



John Knox Presbyterian Church

April 14, 2024

3rd Sunday
after Easter

GATHERING INTO GOD'S PRESENCE

Prelude "Christ is Alive! Let Christians Sing" Arr. Thomas Keesecker

Words of Welcome

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

* Call to Worship

Because Jesus ascended and sits at the right hand of God, a new world has broken into ours –

**A world in which justice does come for the poor,
freedom comes for the prisoners, and healing for the sick.**

Because Jesus ascended and sits at the right hand of God, a new community has been formed—

**a community that loves and cares for all members,
a family that welcomes all who are abandoned and rejected,
a place where all find a place of belonging.**

Because Jesus ascended and sits at the right hand of God, a new creation has begun—

**all that was distorted is being restored, all that is corrupted is being renewed,
all that was broken is being made whole.**

*Come, let us worship God, who is inviting us into life in a new way,
a way that transcends death, a way of hope and faith.*

* Hymn "Alleluia! Sing to Jesus" # 260

* Call to Confession

* Unison Prayer of Confession

Too often, Lord God, we are hesitant in our proclamation; seeking safe and suitable opportunities to speak of our faith.

Too often, Lord God, we are half-hearted in our service; reluctant to stand out from the crowd or to attract criticism.

Too often, Lord God, we live as if dependent wholly on our own resources; relying on our perceived skills and modest insights.

Too often, Lord God, we look to the clouds for our inspiration, in the vain hope of finding you there.

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

Forgive the poverty of our efforts and the frailty of our faith and open wide our hearts and minds to the immanent presence of our Risen, Living and Ascended Lord Jesus Christ.

*** Words of Assurance**

*** Response**

“Alleluia, Alleluia! Give Thanks” v. 4

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LISTENING FOR GOD’S WORD

Time with the Children of God

Prayer for Illumination

Scripture Reading

Acts 1: 6-11; 12-17, 21-26

NRSV

So when they had come together, they asked him, “Lord, is this the time when you will restore the kingdom to Israel?” He replied, “It is not for you to know the times or periods that the Father has set by his own authority. But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you, and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth.” When he had said this, as they were watching, he was lifted up, and a cloud took him out of their sight. While he was going and they were gazing up toward heaven, suddenly two men in white robes stood by them. They said, “Men of Galilee, why do you stand looking up toward heaven? This Jesus, who has been taken up from you into heaven, will come in the same way as you saw him go into heaven.

Then they returned to Jerusalem from the mount called Olivet, which is near Jerusalem, a Sabbath day’s journey away. When they had entered the city, they went to the room upstairs where they were staying: Peter, and John, and James, and Andrew, Philip and Thomas, Bartholomew and Matthew, James son of Alphaeus, and Simon the Zealot, and Judas son of James. All these were constantly devoting themselves to prayer, together with certain women, including Mary the mother of Jesus, as well as his brothers.

In those days Peter stood up among the brothers and sisters (together the crowd numbered about one hundred twenty persons) and said, “Brothers and sisters, the scripture had to be fulfilled, which the Holy Spirit through David foretold concerning Judas, who became a guide for those who arrested Jesus, for he was numbered among us and was allotted his share in this ministry.”

“So one of the men who have accompanied us during all the time that the Lord Jesus went in and out among us, beginning from the baptism of John until the day when he was taken up from us—one of these must become a witness with us to his resurrection.” So they proposed two, Joseph called Barsabbas, who was also known as Justus, and Matthias. Then they prayed and said, “Lord, you know everyone’s heart. Show us which one of these two you have chosen to take the place in this ministry and apostleship from which Judas turned aside to go to his own place.” And they cast lots for them, and the lot fell on Matthias, and he was added to the eleven apostles.

The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God**

Sermon

“You Will Be My Witness”

Rev. Maggie Lewis

RESPONDING TO GOD'S CALL

* Hymn "Now the Green Blade Rises" #247

Church and Community Life

Offering Ourselves and Our Gifts

Call for the Offering

Offertory "Just a Closer Walk With Thee" Adam and Anna Robinson

* Response "Freely, Freely" refrain see projection

* Prayer of Dedication

SENDING GOD'S PEOPLE INTO THE WORLD

* Sending Song "He Lives!" see projection; music available in back

* Charge and Blessing

Please be seated to enjoy the postlude with pictures honoring Chuck Willming's life. After the postlude, please join us in the social hall to share refreshments, stories, and memories.

Postlude "O Day Full of Grace" arr. Thomas Keesecker

Liturgist: Doug Anderson
Preacher: 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

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.

REMEMBERING CHUCK WILLMING After worship today, we'll gather in the social hall for desserts and sharing of memories to honor Chuck Willming's life, ministry, and presence here at John Knox. Chuck's son Paul will be sharing desserts and ice cream as we share stories and the joy of knowing Chuck.

WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP meets Tuesday, April 16 at 2:00 pm in the Social Hall. All women are welcome to join in a Bible study, refreshments, and visiting.

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.

FROM THE TREASURER We close out the first quarter of 2024 with a positive note. Thank you for your faith-filled giving. Our expenses to the end of March have been in line with the budget, and the year-to-date deficit of -\$1188 caused by paying our Per Capita and Presbyterian Partnership Giving in January will continue to reduce. However, in April we will see a jump in our expenses as we had to replace the water heater and some ducting together with updates to the infra-structure to meet code requirements. I am thankful that we have been practicing financial stewardship over the years, putting money aside to cover large unexpected expenses such as these to our plant and building.

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MARCH 2024 FINANCIAL REPORT

| INCOME | Actual | Budget | YTD Act | YTD Bud |
|--------------------|----------------|----------------|------------------------|------------------------|
| Pledges | \$5,590 | \$5,756 | \$18,590 | \$16,608 |
| Offerings | 711 | 417 | 2,166 | 1,251 |
| Miscellaneous | 1255 | 928 | 2,163 | 2,785 |
| Christ Jar | 106 | 90 | 322 | 270 |
| Building Use | 390 | 92 | 533 | 276 |
| Per Capita | 0 | 100 | 732 | 600 |
| Food Bank Gifts | 150 | 150 | 350 | 450 |
| Backpack Bud | 150 | 100 | 250 | 300 |
| TOTAL | \$8,352 | \$7,633 | \$25,106 | \$22,540 |
| EXPENSES | Actual | Budget | YTD Act | YTD Bud |
| | \$5,169 | \$4,996 | \$26,294 | \$26,559 |
| PROFIT/LOSS | \$3,183 | \$2,637 | <\$1,188> | <\$4,019> |

LOOKING AHEAD

- Tues. April 16 2:00 pm** Women’s Fellowship – Social Hall
- Wed. April 17 7:00 pm** Session meeting via Zoom
- Fri-Sat April 19-20** Stated meeting of the Presbytery of the Cascades at Westminster Presbyterian Church in Portland
- Sun. April 21 10:30 am** Worship
Receive Christ Jar Offering
Birthday and anniversary celebration after worship
- Sun. Apr. 28 10:30 am** Worship
- Sun. May 5 10:30 am** Worship with Communion

| 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 | | | |

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