

# John Knox Presbyterian Church

June 7, 2026

Second Sunday after Pentecost

Holy Communion



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

## GATHERING INTO GOD'S PRESENCE

**Prelude**

"Oh, the Deep Deep Love of Christ"

Arr. Colleen Adent

**Words of Welcome**

**\* Call to Worship**

*Rejoice in the Lord!*

*Praise the Lord with instruments and shouts of joy!*

*God loves justice and righteousness.*

**The earth is full of God's love.**

*Let all of creation revel in awe of God, our creator.*

**God's love endures forever.**

*Amen! Let us worship together.*

**\* Hymn**

"Come, Sing, O Church, in Joy!"

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**\* Call to Confession**

**\* Unison Prayer of Confession**

**Holy God, we confess, a bit pridefully, that we appreciate decency and order, forgetting that we seek the order that is of our own making. We confess that clear rules and social norms give us comfort, forgetting how many of your beloved children are hurt and excluded by them. We confess that we place our trust in ability, strength, and the works we produce, forgetting our total reliance on your grace. Forgive us, God, and free us to live in courageous faith, that we may abide in your righteousness. Amen.**

**\* Words of Forgiveness**

*\* = Standing as able Italics = Leader Bold = People*

## LISTENING FOR GOD’S WORD

### Prayer for Illumination

#### Today’s Psalm

Psalm 33: 1-12

Common English Bible

All you who are righteous,  
shout joyfully to the Lord!  
It’s right for those who do right to praise God.  
Give thanks to the Lord with the lyre!  
Sing praises to him with the ten-stringed harp!  
Sing to him a new song!  
Play your best with joyful shouts!  
Because the Lord’s word is right,  
his every act is done in good faith.  
He loves righteousness and justice;  
the Lord’s faithful love fills the whole earth.  
The skies were made by the Lord’s word,  
all their starry multitude by the breath of his mouth.  
He gathered the ocean waters into a heap;  
he put the deep seas into storerooms.  
All the earth honors the Lord;  
all the earth’s inhabitants stand in awe of him.  
Because when he spoke, it happened!  
When he commanded, there it was!  
The Lord overrules what the nations plan;  
he frustrates what the peoples intend to do.  
But the Lord’s plan stands forever;  
what he intends to do lasts from one generation to the next.  
The nation whose God is the Lord,  
the people whom God has chosen as his possession,  
is truly happy!

***This is the Word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.***

### Time with Our Young and Growing Ones

#### Gospel Reading

Genesis 12: 1-9

CEB

The LORD said to Abram, “Leave your land, your family, and your father’s household for the land that I will show you. I will make of you a great nation and will bless you. I will make your name respected, and you will be a blessing. I will bless those who bless you, those who curse you I will curse; all the families of the earth will be blessed because of you.”

Abram left just as the LORD told him, and Lot went with him. Now Abram was 75 years old when he left Haran. Abram took his wife Sarai, his nephew Lot, all of their possessions, and those who became members of their household in Haran; and they set out for the land of Canaan. When they arrived in Canaan, Abram traveled through the land as far as the sacred

place at Shechem, at the oak of Moreh. The Canaanites lived in the land at that time. The LORD appeared to Abram and said, “I give this land to your descendants,” so Abram built an altar there to the LORD who appeared to him. From there he traveled toward the mountains east of Bethel, and pitched his tent with Bethel on the west and Ai on the east. There he built an altar to the LORD and worshipped in the LORD’s name. Then Abram set out toward the arid southern plain, making and breaking camp as he went.

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

**Sermon**

Rev. Maggie Lewis

**\* Hymn**

“To Abraham and Sarah”

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## **GATHERING AT CHRIST’S TABLE**

### **Invitation to the Table**

#### **Great Prayer of Thanksgiving**

*God is with you.*

**And also with you.**

*Lift up your hearts.*

**We lift them up to God.**

*Let us give thanks to the Holy One, our God.*

**It is good and beautiful to give God our praise.**

*God, we thank you, for life flows from you,...*

*... call us to new paths, and make us new people.*

**Therefore we reach out to you, to touch the hem of your garment, to receive your grace.**

**And power flows from you, and we are made whole.**

**Therefore with all Creation we sing your praise.**

Song

“Holy, Holy, Holy”

#562

#### **Communion Prayer and Words of Institution**

*Blessed are all who come in your name,...*

*... death and resurrection, until he comes again.*

**Therefore, remembering these your mighty acts in Jesus Christ, we offer ourselves as a living and holy sacrifice, in union with Christ’s offering for us, as we proclaim the mystery of our faith:**

**Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.**

*Pour out your Holy Spirit on these gifts of bread and cup, that they may be for us the body and blood of Christ.*

**Pour out your Spirit on us, that we may be for the world the Body of Christ, the flow of life in us restored, radiant with the power of love.**

*As you called Abram and Sarai to follow you, as Jesus called Matthew to follow, may this meal call us forth in your love.*

**May we bear your grace, for the healing of the world, in the name and the Spirit of Christ. Amen.**

### **The Communion of the People**

You will be served the bread and cup in your pew.  
When you are served, please hold the elements  
until you are invited to partake with everyone  
in community.

Empty cups may be left in the pews,  
placed in the basket on the narthex table,  
or returned to the social hall.

**Special Music**

“Turn Your Eyes Upon Jesus”

Helen Howarth Lemmel, 1922

**Prayer after Communion**

## **RESPONDING TO GOD’S CALL**

**Church and Community Life**

**Birthday Moment**

*A New Creed, United Church of Canada*

*We are not alone, we live in God’s world.*

**We believe in God:**

who has created and is creating,  
who has come in Jesus, the Word made flesh,  
to reconcile and make new,  
who works in us and others by the Spirit.

**We trust in God.**

**We are called to be the Church:**

to celebrate God’s presence,  
to live with respect in Creation,  
to love and serve others,  
to seek justice and resist evil,  
to proclaim Jesus, crucified and risen,  
our judge and our hope.

**In life, in death, in life beyond death,  
God is with us. We are not alone.**

**Thanks be to God.**

**Offering Ourselves and Our Gifts**

**Invitation to the Offering**

**Offertory**

“What a Friend We Have in Jesus”

Joseph Medlicott Scriven, 1855

**\* Sung Response**

“Praise God, From Whom All Blessings Flow” #609

**\* 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**

“Go With Us, Lord”

#748

**\* Charge and Blessing**

Please be seated to enjoy the postlude.

**Postlude**

“Indigenous Dance No. 3”

José Rolón

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

Pastor: Rev. Maggie Lewis

Pianist: Melissa Terrall

Liturgist: CJ High

Music Director: Anna Robinson

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## Church and Community Life

**Prayers** for Beth’s recovery from surgery for a broken hip. She is at Santiam Hospital, room 337, for a few days, and then will move to a skilled nursing facility for rehab before returning home. Cards, visits, and calls are very much appreciated.

On **June 14**, we’ll recognize and honor our students as they celebrate the end of this school year and a (too) short break before picking up again in the fall.

**KEIZER COMMUNITY FOOD BANK** The most efficient way to help food banks at this time is to provide cash donations for bulk food purchases of most-needed items. Designate “KCFB” or “Food Bank” and we will route the money to KCFB. The food bank can also use any reusable grocery bags or medium sized boxes. Take them to the food bank on Monday or Wednesday around noon. Volunteers are always needed to serve our hungry neighbors or to help stock shelves when food is received. See the KCFB Facebook page or website at [keizercommunityfoodbank.org](http://keizercommunityfoodbank.org) for more information. You can also donate on-line on their website.

## Looking Ahead

**June 8 6:30** Dr. Alex Awad at 1<sup>st</sup> Congregational UCC  
Christians in the Holy Land

**June 14 10:30** Worship -- Honoring our students

**June 18 Noon** Session meeting at JKPC, salad potluck

**June 18 6:00** Cascades Presbytery Summer meeting  
on Zoom

**June 21 10:30** Worship with Christ Jar Offering  
Celebrating June birthdays during  
Fellowship time

**June birthdays June 8: Beth N.**  
**June 19: Mary Jo E.**

### Christians in the Holy Land

*A personal story  
with Dr. Alex Awad*

**Monday  
June 8  
6:30PM**



**700 Marion Street  
Salem, Oregon**

On Monday, June 8 at 6:30pm, First Congregational Church UCC welcomes Reverend Dr. Alex Awad to share his story. He is a Palestinian Christian raised in Jerusalem who spent 26 years as a United Methodist missionary, including 21 years pastoring the East Jerusalem International Church. In a world that has largely looked away from the Holy Land, Dr. Awad's witness is one we need to hear.

Rev. Dr. Elmarie Parker, former PC(USA) Regional Liaison for Syria, Lebanon, and Iraq, will interview Dr. Awad, followed by Q&A with the audience.

*Free and open to all.*

 **1st Congregational  
Church UCC**

scan the QR  
for more  
information  
and to register



## SUMMER STUDY ON ZOOM



### “Following Jesus in Divided Times”

**SERIES DATES:** Wednesdays,  
June 17 to July 15  
(5 Wednesday Series)

**TIME:** 7pm – 8pm

**LOCATION:** On Zoom  
[CLICK HERE](#) to register

*You're Invited to a*  
**Summer Study on Faith,  
Freedom & Christian Witness.**

Hosted by Dan Fowler, Pastor at  
[First Presbyterian Church of Ashland.](#)

All are Welcome!

*The study will be held on Zoom so everyone  
can participate regardless of location*

Interested in exploring what it means to follow Jesus in the times we are living in? First PC of Ashland will be facilitating a summer study based on a special issue of Sojourners magazine focused on faith, freedom, nationalism, and Christian witness in today's world.

As Sojourners writes: explore how Christians can “rehabilitate a distorted understanding of freedom and find a more harmonious place within the wider family of creation” during a complex cultural moment in our nation's history.

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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.*