



Welcome to John Knox Presbyterian Church

October 2, 2022

World Communion Sunday

*Please be seated and quiet your heart and mind
as we prepare to enter this time of worship and praise.*

WE PREPARE TO RECEIVE THE WORD

Gathering Music

“Liturgical Dance on Dove of Peace”

William Walker, arr. Charles Callahan

Words of Welcome

*The Peace of Christ be with you – **And also with you!***

Prelude

“Improvisation on Land of Rest: I Come with Joy to Meet my Lord”

Early American folk hymn, arr. Charles Callahan

*** Opening Words**

*We gather, as God's people, bringing our fears and pain,
knowing that when our spirits have grown cold,*

God rekindles the gift of faith in us.

*We gather, as God's people,
hanging our broken hearts on the branches of the tree of life,
knowing that while friends may turn against us,*

God transforms enemies into sisters and brothers.

*We gather, as God's people,
hungering for healing and hope,
knowing that even when life is no picnic,*

God prepares a feast for us.

*** Hymn**

“Standing on the Promises”

#838

*** Call to Confession**

*Do we really want God to dwell within us, or are we only willing to 'rent out' space for a brief visit?
Our actions, our words, our silence, our fears all show the presence, or absence, of God in our lives.
Let us empty ourselves of all which burdens us, and welcome the One who lives with us forever.
Please join me as we pray together:*

*** Unison Prayer of Confession**

**Steadfast God, we confess that we are so busy
putting up walls between ourselves and others,
we cannot see the home you are building for all of us.
We spend so much time noting the differences
between us and others, while you are**

embracing everyone as your child.
We run to welcome those who look, talk,
and act like us, and you throw open your doors
to the stranger, the alien, in our midst.
Forgive us, Faithful Heart.
By your grace, help us to see the household
you are building for all people:
there are no plastic protectors on the furniture;
there are no rooms that are off-limits; and even
the smallest child is welcome to sit at the
big peoples' Table and be fed by your grace.
We pray this in the name of Jesus Christ,
our peace, our hope, our Lord, our Savior.

*** Declaration of Forgiveness**

Do you remember? At one time, you were without Christ; you were the stranger, the outsider, the alien. But now, in Christ, you have been brought home, living in God's household of hope and peace. God's covenant with us is everlasting; God's steadfast love is forever; God's forgiveness makes us new and whole. Thanks be to God. Amen.

Prayer of the Day

Spirit of God, enlighten our hearts to the reality of your divine presence in our midst. Let our worship be pleasing in your sight, so that our gathering is an experience of deep communion with you and one another. In the name of Jesus Christ, this is our prayer. Amen.

Response

“God Who Began a Good Work in You”

#2163

WE RECEIVE THE WORD

Message for Young and Growing Ones

“Doing the Right Thing Even Though...”

Rev. Peter Blank

Prayer for Illumination

Holy God, Three in One, you draw us into your community of love with people across the ages and around the world. By the same Spirit that binds us together, speak to us through these words. Enliven us and stretch us to trust and follow you; through Christ our Savior. Amen.

Scripture Reading

2 Timothy 1: 1-14

NRSV

Paul, an apostle of Christ Jesus by the will of God, for the sake of the promise of life that is in Christ Jesus,

To Timothy, my beloved child: Grace, mercy, and peace from God the Father and Christ Jesus our Lord.

I am grateful to God-whom I worship with a clear conscience, as my ancestors did-when I remember you constantly in my prayers night and day. Recalling your tears, I long to see you so that I may be filled with joy. I am reminded of your sincere faith, a faith that lived first in your grandmother Lois and your mother Eunice and now, I am sure, lives in you. For this reason I remind you to rekindle the gift of God that is within you through the laying on of my hands; for

God did not give us a spirit of cowardice, but rather a spirit of power and of love and of self-discipline.

Do not be ashamed, then, of the testimony about our Lord or of me his prisoner, but join with me in suffering for the gospel, relying on the power of God, who saved us and called us with a holy calling, not according to our works but according to his own purpose and grace. This grace was given to us in Christ Jesus before the ages began, but it has now been revealed through the appearing of our Savior Christ Jesus, who abolished death and brought life and immortality to light through the gospel. For this gospel I was appointed a herald and an apostle and a teacher, and for this reason I suffer as I do. But I am not ashamed, for I know the one in whom I have put my trust, and I am sure that he is able to guard until that day what I have entrusted to him. Hold to the standard of sound teaching that you have heard from me, in the faith and love that are in Christ Jesus. Guard the good treasure entrusted to you, with the help of the Holy Spirit living in us.

Response *Holy Wisdom, Holy Words.* **Thanks be to God.**

Sermon

“Fan the Flames of Faith”

Rev. Peter Blank

WE RESPOND TO THE WORD

*** Hymn**

“Cry of My Heart”

#2165

Church and Community Life

see below

Prayers of the People

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

Let us pray. Holy God, with trust and confidence we bring these prayers to you along with the unspoken prayers of our hearts. Help us to feel your presence and then share your loving grace and mercy with all in need of those precious gifts. Amen.

Minute for Mission

Peace and Global Witness Offering

Offering Ourselves and Our Gifts

Invitation to the Offering

From the fullness of God we have received grace upon grace.

Let us offer our lives to the Lord.

Offertory

“Simple Gifts”

JKPC Choir

Shaker Tune. Arr. Mark Schweizer

Words: Traditional, add'l stanzas Alice Carpenter

*‘Tis a gift to be simple, ‘tis a gift to be free, ‘tis a gift to come down where we ought to be;
And when we find ourselves in a place just right, ‘twill be in the valley of love and delight.*

*‘Tis a gift to be loving, ‘tis a gift to be kind, ‘tis a gift to leave our bitterness behind;
And when we find ourselves in a place just right, ‘twill be in the valley of love and delight.*

When true simplicity is gained, to bow and to bend, we shan’t be ashamed.

To turn, turn, will be our delight, till by turning, turning, we come round right.

*‘Tis a gift to be thankful, ‘tis a gift to forgive, ‘tis a gift to find out how we ought to live,
And when we find ourselves in a place just right, ‘twill be in the valley of love and delight.*

* Prayer of Dedication

Gracious and giving God, we bring our tithes and offerings to you and pray as we give them that you kindle in us a deeper faith and a stronger commitment. We acknowledge that some of us have found our way back to you on our own; others of us have lived into a faith that surrounded us from the time we were born, lived out in parents, grandparents, siblings, and spouses. However this faith found its way into our DNA, help us to kindle it to flame, that the world might be set on fire with your love and compassion. In Christ, we pray. Amen.

Hymn

“Here is Bread, Here is Wine”

verse 1 #2266

SERVICE OF HOLY COMMUNION

Invitation

We gather around the Table in places far and near

East Side (Piano): **Eating Sourdough, Rye, Tortillas**

West Side (Pulpit): **Crackers, Wafers, and Wonderbread –**

All: **The body of Christ.**

Drinking the wine or the juice

East Side (Piano): **from handmade chalices and silver goblets,**

West Side (Pulpit): **golden spoons and little mini cups–**

All: **The blood of Christ.**

The bread and the cup unite us with all who would follow Jesus.

East Side (Piano): **This meal reaches back through the centuries.**

West Side (Pulpit): **This table reaches around the world.**

All: **Let us eat and drink with joy.**



Communion Prayer

Lord, we will not find that needed justice in our apathy;

we will not find that elusive wholeness with our quarreling;

we will not find our hoped for unity with our doctrines;

we will not find our misplaced love with our hating;

we will not find that rest we crave in our overflowing planners;

we will not find the peace you offer in our well nursed grudges.

but

we will find you in the brokenness of the Bread and in the breaking of our hearts;

we will find you when we drain the Cup, refill it with our gifts, and offer it to a little child;

we will find you when we squeeze closer together, making room at the Table for all your people.

*Help us to find you, God in Community, Holy in One, even as we pray together, saying,
Our Father . . .*

The Lord's Prayer

Traditional

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 debts,
as we forgive our debtors.**

**And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil,
for thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen**

Breaking of the Bread

Jesus said: I am the bread of life.

Jesus said: I am the vine, you are the branches.

*Come to me and never be hungry;
believe in me and never thirst.*

Communion

Prayer after Communion

The gifts of God for the people of God.

Hymn

“Here is Bread, Here is Wine”

vss 2 & 3 #506

WE GO FORTH TO PRACTICE OUR FAITH

* Sending Song

“O Master Let Me Walk with Thee”

vss 1 & 4 #738

* Responsive Charge and Benediction

You are the hands and feet of God in Keizer and Salem.

You are called to soothe suffering,

to live with compassion,

to build up God's loving peace.

So as you leave this place, how will you live?

We go from this place of worship

to share the gifts we have been given.

We go from this time of worship

to build up the Body of Christ.

We go from this holy space

to carry Holy Love to the world around us.

Go in love, go in peace, go with God. Amen.

Please be seated to enjoy the postlude.

Postlude

“I Will Bow to be Simple”

Frederick Chatfield

* = Standing *Italic* = Leader **Bold** = People
Hymns # 1-853 in *Glory to God* (purple)
#2200-2284 in *Sing the Faith* (blue)

Church and Community Life

Thank you to the choir for their musical offering today. Choir rehearsal continues next week after worship.

GETTING TO KNOW YOU; GETTING TO KNOW US – Join us next Sunday in the Social Hall after worship for a time of visiting and learning more about JKPC and each other. This is not just for folks new to JKPC – this is for anyone who would like a chance to visit and get to know others while also learning a bit about what makes JKPC a special place to worship and serve. There will be some conversation starters and light refreshments to get us started.

KEIZER COMMUNITY FOOD BANK Please continue to bring donations of **cereal and oatmeal**. These items go quickly at the food bank and are very appreciated by clients. Items can be put in

the shopping cart in the Narthex. Monetary donations are always accepted. Also, the gift of your time in person, either stocking or packaging and distributing food is always welcome and is necessary for the food bank to continue its good work.

PULL TABS FROM DRINK AND FOOD CANS are being collected to benefit Ronald McDonald House. There is a container on the table in the narthex.

BACKPACK BUDDIES has started to distribute sacks with weekend food for 15 students at Cummings School. We are adding a jar of peanut butter to each sack on a monthly basis, and we appreciate your donations!

PRAYER REQUESTS can be emailed to Bronwyn at johnknoxpreskeizer@gmail.com, or called to Bronwyn (503-463-6828). We encourage you to share your prayer requests with those on the prayer chain. We are stronger when we stand together in prayer. Please remember in your prayers our homebound members and friends as well as those who are not with us in the building today.

This service is being recorded and will be posted on our website, johnknoxpreskeizer.org, for a week. Invite your friends or family to join us in worship!

PEACE AND GLOBAL WITNESS Offering is being received today. Through this offering, we connect with the wider church to confront systems of injustice and promote reconciliation in places around the world and at home. 25% of the offering received is kept at JKPC; 25% goes to the presbytery, and 50% goes to the national church to promote peacemaking and global witness throughout the world.

PRESBYTERIAN DISASTER ASSISTANCE will be working in Florida and all over the eastern coast to help with the recovery from Hurricane Ian. If you wish to contribute to PDA’s Hurricane and Typhoon Disaster Relief, you may donate to JKPC and specify that fund by name or fund #DR000194. We will forward your gift to PDA. *Remember, if we all do a little, it adds up to a lot!*

Looking Ahead

- TODAY** After worship: Nominating Committee
- Oct. 8** 9:30 Presbyterian Women Fall Gathering.
See information in newsletter or online
- Oct. 9** 10:30 Worship – Afterwards, join us for Fellowship –
Getting to Know Us, Getting to Know You!
- Oct. 10** 7:00 Administration Committee - Zoom
- Oct. 12** 10:00 Mission Committee – at church
- Oct. 16** 10:30 Worship followed by October’s Birthday Celebration and Stewardship Bingo during fellowship time. Join us for a lot of fun and a chance to win a prize for your bingo!
- Oct. 18** 2:00 Women’s Fellowship – Social Hall
- Oct. 19** 6:00 Session – in the large classroom

JKPC CELEBRATIONS

October Birthdays			
1	Cariana High	24	Shirley Bond-99!
14	Rosemary Willhite	29	Paul Cozort
22	Randy Lodjic		

Pianist: Bethany Cozort

Music Director: Anna Robinson

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We worship on the traditional grounds of the Kalapuya people and their many tribes. We are grateful to their elders, past and present, who have stewarded this land through the generations.

The sanctuary and entry area are equipped with a hearing loop to assist those with compatible hearing aids.

If you need assistance, please let us know.

Large print bulletins are available on the entry table.

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