

**John Knox
Presbyterian Church**

**July 5, 2026
Sixth Sunday
after Pentecost**



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

GATHERING INTO GOD'S PRESENCE

Prelude

*“America the Beautiful”
with Give Me Your Tired, Your Poor”*

Samuel Augustus Ward
Irving Berlin
arr. Melissa Terrall

Words of Welcome

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

*** Call to Worship**

*God, whom we gather to worship, rejoices that you are here as part of this community of faith.
As you look around, what do you see?*

**We see a cross that reminds us of God's victory
over the attempts of empire to squelch God's plan.**

*You might notice a Bible or two, a book that shares stories about how people in the past have
encountered God as they lived their lives.*

We see a baptismal font which reminds us of God's claim upon our lives.

We belong to God!

*You might gaze upon an open table, reminding us that we are the body of Christ, let loose in the
world to make a difference.*

**We see friends and family, faces that are new and familiar and we give thanks for the
opportunity to be together.**

Then let's join in worship and song as we celebrate the presence of the Spirit.

*** Hymn** *“My Soul Cries Out with a Joyful Shout” #100*

*** Call to Confession**

*** Unison Prayer of Confession**

**Grace giving God, renew our spirits as we celebrate this quiet time with you. Give us the
encouragement we need to extend ourselves to others and the trust we need to receive
the hand that is offered to us. Open our minds to the thoughts you plant. May we be
aware of the freedoms that living life with you can generate. Then move us into those
places where we can be faithful witnesses to your plans for all people. Amen.**

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** "O Beautiful for Spacious Skies" #338

verse 1 from Glory to God (public domain)

(2) O beautiful for citizens who work and volunteer,
In places where the human touch helps wipe away a tear.

America! America! God calls us to be free

To work for peace and unity from sea to shining sea.

(3) O beautiful for those who serve in many varied ways.

The soldier in a far off land, the aide who passes trays.

America! America! Response – abilities

Providing for the common good at home and overseas.

(4) O beautiful for splendid dreams that see beyond the years.
That hold up high our hopes and plans that overcome all fears.

America! America! God's love has come your way

A love that God asks you to share around the world today. †

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* Charge and Blessing

Please be seated to enjoy the postlude.

Postlude

"Prelude No. 3"

George Gershwin

Guest Preacher: Rev. Steven Hammond

Pastor: Rev. Maggie Lewis

Pianist: Melissa Terrall

Liturgist: Janet Anderson

Music Director: Anna Robinson

Church and Community Life

PLEASE EXTEND a warm welcome to Rev. Steven Hammond as he preaches and leads worship today. Steve is a retired Presbyterian minister whose bi-vocational career as a physician assistant provided the opportunity to serve smaller congregations in rural medically underserved communities in Idaho, Washington and Michigan. He now lives in Albany and provides pulpit supply around the presbytery. He also serves as a member of the Medical Reserve Corp of Linn County.

KEIZER COMMUNITY FOOD BANK This summer, we are collecting peanut butter for the food bank. Kids are home all summer, and peanut butter is a great source of protein! Please bring your jars of peanut butter to the grocery cart and we will deliver them to the food bank. Another way to help the food bank at this time is 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 for more information. You can also donate on-line on their website.

Prayers for Pat and Beth as they continue to recover and rehab from surgery. Pat went home on July 3 and now awaits a second surgery on August 9. Beth is at Keizer Nursing and Rehab, 4062 Arleta Ave NE. #12 (behind Bi-Mart) and appreciates cards, calls, text messages, and visitors. Prayers for Marlene, who is now at a care facility under hospice care. She has declined cards and visitors as she goes on this final journey.

Looking Ahead

July 12	10:30 Worship
July 19	10:30 Worship with Christ Jar Offering and July Birthday/Anniversary celebration
July 21	Planning Workshop at JKPC 10 am – 3 pm
July 26	10:30 Worship with Rev. Steve Hammond
August 2	10:30 Worship with Holy Communion

July Birthdays	July 2: Karen B.	July 28: Linda A.
	July 16: Sheila C.	July 29: Leone W.
July Anniversary	July 1: Adam & Anna R.	

**A Collaborative Conversation on Faith, Artificial Intelligence, and the Future
with Presbytery of the Cascades**

Wednesday, July 15 at 6pm Online via Zoom [REGISTER HERE!](#)

Should Christians be paying attention to Artificial Intelligence? Well... the Pope is talking about it. The World Council of Churches is talking about it. Your children or grandchildren are probably using it. And many of us are still trying to figure out exactly how it's going to affect our future. Join Dr. David Barstow of First PC, Corvallis, who is helping develop AI responses and resources for churches through the World Council of Churches. Long before ChatGPT became a household name, David was writing his Ph.D. dissertation on Artificial Intelligence at Stanford... nearly 50 years ago. Together we'll explore what AI is, how it is shaping our world, and how faith communities can help shape its future. Special guest appearances will include Leonardo da Vinci, Martin Luther, ChatGPT, and Claude.

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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.