 a.m. Hybrid Men’s Coffee—Library and Online
 - 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., Nov. 16
- 6 p.m. Exploring Grief Group—Off Site
 - 7 p.m. Chancel Choir Rehearsal—Transept
- Fri., Nov. 17
- 9:05 AJN Preschool Birthday Blessing Chapel—Schmidt Chapel
 - 1 p.m. Church Bridge—Culbertson Room
- Sat., Nov. 18