



John Knox Presbyterian Church

April 28, 2024

5th Sunday
after Easter

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

GATHERING INTO GOD'S PRESENCE

Prelude

“A Joyful Song”

Chester G. Allen
Arr. Hugh S. Livingston

Words of Welcome

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

*** Call to Worship**

We gather in the name of the risen Lord.

Christ is risen! Alleluia!

We gather as sisters and brothers of the resurrected one.

Christ is risen! Alleluia!

We gather to share our faith and to worship God.

Christ is risen! Alleluia!

We gather to proclaim the good news of Easter!

Christ is risen! Alleluia!

*** Hymn**

“Christ is Risen! Shout Hosanna!”

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*** Call to Confession**

*** Unison Prayer of Confession**

Gracious God, our hearts are restless until they find their home in you. Forgive our pursuit of things that separate us from you. We pursue success, realizing it will never be enough. We desire more possessions, knowing they are empty. We turn toward the world and hope we will find peace, knowing only you can satisfy that need. Forgive us, we pray, and may our wandering hearts find their rest and confidence in you alone. Amen.

*** Words of Forgiveness**

*** Response**

“Alleluia, Alleluia! Give Thanks” v. 4

#240

Bold= people * = standing if able *italics*=leader

Time with the Children of God

Prayer for Illumination

Today's Psalm

"Commit Your Way to God the Lord"
based on portions of Psalm 37

#706

Anna will sing the first verse; and people will join on remaining verses.

Second Reading

Acts 4: 32-5:11

NRSVUE

Last week, we heard about Peter and John being dismissed by the council. They went to their friends and reported what happened and then they prayed for the ability to speak the word of God with boldness. We continue from Acts 4 and 5:

Now the whole group of those who believed were of one heart and soul, and no one claimed private ownership of any possessions, but everything they owned was held in common. With great power the apostles gave their testimony to the resurrection of the Lord Jesus, and great grace was upon them all. There was not a needy person among them, for as many as owned lands or houses sold them and brought the proceeds of what was sold. They laid it at the apostles' feet, and it was distributed to each as any had need. There was a Levite from Cyprus, Joseph, to whom the apostles gave the name Barnabas (which means "son of encouragement"). He sold a field that belonged to him, then brought the money and laid it at the apostles' feet.

But a man named Ananias, with the consent of his wife Sapphira, sold a piece of property; with his wife's knowledge, he kept back some of the proceeds and brought only a part and laid it at the apostles' feet. "Ananias," Peter asked, "why has Satan filled your heart to lie to the Holy Spirit and to keep back part of the proceeds of the land? While it remained unsold, did it not remain your own? And after it was sold, were not the proceeds at your disposal? How is it that you have contrived this deed in your heart? You did not lie to us but to God!" Now when Ananias heard these words, he fell down and died. And great fear seized all who heard of it. The young men came and wrapped up his body, then carried him out and buried him.

After an interval of about three hours his wife came in, not knowing what had happened. Peter said to her, "Tell me whether you and your husband sold the land for such and such a price." And she said, "Yes, that was the price." Then Peter said to her, "How is it that you have agreed together to put the Spirit of the Lord to the test? Look, the feet of those who have buried your husband are at the door, and they will carry you out." Immediately she fell down at his feet and died. When the young men came in they found her dead, so they carried her out and buried her beside her husband. And great fear seized the whole church and all who heard of these things.

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

Sermon

Rev. Maggie Lewis

RESPONDING TO GOD'S CALL

* Unison Affirmation of Faith

From United Church of Canada

We are not alone, we live in God's world.

We believe in God: who has created and is creating,

who has come in Jesus, the Word made flesh,
to reconcile and make new,
who works in us and others by the Spirit.

We trust in God.

We are called to be the Church:
to celebrate God's presence,
to live with respect in Creation,
to love and serve others,
to seek justice and resist evil,
to proclaim Jesus, crucified and risen,
our judge and our hope.

In life, in death, in life beyond death,
God is with us.

We are not alone.

Thanks be to God. Amen.

* Hymn "Faith Begins by Letting Go" #684

Church and Community Life

Offering Ourselves and Our Gifts

Call for the Offering

Offertory "Take My Life and Let It Be" Arr. Victor Labenske

* Response "Freely, Freely" refrain see projection

* 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 "Christ Be Beside Me" #702

* Charge and Blessing

Postlude "A Joyful Song" (con't) Chester G. Allen
Arr. Hugh S. Livingston

Liturgist: Sheila Cunningham
Pastor: Rev. Maggie Lewis

Music Director: Anna Robinson
Pianist: Bethany Cozort

*This gathering of JKPC is occurring in the traditional land of the
Kalapuya people and their many tribes.
We are grateful to the elders, past and present,
who have stewarded it through the generations.*

Church and Community Life

WELCOME TO REV. MAGGIE LEWIS It is with pleasure that the JKPC session announces that Maggie will begin serving as our official half-time stated supply pastor effective May 1. Maggie has been in the pulpit for us since Advent as our weekly pulpit supply. As we worshipped and spent time together, Maggie and the session felt a mutual call. We began to explore how that call might be lived out - and here we are! We will host a reception for Maggie after church on May 5 during fellowship time. You are all invited to welcome Maggie and celebrate this next step in God's ministry through JKPC.

We are thankful for all our guest preachers over the last year and a half and we are grateful for your patience and prayers as we searched and waited for the person God was preparing for us. God is good, all the time!

2023 BUDGET FOLLOW-UP REPORT: Due to careful budgeting and using pulpit supply instead of a contracted pastor during all of 2023, we had some “surplus” funds – about \$35,000. It is our policy to save some of any surplus for various “rainy day” funds and to give some to distribute for various missions. This year, session allocated the 2023 surplus as follows: \$15,000 to the pastor health insurance fund; \$10,000 to capital expenses, \$5,000 to Mission Committee, and \$2,000 to Worship Committee for a monitor on the back wall.

Savings in the pastor health insurance fund over the years has allowed us to provide a reasonable contribution to the cost of health insurance for Maggie. The continuing investment in a capital expenses fund allowed us to absorb the \$2770 cost of a new hot water heater when it was needed in March without budgetary impact. Worship Committee was able to purchase and install the back wall monitor for approximately \$500 thanks to the time and energy of the Emmett family and a great Super Bowl TV sale. The remaining money, if not needed for additional technology, will be returned to the general fund.

Mission Committee chose to donate \$1500 to Warm Springs Presbyterian Church to support their fundraising efforts for upgrading the manse so it will be ready when they call a new pastor. The remaining \$3500 was donated to Liberty House, an advocacy center for assessment, healing, and prevention of child abuse, neglect, trauma, and grief. In further conversations with folks at Liberty House, we have learned that they can always use new and gently used stuffed animals to share with the children they serve. You'll hear more about Liberty House in the weeks ahead. In the meantime, however, we have a request that will also help with next week's worship. Children (of all ages) are asked to bring a wide variety of stuffed animals to help us illustrate the scripture for next week. If you would like to bring new or very gently used stuffed animals for us to gift to Liberty House, this would be a great time to help with our illustration AND to share with children at Liberty House and provide some comfort in a tough time. See Sheila or Eileen if you have questions. OF COURSE, stuffed animals will be returned to the children who want to take them back home!

KEIZER COMMUNITY FOOD BANK food of the month for April is **PEANUT BUTTER**. We'll accept any other food items and financial donations, of course. Food donations are dedicated on the last Sunday of the month in worship before delivery to the food bank. May's food is CEREAL – watch for those sales!

FELLOWSHIP time after church is a wonderful time to catch up with old friends and become acquainted with new ones. Somehow that catching up always goes better with refreshments! If you would like to share a snack with others after church, sign up on the clipboard that you'll find somewhere on a table in the social hall during fellowship time. 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 hearing aids are used. For more information, see Eileen or CJ.

JKPC FEATURED in the May Omnibus, the Cascades Presbytery newsletter. Check it out at <https://cascadespresbytery.org/omnibus-2/>

LOOKING AHEAD

- Sun. May 5** **10:30 am** Worship with Communion
After worship: Welcome reception for Rev. Maggie Lewis
- Sun. May 12** **10:30 am** Worship
- Mon. May 13** **7:00 pm** Administration Comm - Zoom
- Wed. May 15** Session meeting at JKPC – time TBD
- Sun. May 19** **PENTECOST** – Wear RED!
10:30 am Worship
Pentecost Pizza after worship
Birthday celebrations, too!
- Sun. May 26** **TRINITY SUNDAY and Memorial Day Weekend**
10:30 am Worship

APRIL BIRTHDAYS			
1	Mike Liechty	17	Caleb Robinson
2	John Neal	18	Mark McKelvie
6	Carrie High	21	Eileen Sheelar
6	Pat McKelvie	26	Ezra Robinson
11	Judi Liechty	30	Lois Nelson
14	Val Jean Pease	30	Andrea Breuer
ANNIVERSARY – April 17 – Harry & Val Jean Pease			



Monday, May 22, 6:30 pm
St. Mark Lutheran Church
790 Marion St. NE

Sunday, June 3, 3:00 pm
Salem Library, Loucks Auditorium
585 Liberty St. SE

The concerts will feature songs in a variety of styles – classical, gospel, jazz, and pop. These concerts are uplifting and just a lot of fun. All are welcome! Invite a friend and settle in for some wonderful music. Admission is free.

REGISTER NOW!
**Knowing Ourselves:
 An Introduction to the Enneagram**
with Rev. Dr. Sarah Sanderson Doughty



Gather with Presbyterians from across the region to learn about the enneagram and how it can enrich your personal relationships as well as relationships within your church family.





May 18, 2024
 9-4pm
 United Presbyterian Albany
 \$25 registration fee
 lunch & books included



Like the Myers Briggs, the Enneagram is a tool for self-understanding. It offers perspectives on why we think, act, and feel the way we do and how to live the healthiest and most faithful versions of ourselves. Whether you are well-versed in the enneagram or it's new to you, this day-long retreat will offer meaningful content that enrich your own life as well as strengthen relationships you have with those around you. Led by the gifted pastor and speaker, Rev. Dr. Sarah Sanderson Doughty, we'll gather with Presbyterians from across the region on Saturday, May 18th from 9-4 p.m. to learn and grow together. Lunch and a book is included in your \$25 registration fee. Hope to see you there!

Use the QR code to register or link can be found here:

<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/knowing-ourselves-an-introduction-to-the-enneagram-registration-808744585827>

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