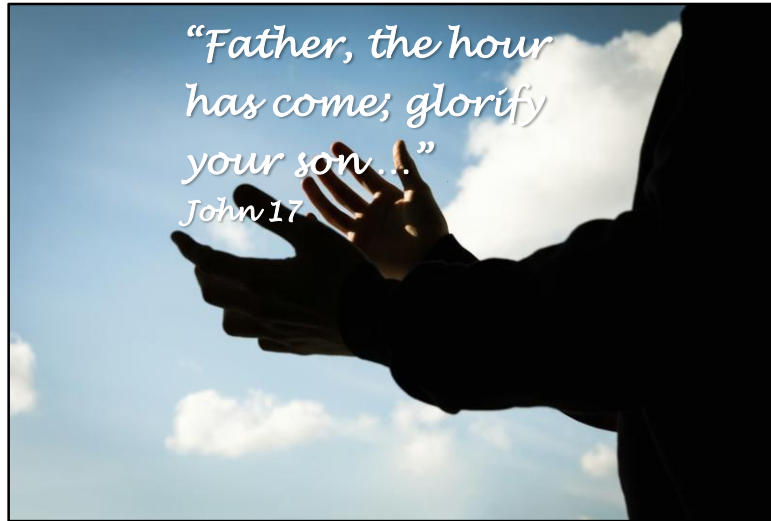


John Knox Presbyterian Church

May 17, 2026 7th Sunday of Easter



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

GATHERING INTO GOD'S PRESENCE

Prelude

“Be Still My Soul”

FINLANDIA

J. Sibelius, arr. Melissa Terrall

Words of Welcome

*** Call to Worship**

God of glory, something has happened.

God of love, something has changed.

Christ now reigns over all the world.

Christ now reigns over all our hearts.

All our minds.

All our lives, and all our choices.

Christ, ruler of all that is, come rule over us.

Draw us up in your love, and make us your Body, for the sake of the world. Amen.

*** Hymn**

“Come, Christians, Join to Sing”

#267

*** Call to Confession**

*** Unison Prayer of Confession**

Eternal God, you have loved us from generation to generation. You have shown your faithfulness more often than we can recall. The Bible tells us of your steadfast mercy. You even pray for us. Yet we live holding on to past hurts; we are not open to your new creation. We prefer the safety of what we know to the excitement of discipleship. Forgive us, we pray, and make us again as you would have us be. We make all of our prayers in the name of Jesus Christ, Amen.

*** Words of Forgiveness**

We know that the one who raised the Lord Jesus will raise us also with Jesus, and will bring us with you into his presence.

Yes, everything is for your sake, so that grace, as it extends to more and more people, may increase thanksgiving, to the glory of God.

Believe the promise of the gospel:

In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.

*** Sung Response**

“Spirit of the Living God”

#288

LISTENING FOR GOD'S WORD

Prayer for Illumination

Today's Psalm

Acts 1: 6-14

NRSV

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

Time with Our Young and Growing Ones

Gospel Reading	John 17: 1-11	NRSV
<i>This is the word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.</i>		
Sermon		Rev. Maggie Lewis
* Hymn	“Loving Spirit”	#293, tune #727

RESPONDING TO GOD’S CALL

Church and Community Life

Offering Ourselves and Our Gifts

Invitation to the Offering

Offertory	“May The Mind of Christ My Savior”	Kate Barclay Wilkinson
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* Sung Response	“We Are An Offering”	#710
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* Prayer of Dedication

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	“Lord, Be Glorified”	# 468
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* Charge and Blessing

Please be seated to enjoy the postlude.

Postlude	“Hail the Day that Sees Him Rise”	Charles Wesley
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Please join us for refreshments and fellowship in the Social Hall after worship.

Pastor: Rev. Maggie Lewis	Pianist: Melissa Terrall
Liturgist: Sheila Cunningham	Music Director: Anna Robinson

Liturgy: Steve Garnaas-Holmes, unfoldinglight.net; Presbyterian Outlook by Baron Mullis; ChristianAid.org.uk

Living the Easter Life: Our Shared Mission

It’s the 7th Sunday of Easter, and Pentecost is celebrated next Sunday. While we are still in Eastertide, I wanted to share an article that Rev. Jeff Sievert, a retired pastor from Reedville, wrote about per capita and how it relates especially to the Easter season.

On the 4th Sunday of Easter, with Alleluias still on our lips, the Acts text for the day focused on the life of the early believers. In a snapshot we discover that they broke bread together with joy in their hearts and *had all things in common. They would sell their possessions and goods and distribute the proceeds to all, as any had need.* (Acts 2)

Luke’s depiction may be a little aspirational. Still, built into the DNA of the church from its very beginning is radical egalitarianism. Later we Presbyterians would call us a “**connectional church.**”

Just as the early believers in Acts 2 broke bread and held all things in common, our congregations connect to the wider church through **per capita apportionment**. This annual “per head” contribution enables our churches to share resources with our **Presbytery, Synod, and the General Assembly** to support collective mission, ecclesiastical work, and nurturing our denomination’s mission.

Per Capita is an apportionment paid by a congregation based on the number of members, regardless of whether or not members pay it. Locally, it helps our **Presbytery** fund committees, the Stated Clerk’s work and other administrative costs. Regionally, it allows the **Synod of the Pacific** to offer congregations grants, low-interest loans and investment opportunities to congregations. Nationally, through **Presbyterian Life & Witness**, (the new name for the Office of General Assembly and Mission Agency) it supports the General Assembly, helps match the right pastors with the right churches and provides training for presbytery staff and so much more. The current distribution schedule of our \$50 per capita apportionment is General Assembly (GA) \$11.26, Synod of the Pacific \$5.22, and Presbytery of the Cascades \$33.52.

By supporting per capita, we ensure the ministries of the Presbytery of the Cascades and the wider church can continue to thrive. We invite you to contribute your 2026 per capita of \$50 per member in addition to your regular pledge, helping sustain this vital communal life. Members are invited to make an offering for yourself and if you are able, an extra amount to cover per capita for those in the congregation unable to pay it themselves.

As beneficiaries of the Acts 2 Community of Faith, let us continue to break bread with glad and generous hearts, and share all things in common.

Church and Community Life

PENTECOST is next Sunday, when we celebrate the arrival of the Holy Spirit to the early disciples and to us today. Red is the liturgical color for the Holy Spirit and we invite you to join us in wearing RED next week. Your red clothing will serve a dual purpose – it will also help hide any spilled pizza sauce from our Pentecost Pizza served during fellowship time. Thank you to Lee and Mary Jo for hosting this annual tradition.

SALEM COMMUNITY CHORUS SPRING CONCERT

Monday evening at 6:30 is your last chance to hear “Decades of Broadway” at St. Mark Lutheran Church downtown. It is a wonderful concert, and I know you will enjoy it.

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 contributes toward meeting 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.

PLEASE JOIN in the May birthday celebration in the Social Hall after worship today.

Looking Ahead

May Birthdays

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- May 20** 7:00 Session meeting – Zoom
- May 24** **PENTECOST SUNDAY**
10:30 Worship – **PLEASE WEAR RED!!**
11:30 Pentecost Pizza during fellowship time
with thanks to the Emmetts
- May 31** **TRINITY SUNDAY –**
10:30 Worship – Mission focus
- June 7** 10:30 Worship with Holy Communion
Celebrating John Knox 63rd birthday (June 6)
Peanut Butter for Backpack Buddies
- June 14** 10:30 Worship
Honoring our students

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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.