



Welcome to Worship!

John Knox Presbyterian Church

July 31, 2022

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 "Gigue" Elisabetta de Gambarini (1731-1765)

Words of Welcome

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

Welcome to worship at John Knox on this fifth Sunday of July. Some churches have a tradition of doing something a bit different when the calendar provides a fifth Sunday, and today we're going to join them. My hope is that this will be a refreshing time for you, a chance to relax and reflect about our faith in a slightly different way. Welcome to worship wherever you are, in the sanctuary or in your chair at home watching the video. Let's worship together with joy and thanksgiving!

Prelude "Tambourin" Elisabetta de Gambarini (1731-1765)

*** Call to Worship**

*Children of God,
It's time to take off your shoes and
step out of your comfort zone and
wade with trust into the stream of God's love.
Stand still for a moment, barefoot, on holy ground.
Let the cool, healing waters wash your feet.
Take a deep breath as Love soaks into your soul.
Laugh with joy as we follow where the Spirit leads.*

**We are here, Lord,
ready to hear what you have to say,
ready to follow where you lead,
ready to enjoy your love soaking into very being.
Lord, tickle our souls with the brush of your Spirit
renewing our worship and our living.**

Hymn "Praise the Lord with the Sound of Trumpet" #2020

*** Call to Confession**

*** Unison Prayer of Confession**

Gracious God, you place us in a world of wonder, and far too often we miss it. We see what we expect, what we want to see, what fits in with our plans and visions.

We are slow of heart to believe the good news that is entrusted to us, and slower to act it out. Forgive our shortsightedness and lack of faith. Open our eyes and hearts that we may see your wonders, share your vision, and live in your love. In the name of the risen Christ, Amen.

*** Declaration of Forgiveness**

The Good News is this: Christ entered the world to free us, to accept us, to love us into being the people we were created to be. Friends, through the love of Christ, we are forgiven and welcomed home. Alleluia! Amen!

*** Response**

“Where the Spirit of the Lord Is”

#2119

WE RECEIVE THE WORD

Prayer for Illumination

Gracious God, as we turn to your Word for us, may your Spirit rest upon us. Help us to be steadfast in our hearing, in our speaking, in our believing, and in our living. Amen.

Psalm of the Day *(responsive)*

Psalm 92: 1-5a

NRSV

It is good to give thanks to the LORD,

to sing praises to your name, O Most High,

to declare your steadfast love in the morning

and your faithfulness by night,

to the music of the lute and the harp,

to the melody of the lyre.

For you, O LORD, have made me glad by your work;

at the works of your hands I sing for joy.

How great are your works, O LORD!

First Reading

Romans 12:3-5

The Inclusive Translation

In light of the grace I have from God, I urge each of you not to exaggerate your own importance. Each of you must judge yourself soberly by the standard of faith God has given you. Just as each of us has one body with many members – and these members don’t have the same function – so all of us, in union with Christ, form one body. And as members of that one body, we belong to each other.

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

Time with the Children

(watching video of The Story of AND)

Sermon

“The Story of AND”

Eileen Sheelar

Based on the book by Sandy Eisenberg Sasso, illustrated by Joani Keller Rothenberg, published by flyaway books. Song by Carrie Newcomer. Video by Rev. Sue Trigger, Grace Covenant Presbyterian Church, Overland Park, Kansas.

WE RESPOND TO THE WORD

*** Hymn**

“Help Us Accept Each Other”

#754

Prayers of the People

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

Pastoral Prayer

O God, we pray this day:

for all who have a song they cannot sing,

for all who have a burden they cannot bear,

for all who live in chains they cannot break,

for those who are sick and for those who care for them,

For those who are on the margins and for those who provide for them there,

for those who wait for loved ones to come home, and for those who wander with no place to return to,

for those who live in hunger -- and for those who will not share their bread,

for those who are misunderstood -- and for those who misunderstand,

for those who are captives -- and for those who are captors,

for those who have been oppressed -- and for those who participated in the oppression,

for those living with violence, and for the perpetrators of that violence.

for those whose words of love are locked within their hearts --

and for those who yearn to hear those words.

Have mercy upon these, O God.

Have mercy on us all.

May we daily be mindful not only of others' needs

but those of ourselves, taking time to be still,

rest from our busyness, and in your embrace breathe in your peace.

God of wholeness, we pray, in words new to us, the prayer of Jesus:

The Lord's Prayer

from New Zealand Prayer Book

Eternal Spirit, Earth-maker, Pain-bearer, Life-giver,

Source of all that is and that shall be,

Father and Mother of us all,

Loving God, in whom is heaven:

The hallowing of your name echo through the universe!

The way of your justice be followed by the peoples of the world!

Your heavenly will be done by all created beings!

Your commonwealth of peace and freedom

sustain our hope and come on earth.

With the bread we need for today, feed us.

In the hurts we absorb from one another, forgive us.

In times of temptation and testing, strengthen us.

From trials too great to endure, spare us.

From the grip of all that is evil, free us.

For you reign in the glory of the power that is love,

now and for ever. Amen.

Church and Community Life

Offering Ourselves and Our Gifts

Sung Invitation	“We Are Called”	verse 2	#749
*Response	“We Lift Our Voices”		#710
* Prayer of Dedication			

WE GO FORTH TO PRACTICE OUR FAITH

* Charge and Blessing

* Sending Song	“Amen”	(twice)	#600
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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.**

Today’s Liturgist: Sheila Cunningham

Pastor: Rev. Peter Blank

Guest Preacher: Eileen Sheelar

Pianist: Bethany Cozort

Music Director: Anna Robinson

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In this heat wave ...

- *Stay hydrated*
- *Stay cool and share your cool space with others*
- *Check on your neighbors, friends, and family members*

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WANTED – YOUR PHOTO for the church directory. If you haven’t had your picture taken by Lee Emmett, please call Rosemary Willhite at (503) 304–1006 or Mary Jo at (503) 930-0975. We will make arrangements to take five minutes of your time and snap a picture.

KEIZER COMMUNITY FOOD BANK For the month of August, your mission committee is asking for donations of **canned tuna and chicken**. These items will be dedicated during the service on August 28. Items can be put in the shopping cart in the Narthex. Monetary donations are always

accepted as well. To volunteer or find out how you can help, see or call Lane Oxley (971) 276-2595, Judi Liechty (503) 559-5548, Jim Johnson, the KCFB director, at (503) 931-7612, or visit the KCFB Facebook page.

BACKPACK BUDDIES This year we will provide a jar of peanut butter (16 oz) once a month for the children. We want to build up some stock ahead; it will take about 150 jars to do this all year. Your donations are appreciated!

CONGREGATIONS HELPING PEOPLE – \$20 Gift certificates to Willamette Valley Pie Company are available for purchase. CHP will receive \$7 for each certificate sold. See Sheila Cunningham for information and certificates.

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!

Looking Ahead

August 1 Pastor Peter returns to office
 August 7 10:30 am Worship with Communion
 August 8 7:00 pm Administration Committee
 August 14 10:30 am Worship - Christ Jar
 Offering Birthday/Anniversary
 Celebration after church
 August 21 10:30 am Worship

August Birthdays			
5	Lane Oxley	16	Cayla High
12	Diana Blank	21	Tina Humiston
15	Vallory Bunday	24	Matthew Curtis
August Anniversaries			
20	Paul & Rosemary Willhite		

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