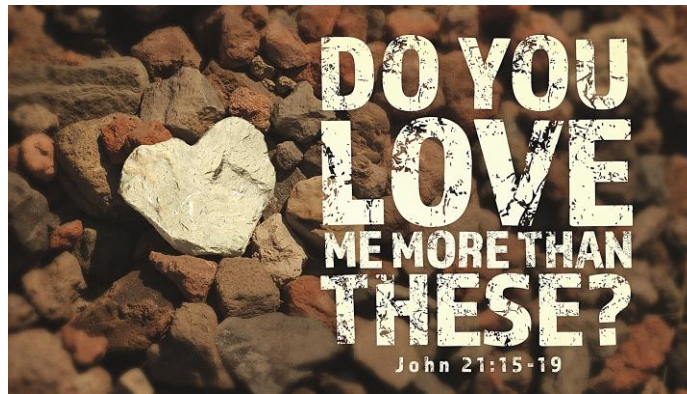


John Knox Presbyterian Church

August 30, 2026



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

GATHERING INTO GOD'S PRESENCE

Prelude

"Be Not Afraid"

arr. Gina Sprunger

Words of Welcome

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

*** Call to Worship**

We come, for God gathers us here, with that community called faith:

where the hungry are served first, where the thirsty drink life's water.

We come, for God welcomes us here into that home called grace:

where the naked are clothed in robes of hope,

where the stranger is embraced as the long-lost prodigal.

We come, for God reunites us here, sisters and brothers in that family called love:

where the imprisoned model justice, where the sick are cradled in God's peace.

*** Hymn**

"You Are Here"

see handout or projection and follow Anna's lead

*** Call to Confession**

*** Unison Prayer of Confession**

Merciful God, you are always drawing the circle of your love wider, but we often resist.

You tell us that all people are your beloved, and we ask, "Why?" "Why them?"

We are quick to judge others rather than being grateful that we, too, are included in the fold. We put the privileged, the powerful, and the people who look and act right, in first place, but you extend grace first to the sinner, the outcast, and the marginalized.

Forgive us, God. Transform us, that we may show mercy as you show mercy. Amen.

*** Responsive Words of Forgiveness**

Anyone who is in Christ is a new creation.

The old life has gone; the new life has begun.

Friends, believe the good news:

In Jesus Christ we are forgiven and restored to new life.

*** Sung Response**

"Glory be to the Father"

see handout or projection

LISTENING FOR GOD'S WORD

Prayer for Illumination

First Reading

Matthew 9: 9-13

New Living Translation

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

Time with Our Young and Growing Ones

Second Reading

John 21: 15-19

New Living Translation

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

Sermon

Sheila Cunningham

* Hymn

"Love the Lord Your God"

see handout or projection

RESPONDING TO GOD'S CALL

Church and Community Life

Offering Ourselves and Our Gifts

Invitation to the Offering

Offertory

"As the Deer Pants for the Water"

Marty Nystrom

* Sung Response

"We Lift Our Voices"

#710

* Prayer of Dedication

Prayers of the People

Please remember to use first names only to protect the privacy of those for whom we offer prayers.

Response for congregational prayer:

Lord, in your mercy, hear our prayers.

The Lord's Prayer

SENDING GOD'S PEOPLE INTO THE WORLD

* Sending Song

"Song of Hope"

#765 twice in English

* Charge and Benediction

Please be seated to enjoy the postlude

Postlude

"Jesu, Joy of Man's Desiring"

arr. Colleen Adent

Guest Preacher: Sheila Cunningham

Pastor: Rev. Maggie Lewis

Liturgist: CJ High

Pianist: Melissa Terrall

Music Director: Anna Robinson

Church and Community Life

PLEASE WELCOME Sheila Cunningham to the pulpit this morning. Since Maggie was on study leave last week, Sheila has planned today's worship. Sheila is an ordained ruling elder and deacon. She is currently serving as a deacon, but not getting too far away from her ruling elder past! Thank you, Sheila, for putting together and leading worship today.

DO YOU LIKE PIES? We have an opportunity to enjoy ready-to-serve or ready-to-bake pies from Willamette Valley Pie Company for a very reasonable price. All proceeds will go to Congregations Helping People. These pies typically cost between \$15 and \$22 at local grocery stores, and we're offering them for much less. See below for more information.

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. In July, we donated 20 jars – our goal for August is to beat July's count! Cash donations are also appreciated. Designate "KCFB" or "Food Bank" and we will route the money to KCFB. 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.

THANK YOU for your patience and attention as we reviewed our evacuation exits last week. If you have questions about how to exit the building in an emergency, please contact Eileen, Mary Jo, Bronwyn, or Maggie. And remember the basics – Listen to the leader and follow their instructions!

Looking Ahead

Sept. 6	10:30 Worship with Holy Communion
Sept. 7	Labor Day
Sept. 13	10:30 Worship Willamette Valley Pies delivered
Sept. 17	7:00 Session meeting via Zoom
Sept. 20	10:30 Worship with Christ Jar Offering and birthday/anniversary celebration after worship
Sept. 27	10:30 Worship
Oct. 4	10:30 Worship - World Communion Sunday

SEPTEMBER CELEBRATIONS

Birthdays	Sept. 5: Linda G. Sept. 14: Janet A. Sept. 24: Glen C.
Anniversaries	Sept. 3: Judi and Mike L. Sept. 27: Joan and Paul A.

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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.*

We are recording this service and it will be available on our website for two weeks.

Fundraiser for Congregations Helping People

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NAME & PHONE # _____

Order Quantity	Size and Kind of Pie	Price	Total Price
	9" Peach-Marionberry Lattice top (baked, frozen)	\$10	
	8" Marionberry Crumble Pie (baked)	\$10	
	8" or 9" (not sure) Vegan Pumpkin (thaw and serve)	\$10	
	9" Cherry (unbaked) with nut allergen residue on machinery, not nuts in pie itself	\$10	
	9" Peach	\$10	
	9" Caramel Apple Crumble	\$10	
	6" Marionberry & Peach Cobbler 2 pack (26 oz. 1 each, packaged together)	\$15	
	5" Caramel Apple Pie (baked)	\$7	
	5" Apple Pie	\$7	
	5" Marionberry Pie	\$7	
		TOTAL	

Please leave order form and payment in the office (slide under door if no one is present), deliver to Sheila or another church member, or contact Sheila to make other arrangements. Deadline Sept. 7.

Congregations Helping People is an organization that contributes to meeting emergency needs of our Salem-Keizer neighbors. Supporting congregations include: Calvary Baptist, First United Methodist Salem, John Knox Presbyterian (Keizer); Keizer Christian, Morningside United Methodist, Our Savior's Lutheran, Salem First Christian, Salem First Church of the Nazarene, Salem Mennonite Church, St. Mark Lutheran, St. Paul's Episcopal, and Trinity Evangelical Covenant Church.

CHP shares office space with The Salvation Army on Front Street, which allows them to work closely with The Salvation Army services and have rent-free office space. This sharing means more CHP funds are available to directly help our neighbors in need.

With your support and continued work with other community agencies who have similar goals and missions, CHP can work with landlords to keep people in their homes, help keep their lights and heat on, and assist with obtaining identification to secure employment or get housing. Your giving allows CHP to remain open four days a week to help struggling community members with screened assistance and maintain a solid base of operations while they share your love and compassion for our neighbors.