

# John Knox Presbyterian Church

April 6, 2025 Fifth Sunday in Lent

Meeting Jesus at the Table



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

## GATHERING INTO GOD'S PRESENCE

### Prelude

"Come, Share the Lord"

arr. Mark Hayes

### Words of Welcome

*May the peace of Christ be with you. And also with you.*

### \* Call to Worship

*In the midst of fear and anger;  
in the midst of mayhem and destruction, God calls us.*

**With everything else going on, who has time for a feast?**

**We're busy, we'll get around to eating eventually.**

*In the midst of our anxiety, our worry; in the midst of  
bill-paying and appointments, God invites us.*

**We are tempted to just grab a bite,**

**a sandwich between errands,**

**a snack we can eat while driving, or checking email,**

**or working on today's big project.**

*The feast is spread! All are invited, all are welcome!*

**We are invited. We are welcome. We are worthy.**

**How will we respond?**

### \* Hymn

"We Come to Your Feast"

*see insert for music;  
words and instructions are projected.*

### Call to Confession

**Sung Prayer of Confession** "Before I Take the Body of My Lord" #428

*We will sing a verse and then pause for silent prayer,  
continuing in this pattern until the end of the song.*

## Words of Forgiveness

We come to the banquet ... loved, healed, and forgiven.

### Praise be to God.

#### \* Response

“You are the Lord, Giver of Mercy!”

#437 twice

## LISTENING FOR GOD’S WORD

### Prayer for Illumination

#### Gospel Reading

Luke 14: 15-24

NRSV

One of the dinner guests, on hearing this, said to him, “Blessed is anyone who will eat bread in the kingdom of God!” Then Jesus said to him, “Someone gave a great dinner and invited many. At the time for the dinner he sent his slave to say to those who had been invited, ‘Come, for everything is ready now.’ But they all alike began to make excuses. The first said to him, ‘I have bought a piece of land, and I must go out and see it; please accept my regrets.’ Another said, ‘I have bought five yoke of oxen, and I am going to try them out; please accept my regrets.’ Another said, ‘I have just been married, and therefore I cannot come.’ So the slave returned and reported this to his master. Then the owner of the house became angry and said to his slave, ‘Go out at once into the streets and lanes of the town and bring in the poor, the crippled, the blind, and the lame.’ And the slave said, ‘Sir, what you ordered has been done, and there is still room.’ Then the master said to the slave, ‘Go out into the roads and lanes, and compel people to come in, so that my house may be filled. For I tell you, none of those who were invited will taste my dinner.’

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

### Time with God’s Children

#### Sermon

“Excuses and Invitations”

Rev. Maggie Lewis

#### \* Hymn

“All Who Hunger, Gather Gladly”

#509

## GATHERING AT CHRIST’S TABLE

### Invitation to the Table

### Words of Institution and Communion Prayer

### Communion of God’s People

#### Communion Song

*refrain “We Come to Your Feast”*

*see projection*

*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.*

### Prayer of Thanksgiving

## RESPONDING TO GOD’S CALL

### Church and Community Life

#### Minute for Mission

#### Self-Development of People

#### Offering Ourselves and Our Gifts

<b>Offertory</b>	“Improvisation on Land of Rest <i>I Come with Joy to Meet my Lord</i> ”	<i>arr. Charles Callahan</i>
<b>* Sung Response</b>	“We Lift Our Voices”	#710
<b>Prayer of Dedication</b>		
<b>Prayers of the People</b>		
<i>Lord, in your mercy... Hear our prayers.</i>		
<b>The Lord’s Prayer</b>		

### SENDING GOD’S PEOPLE INTO THE WORLD

<b>* Sending Song</b>	“I Come with Joy” verses 1, 3, 5	#515
<b>* Charge and Benediction</b>		
<i>Please be seated to enjoy the postlude.</i>		
<b>Postlude</b>	“Liturgical Dance on Dove of Peace <i>I Come with Joy to Meet My Lord</i> <i>I Come with Joy, a Child of God</i> ”	<i>arr. Charles Callahan</i>

## Church and Community Life

**KEIZER COMMUNITY FOOD BANK** food of the month for April is **shelf stable beverages**. These include juice boxes, like Capri Sun or apple juice, Sunny Delight, shelf-stable milk, etc. These items are important especially for children and people on the go. The shelf-stable milk can be hard to find sometimes. Sheila finds it at Costco way in the back by the toilet paper. Fred Meyer has it in the center of the store. The best bet is to ask if you can’t find it!! As always, the food bank gladly accepts all food items. Please leave your donations on the table in the narthex, where we meet Jesus at the table during this Lenten season. The food bank can also use medium-sized boxes and sturdy bags for packing up food. Designated monetary donations are always welcome. More info about helping is available by checking with Lane, the KCFB Facebook page, or their website at <https://keizercommunityfoodbank.org/>.

**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.

**ATTENDER SURVEY LINK** was emailed to all with email addresses in the directory on Wednesday evening, March 26. Your time and effort to complete this survey is very appreciated. It’s not often that “attenders” are asked questions – be sure to let your thoughts be known in this national survey about the pandemic’s impact on congregations and attenders. THANK YOU! If you have questions about this survey, please see Eileen. If you have difficulty with online surveys, please see Eileen for a paper survey. If there are two attenders over 18 in the household, each person can use the link for their own responses.

### Looking Ahead

- Mon. Apr. 7**     **9:30-5:00** Sacred Organizing Advocacy Day in Salem – Pray for them!
- Mon. Apr. 7**     **7:00** Admin Committee - Zoom
- Wed. Apr.9**     **7:00** Session meeting via Zoom

- Sun. Apr. 13** 10:30 Worship – Palm/Passion Sunday  
Holy Week begins
- Tues. Apr. 15** 2:00 Women’s Fellowship – Social Hall
- Thurs. Apr. 17** 5:00 JKPC Maundy Thursday simple supper, worship, and Communion
- Fri. Apr. 18** 5:30 Good Friday service at First Presbyterian, 770 Chemeketa St NE  
7:00 Good Friday service at Westminster Presbyterian, 3737 Liberty Rd S
- Sun. Apr. 20** Resurrection of the Lord/Easter Sunday  
Bring flowers for the cross  
10:30 Worship  
Christ Jar Offering  
11:30 Expanded Social Hour/Fellowship  
and birthday/anniversary celebration
- Sun. Apr. 27** 10:30 Worship
- Tues. Apr. 29** 8:30-4:30 Ecumenical Ministries of Oregon Interfaith Advocacy Day

April Birthdays			
1	Mike L.	18	Mark McK.
6	Carrie H.	21	Eileen S.
6	Pat McK.	26	Ezra R.
11	Judi L.	30	Lois N.
17	Caleb R.	30	Andrea B.



We are recording this service and it will be available on our website for two weeks. Copyrighted music is projected and recorded under One License #A-735693, CCL#3162413, or by permission of the author.

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.

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**GATHERING WITH OTHERS** to share a meal is at the heart of the human experience. This Lenten Season, we meet Jesus at the Table, reflecting on our physical and spiritual hunger, and engaging in familiar table stories from the gospels.

**INTERFAITH**

**ADVOCACY**

**DAY**

**Tuesday, April 29**

**8:30 – 4:30**

**SALEM, OREGON**

Join Ecumenical Ministries of Oregon for Oregon Interfaith Advocacy Day on Tuesday, April 29, at St. Mark Lutheran Church in Salem.

Now is the time for people of faith to rise up in hope and to call for justice and compassion in our legislative system. Together we can be the prophetic voice at the Oregon Capitol, standing with the marginalized in our communities and upholding the moral imperative for a state budget that supports the common good.

The morning session at St. Mark Lutheran Church will feature a keynote address, training on effective advocacy, and issue briefings. In the afternoon, participants will march to the Oregon Capitol Building, where they will present concerns to their legislators. Talking points and legislative appointments will be provided.

**ISSUE AREAS** may include Immigration & Refugees, Housing & Homelessness, Climate & Environment, Healthcare, Hunger, Criminal Justice Reform.

**SCHEDULE:** Morning session at St. Mark: 9 a.m. to noon. Afternoon meetings with state legislators: times will vary.

**REGISTRATION:** \$20; scholarships available.

For more information and to register: <https://emoregon.org/event/iad-2025/>