



John Knox Presbyterian Church

August 17, 2025

10th Sunday after Pentecost

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

GATHERING INTO GOD'S PRESENCE

Prelude

"Hallejuah!"

Ruth Elaine Schram

Words of Welcome

The peace of Christ be with you. And also with you.

*** Call to Worship**

We have come to worship God, the living God,

Who calls prophets and teachers to bear witness.

We have come to praise God, the almighty God,

Who answers the forces of hatred and hurt with the power of grace.

We have come to worship God, all-gracious God,

Who chooses even you and me, to receive and carry the Word of life and hope.

All glory to God!

*** Hymn**

"All People That On Earth Do Dwell"

#385

*** Call to Confession and Silent Prayer**

*** Unison Prayer of Confession**

Merciful God, your love never ends.

**We confess to you that we do not always
share your love as we should.**

**Where you have called us to live as one body,
we exist as divided members.**

**Where you have called us to give our Spirit-given gifts,
we ignore your call.**

**Where you have called us to forgive,
we have forgotten your mercy.**

Lord, in your righteousness, deliver us and set us free.

*** Words of Forgiveness**

*** Response**

"There's a Wideness in God's Mercy"

#435

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

LISTENING FOR GOD'S WORD

Prayer for Illumination

First Reading

Jeremiah 1: 4-10

NRSVUE

Now the word of the LORD came to me saying, "Before I formed you in the womb I knew you, and before you were born I consecrated you; I appointed you a prophet to the nations."

Then I said, "Ah, Lord GOD! Truly I do not know how to speak, for I am only a boy."

But the LORD said to me, "Do not say, 'I am only a boy,' for you shall go to all to whom I send you, and you shall speak whatever I command you. Do not be afraid of them, for I am with you to deliver you, says the LORD."

Then the LORD put out his hand and touched my mouth, and the LORD said to me, "Now I have put my words in your mouth. See, today I appoint you over nations and over kingdoms, to pluck up and to pull down, to destroy and to overthrow, to build and to plant."

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

Time with God's Children

Second Reading

Jeremiah 7: 1-11

NRSVUE

The word that came to Jeremiah from the LORD: Stand in the gate of the LORD's house, and proclaim there this word, and say, Hear the word of the LORD, all you people of Judah, you who enter these gates to worship the LORD. Thus says the LORD of hosts, the God of Israel: Amend your ways and your doings, and let me dwell with you in this place. Do not trust in these deceptive words: "This is the temple of the LORD, the temple of the LORD, the temple of the LORD."

For if you truly amend your ways and your doings, if you truly act justly one with another, if you do not oppress the alien, the orphan, and the widow or shed innocent blood in this place, and if you do not go after other gods to your own hurt, then I will dwell with you in this place, in the land that I gave to your ancestors forever and ever.

Here you are, trusting in deceptive words to no avail. Will you steal, murder, commit adultery, swear falsely, make offerings to Baal, and go after other gods that you have not known and then come and stand before me in this house, which is called by my name, and say, "We are safe!"—only to go on doing all these abominations? Has this house, which is called by my name, become a den of robbers in your sight? I, too, am watching, says the LORD.

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

Sermon

"A Reluctant Prophet"

Rev. Maggie Lewis

* Hymn

"Lord, When I Came Into This Life"

#691

RESPONDING TO GOD'S CALL

Church and Community Life

Offering Ourselves and Our Gifts

Offertory "I Hear Thy Welcome Voice" arr. John Purifoy
*** Sung Response** "Praise God, From Whom All Blessings Flow" #609
*** Prayer of Dedication**

Prayers of the People

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

The Lord's Prayer

SENDING GOD'S PEOPLE INTO THE WORLD

*** Sending Song** "Come! Live in the Light! (We Are Called)" #749

* Charge and Blessing

Please be seated to enjoy the postlude.

Postlude "All People That On Earth Do Dwell" arr. Lloyd Larson

Liturgist: Mary Jo Emmett
Music Director: Anna Robinson

Pastor: Rev. Maggie Lewis
Pianist: Bethany Cozort

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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.

Church and Community Life

PLEASE JOIN in the August birthday and anniversary celebration in the Social Hall after worship today.

AUGUST FOODS for the Keizer Community Food Bank are **BEANS AND LENTILS**. We'll accept any other food items, of course, and monetary donations are always welcome. Volunteers are needed to serve our hungry neighbors. See the KCFB website at keizercommunityfoodbank.org or their Facebook page for more information, or contact Sheila or Teresa.

Ballad of the Merry Folx is a story about resilience and the power of community. This energetic musical reimagining of Robin Hood for our times follows a young professional Marian, recently moved to the rapidly gentrifying neighborhood of New Nottingham, only to get embroiled in the conflict between her unhoused neighbors, the landlords, and the Sheriff. Laugh, cheer, and sing along with Robin and the Merry Folx as they hatch an audacious plan to steal a life of dignity for all. *For more information, see the flyer on the table in the narthex.*

HEARING CHALLENGED? The sanctuary is equipped with a hearing loop for people who appreciate a bit of assistance hearing more clearly, whether or not they use hearing aids. For more information on how to use the listening devices, see Eileen or CJ.

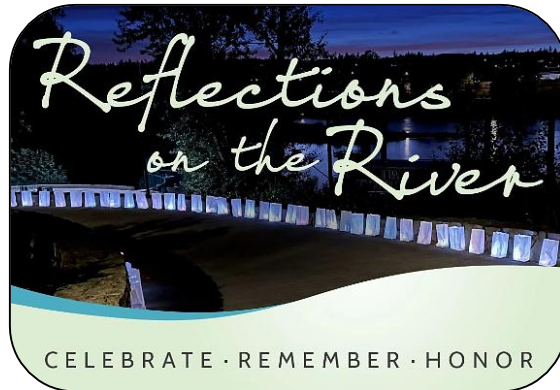
CHRIST JAR OFFERING received today supports Congregations Helping People. Once a month, on the third Sunday, we gather coins (and we'll take paper money and checks, too!) to support this organization that works to meet emergency needs of our Salem-Keizer neighbors. If you want to know more about what they do or what you can do to help, please talk with Sheila.

Looking Ahead

- Aug 15-31** Ballad of the Merry Folx- Sherwood
- Fri. Aug 22 3:00** Joint elders/deacons meeting at JKPC
- Sun. Aug 24 10:30** Worship
- Sat. Aug 30 11:00** Lois Nelson Memorial Service at JKPC
- Sun. Aug 31 10:30** Worship – The Joy of Community
A special service and fellowship time for everyone
- Sun. Sept 7 10:30** Worship with Communion

August Birthdays

5	Lane O.	16	Cayla H.
15	Vallory B.	21	Tina H.
		24	Matthew C. (21)
August Anniversaries			
20	Rosemary & Paul W.		



SALEM RIVERFRONT PARK
Thursday, Sept. 18, 2025
7:30-9:00 pm

Willamette Vital Health invites you to their 9th annual luminaria event to remember and honor loved ones who have died. Follow the luminaria lit pathways that include grief support activities and music for the whole family. Wander through the reflective labyrinth while listening to music and celebrate the memory of a loved one with a personalized luminaria. Gather at 9pm for a heartfelt rendition of Taps.

More information and an opportunity to purchase personalized luminarias for the River Walk can be found at wvh.org/Reflections. Proceeds benefit their Community Grief Care programs.

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