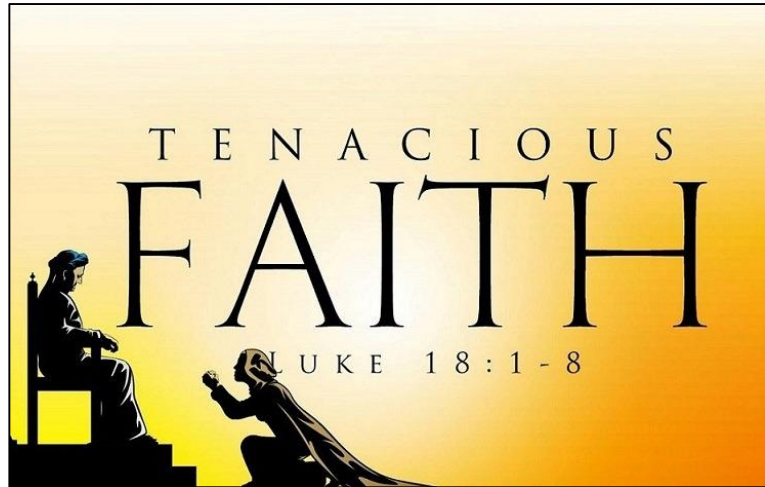


**John Knox
Presbyterian Church**

August 10, 2025

**Ninth Sunday after
Pentecost**



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

GATHERING INTO GOD'S PRESENCE

Prelude "Deep River" Terry Osman

Words of Welcome

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

*** Call to Worship**

The Lord is making a new covenant with the people of God.

Here in this place, Christ writes the law of love on our hearts.

We are children of the living God.

Together, let us worship the Lord of Love!

*** Hymn** "Lift Every Voice and Sing" verses 1 & 3 #401

*** Call to Confession and Silent Prayer**

*** Unison Prayer of Confession**

**When we resist your call to change our hearts and allow a deepening of relationship:
God have mercy.**

**When we nurse our wounded hearts and withhold forgiveness
which may transform relationship:**

Christ have mercy.

**When fear for our own security leads us to close our hearts from those who are in need:
God have mercy.**

*** Words of Forgiveness**

*** Response** "Grace Alone" #2162

LISTENING FOR GOD'S WORD

Prayer for Illumination

First Reading Jeremiah 31: 27-34 NRSVUE

The days are surely coming, says the Lord, when I will sow the house of Israel and the house of Judah with the seed of humans and the seed of animals. And just as I have watched over

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them to pluck up and break down, to overthrow, destroy, and bring evil, so I will watch over them to build and to plant, says the Lord. In those days they shall no longer say:

“The parents have eaten sour grapes,
and the children’s teeth are set on edge.”

But all shall die for their own sins; the teeth of the one who eats sour grapes shall be set on edge.

The days are surely coming, says the Lord, when I will make a new covenant with the house of Israel and the house of Judah. It will not be like the covenant that I made with their ancestors when I took them by the hand to bring them out of the land of Egypt—a covenant that they broke, though I was their husband, says the Lord. But this is the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel after those days, says the Lord: I will put my law within them, and I will write it on their hearts, and I will be their God, and they shall be my people. No longer shall they teach one another or say to each other, “Know the Lord,” for they shall all know me, from the least of them to the greatest, says the Lord, for I will forgive their iniquity and remember their sin no more.

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

Time with God’s Children

Gospel Reading

Luke 18: 1-8

NRSVUE

Then Jesus told them a parable about their need to pray always and not to lose heart. He said, “In a certain city there was a judge who neither feared God nor had respect for people. In that city there was a widow who kept coming to him and saying, ‘Grant me justice against my accuser.’ For a while he refused, but later he said to himself, ‘Though I have no fear of God and no respect for anyone, yet because this widow keeps bothering me, I will grant her justice, so that she may not wear me out by continually coming.’”

And the Lord said, “Listen to what the unjust judge says. And will not God grant justice to his chosen ones who cry to him day and night? Will he delay long in helping them? I tell you, he will quickly grant justice to them. And yet, when the Son of Man comes, will he find faith on earth?”

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

Sermon

“Truth Speaks to Power”

Rev. Maggie Lewis

*** Hymn**

“God, You Hear Our Weary Praying”
see text below

tune # 716

RESPONDING TO GOD’S CALL

Church and Community Life

Offering Ourselves and Our Gifts

Offertory

“What a Friend We Have in Jesus”

arr. Victor Labenske

*** 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

"Go With Us, Lord"

#748

* Charge and Blessing

Please be seated to enjoy the postlude.

Postlude

"What a Friend We Have in Jesus" (con't) arr. Victor Labenske

Liturgist: Janet Anderson

Pastor: Rev. Maggie Lewis

Music Director: Anna Robinson

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.



God, You Hear Our Weary Praying

Tune: BEACH SPRING ("God Whose Giving Knows No Ending") #716

1-God, you hear our weary praying,
and you know that we lose heart.
All around we see the suffering
of a world that's torn apart.
We see leaders of the nations
filled with arrogance and greed.
We see friends and family hurting,
facing overwhelming need.

2-God, we cannot help but wonder:
Do our prayers do any good?
Do they change the nations' leaders?
Do they change our neighborhood?
Why do loved ones keep on suffering
when they're in our constant prayer?
Do you hear the cries we're offering?
Are you listening? Are you there?

3-Then you teach us of this woman:
She was widowed; she was poor.
"Grant me justice!" she kept calling
at an unjust judge's door.
Though that judge respected no one,
he was no match for her cries.
He responded to her pleading,
granting justice, changing lives.

4-How much more is your compassion!
God, you're just and good and fair.
May we lift to you our sorrows
and the burdens that we bear.
May we pray, for you reign o'er us!
May we ask — for you are kind!
May we trust that you will help us
in your goodness, in your time.

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Church and Community Life

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, written by Rev. Aric Clark who pastors two

churches in Sherwood, Oregon, 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.*

FELLOWSHIP TIME after worship is a wonderful time to talk with friends and make new ones. It's even more pleasant with goodies in hand. Please see Joan to provide some goodies, just bring something, or leave a free-will offering in the basket on the table so we can purchase refreshments when home-baked treats aren't available. Thank you!

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 is next week – bring your coins (and paper money, too!) to help support Congregations Helping People.

Looking Ahead

Mon. Aug 11 7:00 Admin Committee - Zoom
Thur. Aug 14 1:00 Mission Committee at JKPC
Aug 15-31 Ballad of the Merry Folx- Sherwood
Sun. Aug 17 10:30 Worship with Christ Jar Offering and Birthday/Anniversary celebration
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

August Birthdays

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

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