

John Knox Presbyterian Church
May 10, 2026 6th Sunday of Easter

**Come and hear,
all who revere God,
and I will tell
what the Holy One
has done for me.**

Psalm 66:16 TIB

*Welcome! Please be seated and prepare your hearts
and minds for worship.*

GATHERING INTO GOD'S PRESENCE

Prelude

Words of Welcome

*** Call to Worship**

We gather to celebrate the God of wonder and majesty!

Awesome God, help us to worship you in spirit and in truth.

We gather to celebrate Jesus Christ, who was dead and buried, and now risen indeed!

Jesus, renew our hope in your great power and love.

We gather to celebrate the Holy Spirit, our promised comforter and guide!

Come Holy Spirit! Fill us with your presence and peace.

We gather to celebrate the ancient hope of Christians:

God is with us and will never let us go.

*** Hymn** "Make a Joyful Noise to God!" # 54

*** Call to Confession**

*** Unison Prayer of Confession**

Ever-present God, we come before you knowing we have ignored your promised Holy Spirit living within us. Therefore, we forfeit peace and bear needless worry. We become confused and deaf to your voice of truth. We struggle with obedience to your Word and fight an overwhelming sense of loneliness. Forgive us! Help us to remember that we are never alone, that you are with us and for us, by the power of your Spirit abiding in us, the Spirit of Jesus the Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

*** Words of Forgiveness**

With God on our side like this, how can we lose? If God didn't hesitate to put everything on the line for us, embracing our condition and exposing himself to the worst by sending his own Son, is there anything else he wouldn't gladly and freely do for us?

Believe the good news of the gospel: In Jesus Christ we are forgiven. Alleluia! Amen.

*** Sung Response** "Spirit of the Living God" #288

LISTENING FOR GOD'S WORD

Prayer for Illumination

Today's Psalm

Psalm 66: 8-12

The Inclusive Bible

Bless YHWH, all you peoples,
let the sound of God's praise be heard!
God has kept us among the living,
and has not let our feet slip.
For you have tested us, O God –
you have refined us as silver is refined.

You put us in prisons
and laid burdens on our backs;
you let people ride over our heads;
we went through fire and through water –
and you brought us to a place of abundance and space.

I will come to your house with burnt offerings;
I will pay my vows to you,
the ones my lips uttered
and my mouth promised when I was in trouble.
I will present you burnt offerings of fatlings,
with the smoke of burning rams;
I will make an offering of bulls and goats.

Come and hear, all who revere God,
and I will tell what the Holy One has done for me.
I cried aloud to God,
and praise was on my tongue.
If I had nursed evil in my heart,
God would not have listened.
But God did listen,
and heeded the voice of my prayer.
Blessed be God,
who has not rejected my prayer
or stopped loving me!

This is the word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.

Time with Our Young and Growing Ones

Gospel Reading

John 14: 15-21

The Inclusive Bible

If you love me and obey the command I give you, I will ask the One who sent me to give you another Paraclete, another Helper to be with you always – the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot accept since the world neither sees her nor recognizes her; but you can recognize the Spirit because she remains with you and will be within you. I won't leave you orphaned; I will come back to you. A little while now and the world will see me no more; but you'll see me, because I live, and you will live as well. On that day you'll know that I am in God and you are in me, and I am in you. Those who obey the commandments are the ones who love me, and those who love me will be loved by Abba God. I, too, will love them and will reveal myself to them.

This is the word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.

Sermon

Rev. Maggie Lewis

*** Hymn**

“Love Divine, All Loves Excelling”

#366

RESPONDING TO GOD'S CALL

Church and Community Life

Offering Ourselves and Our Gifts

Invitation to the Offering

Offertory

“We Give Thee But Thine Own”

#708 v. 1-3

Please remain seated to sing the first three verses, and then stand for the fourth verse as our offerings are presented for dedication.

*** Sung Response**

“We Give Thee But Thine Own”

#708 v. 4

*** Prayer of Dedication**

Prayers of the People

Response: *Lord, in your mercy hear our prayers.*

The Lord's Prayer

SENDING GOD'S PEOPLE INTO THE WORLD

*** Sending Song**

“Lord, Dismiss Us With Your Blessing”

#546 v. 1-2

* Charge and Blessing

Please be seated to enjoy the postlude.

Postlude

*Please join us for refreshments and fellowship
in the Social Hall after worship.*

Pastor: Rev. Maggie Lewis

Liturgist: Doug Anderson

Pianist: Adam Robinson

Music Director: Anna Robinson

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Congregations Helping People

*Sheila Cunningham
Board member*

In the month of April, Congregations Helping People (CHP) had 43 clients request assistance with \$11,707 in rent and utilities. We were able to provide support to 42 of those clients by paying \$6,999 of their need. These were clients who filled out applications. We generally give out in support the amount of donations we received the prior month. We almost always run out of money before the end of the month and have to turn potential clients away. Our average payment is \$150 for utilities and \$250-\$300 for rent. Clients are only able to receive assistance once every 12 months. With an average of 40+ clients a month, that's nearly 500 individuals/families we are able to help each year. That's impressive for such a small organization. Currently we are supported by 11 congregations that give on a regular basis and an occasional individual donation. John Knox is the third highest donor. That is something to be proud of! Next Sunday, and every third Sunday of the month, we collect Christ Jar money which is donated to CHP in addition to our budgeted \$100 monthly donation. Remember, when we all give a little, it adds up to a lot!

Congregations Helping People
1977 Front St. NE, Salem, OR 97305
Monday-Thursday 10:30am to 1:30pm

Church and Community Life

Have you considered becoming a member at John Knox? Want to know more about what Presbyterians believe? See Pastor Maggie in person or email, text, or call her. If enough folks are interested, we may put together a conversation time.

APPOINTMENTS WITH MAGGIE are available any time via Zoom, phone, or in person. She is generally in Keizer on Thursdays (but not always!). Just let her know you'd like to visit and you can plan a good time for you both.

Your continued support of the church with regular giving is a sign of faith and gratitude as we join our resources and lives in shared ministry. You can give online on our church website, electronically through various methods, or drop your cash or check offering in the baskets as they are passed. Your gifts are a living witness to God's abundance among us. If you have questions, please see Bronwyn.

Looking Ahead

May 14-17	KeizerFest (Parade May 16)
May 17	10:30 Worship Seventh of Easter
May 20	7:00 Session meeting – Zoom
May 24	PENTECOST SUNDAY
	10:30 Worship – PLEASE WEAR RED!!
	11:30 Pentecost Pizza for social time
May 31	TRINITY SUNDAY –
	10:30 Worship – Mission focus

May Birthdays

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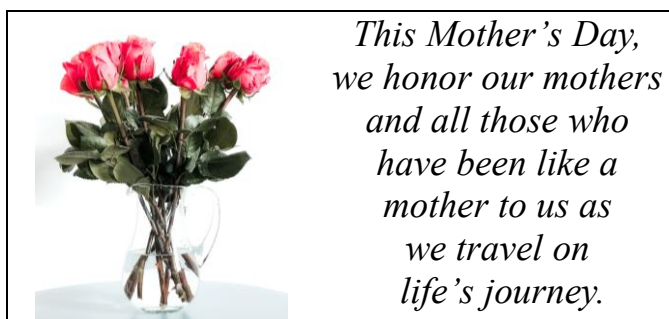
FREE SALEM COMMUNITY CHORUS CONCERTS

Decades of Broadway

Monday, May 11 – 6:30 pm @ St. Mark Lutheran Church

Saturday, May 16 – 3:30 pm @ Oak Park Church of God

Monday, May 18 – 6:30 pm @ St. Mark Lutheran Church



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This gathering of JKPC is occurring in the traditional land of the Kalapuya people. We offer our gratitude to the elders, past and present, who have stewarded it through the generations.