

John Knox Presbyterian Church
May 31, 2026
Sent in Love: A Service of Lessons and Carols
for Mission and Witness



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

GATHERING INTO GOD'S PRESENCE

Prelude	"I Love to Tell the Story"	Kate Hanley Arr. Melissa Terrall
Words of Welcome		
*Opening Hymn	"We All Are One in Mission"	#733
Opening Prayer		
<i>This service traces God's mission through the life of the church—celebrating the ways Christ sends us into the world to love, nourish, welcome, and serve. Please remain seated as we celebrate in word and song.</i>		
First Lesson: Growing Hope		Genesis 2: 4b-9; 15
Community Garden		
Reflection		Mary Jo Emmett
Hymn	"The Earth Belongs to God Alone"	#715
	<i>Anna will sing verse 1, please join her on verses 3 and 4.</i>	
Second Lesson: Feeding Our Neighbors		Isaiah 58: 6-10
Keizer Community Food Bank		
Reflection		Teresa Read
Hymn	"Christ, Be Our Light"	#314 vss # 1, 3, 5

** = Standing as able Italics = Leader **Bold** = People*

Third Lesson: Seeing and Valuing Youth	Galatians 6:2
ODHS Gift Cards	
Reflection	Linda Garland
Hymn "Help Us Accept Each Other"	#754
Fourth Lesson: Caring for Children	Mark 10: 13-16
Backpack Buddies	
Reflection	CJ High
Hymn "The Servant Song"	#727 v. 1 & 2
Fifth Lesson: Compassion in Action	2 Corinthians 9: 6-8
Congregations Helping People	
Reflection	Sheila Cunningham
Hymn "The Servant Song"	#727 v. 3, 4, 5
Sixth Lesson: Restoring Dignity	Matthew 25: 35-40
Hygiene Kits	
Reflection	Dixie Schafer
Hymn "For Everyone Born"	#769
Seventh Lesson: Mission Beyond Keizer	Acts 1:8
PC(USA) Partnerships through Special Offerings	
Reflection	Eileen Sheelar
Hymn "The Church of Christ Cannot Be Bound"	#766
Meditation "Called into Communion, Sent into Service"	Rev. Maggie Lewis
Invitation to the Offering	
Hymn "Called As Partners in Christ's Service" #761	
<i>Please remain seated to sing verses 1 & 3 as we offer our gifts, then stand and sing verse 4 as our offerings are presented for dedication.</i>	
*Prayer of Dedication	
Prayers of the People	
The Lord's Prayer	
Closing Reading	Micah 6:8
*Closing Hymn "Come, Live in the Light!"	#749
*Charge and Benediction	
<i>Please be seated to enjoy the postlude.</i>	
Postlude "I Will Sing of My Redeemer"	P. P. Bliss

Pastor: Rev. Maggie Lewis

Pianist: Melissa Terrall

Music Director: Anna Robinson

Here in Keizer and around the world... We love, nourish, welcome and serve.



Church and Community Life

Today, we observe Trinity Sunday and especially how we are charged and inspired to share the good news through our various mission outreaches.

On **June 7**, we will celebrate John Knox's 63rd birthday with Communion and ... gifts! We usually bring gifts to a birthday party, and the mission committee is asking for gifts of large jars of peanut butter, or money to buy those large jars, so each Backpack Buddy can have a big jar of peanut butter to start their summer.

On **June 14**, we'll recognize and honor our students as they celebrate the end of this school year and a short break before picking up again in the fall.

ONE PLOT is available in the Community Garden. See Mary Jo if you or someone you know is interested.

KEIZER COMMUNITY FOOD BANK The most efficient way to help food banks at this time is to provide 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.

Looking Ahead

- June 7** **10:30** Worship with Holy Communion
Celebrating John Knox 63rd birthday (June 6)
Peanut Butter for Backpack Buddies
- June 8** **6:30** Dr. Alex Awad at 1st Congregational UCC
Christians in the Holy Land

June 14 10:30 Worship
Honoring our students

June 21 10:30 Worship with Christ Jar Offering
Celebrating June birthdays during
Fellowship time

May birthdays May 8: Lee E. May 23: Anna R.
June birthdays June 8: Beth N. June 19: Mary Jo E.



John Knox turns 63 years old on June 6, so on June 7, we'll celebrate! A gift of a large jar of peanut butter (or money to purchase them) for our 20 Backpack Buddies will be very appreciated, as will your presence in worship and fellowship as we celebrate JKPC's mission in Keizer and around the world since 1963.

Christians in the Holy Land

*A personal story
with Dr. Alex Awad*

**Monday
June 8
6:30PM**

**700 Marion Street
Salem, Oregon**



On Monday, June 8 at 6:30pm, First Congregational Church UCC welcomes Reverend Dr. Alex Awad to share his story. He is a Palestinian Christian raised in Jerusalem who spent 26 years as a United Methodist missionary, including 21 years pastoring the East Jerusalem International Church. In a world that has largely looked away from the Holy Land, Dr. Awad's witness is one we need to hear.

Rev. Dr. Elmarie Parker, former PC(USA) Regional Liaison for Syria, Lebanon, and Iraq, will interview Dr. Awad, followed by Q&A with the audience.

Free and open to all.



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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.

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