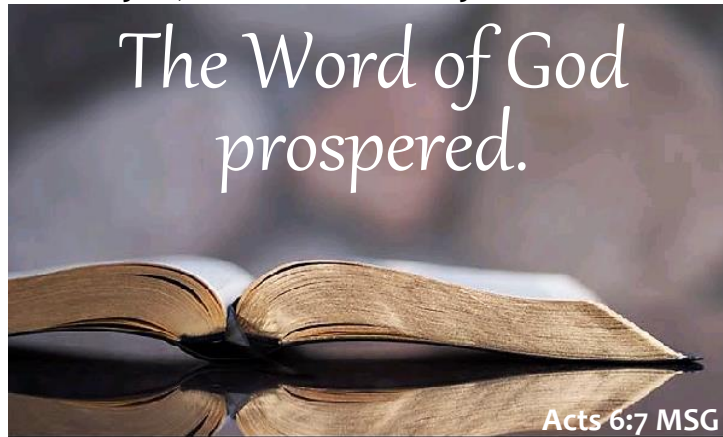


John Knox Presbyterian Church

May 12, 2024 7th Sunday after Easter



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

GATHERING INTO GOD'S PRESENCE

Prelude "God, Give Us Christian Homes" arr. Cindy Berry

Words of Welcome

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

*** Call to Worship** *based on Psalm 30*

I will exalt you, O Lord, because you have lifted me up.

You have not let my enemies triumph over me.

**O Lord my God, I cried out to you,
and you restored me to health.**

You brought me up, O Lord, from the dead.

You restored my life as I was going down to the grave.

Sing praise to the Lord, all you faithful; give thanks in holy remembrance.

Give thanks to God forever.

*** Hymn** "Deep in the Shadows of the Past" #50

* Call to Confession

* Unison Prayer of Confession

Merciful God, we confess that we have not loved you with our whole heart. We have failed to be an obedient church. We have not done your will, we have broken your law, we have rebelled against your love. We have not loved our neighbors, and we have refused to hear the cry of the needy. Forgive us, we pray. Free us for joyful obedience; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

* Words of Forgiveness

*** Response** "Alleluia, Alleluia! Give Thanks" v. 4 #240

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

LISTENING FOR GOD'S WORD

Time with the Children of God

Prayer for Illumination

Singing Today's Psalm

based on Psalm 31

"You Are My Refuge, Faithful God" #214

Anna will sing the first verse; people join on remaining

Scripture Reading

Acts 6: 1-7, 8-15

The Message

¹⁻⁴ During this time, as the disciples were increasing in numbers by leaps and bounds, hard feelings developed among the Greek-speaking believers—"Hellenists"—toward the Hebrew-speaking believers because their widows were being discriminated against in the daily food lines. So the Twelve called a meeting of the disciples. They said, "It wouldn't be right for us to abandon our responsibilities for preaching and teaching the Word of God to help with the care of the poor. So, friends, choose seven men from among you whom everyone trusts, men full of the Holy Spirit and good sense, and we'll assign them this task. Meanwhile, we'll stick to our assigned tasks of prayer and speaking God's Word."

⁵⁻⁶ The congregation thought this was a great idea. They went ahead and chose—Stephen, a man full of faith and the Holy Spirit, Philip, Procorus, Nicanor, Timon, Parmenas, Nicolas, a convert from Antioch.

Then they presented them to the apostles. Praying, the apostles laid on hands and commissioned them for their task.

⁷ The Word of God prospered. The number of disciples in Jerusalem increased dramatically. Not least, a great many priests submitted themselves to the faith.

⁸⁻¹⁰ Stephen, brimming with God's grace and energy, was doing wonderful things among the people, unmistakable signs that God was among them. But then some men from the meeting place whose membership was made up of freed slaves, Cyrenians, Alexandrians, and some others from Cilicia and Asia, went up against him trying to argue him down. But they were no match for his wisdom and spirit when he spoke.

¹¹ So in secret they bribed men to lie: "We heard him cursing Moses and God."

¹²⁻¹⁴ That stirred up the people, the religious leaders, and religion scholars. They grabbed Stephen and took him before the High Council. They put forward their bribed witnesses to testify: "This man talks nonstop against this Holy Place and God's Law. We even heard him say that Jesus of Nazareth would tear this place down and throw out all the customs Moses gave us."

¹⁵ As all those who sat on the High Council looked at Stephen, they found they couldn't take their eyes off him—his face was like the face of an angel!

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

Sermon

Rev. Maggie Lewis

RESPONDING TO GOD'S CALL

*** Hymn**

"God of Grace and God of Glory"

#307

Church and Community Life

Offering Ourselves and Our Gifts

Call for the Offering

Offertory

“Feile Brighde”

arr. Charles Callahan

* 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

“Lord, When I Came Into This Life”

#691

* Charge and Blessing

Postlude

“Improvisation on Land of Rest”

arr. Charles Callahan

Liturgist: Mary Jo Emmett

Pastor: Rev. Maggie Lewis

Music Director: Anna Robinson

Pianist: Bethany Cozort

Church and Community Life

SALEM COMMUNITY CHORUS SPRING CONCERT *Friends Making Music Making Friends* is on **Monday, May 20 at 6:30 pm** at St. Mark Lutheran Church (790 Marion St. NE). The concert features a fun variety of melodies guaranteed to fill your heart with the spirit of friendship. Admission is free. All are welcome! Invite a friend and settle in for some wonderful music.

PENTECOST IS NEXT SUNDAY. PLEASE WEAR RED to represent the Holy Spirit. We will also commission Pastor Maggie to service at John Knox, and celebrate afterwards with Pentecost Pizza and birthday cake!

KEIZER COMMUNITY FOOD BANK food of the month for May is **CEREAL**. 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.

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 provide a snack to share 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 IS FEATURED in the May Omnibus, the Cascades Presbytery newsletter. Check it out on the presbytery website under the Resources/Publications tab.


cascadespresbytery.org/omnibus-2/

HYGIENE KITS for Union Gospel Mission

Every spring, we gather items to assemble small hygiene kits for UGM distribution. We need any of the following items or donations to purchase them if you would like us to do the shopping. There is a box in the Social Hall for the items you bring. Please mark your financial donations “hygiene kits” so we can credit the correct account. We’ll assemble the kits on **Sunday, June 9** during fellowship time. Thank you for your generosity!

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| Hand towel | Toothbrush |
| Wash cloth | Toothpaste |
| Wide tooth comb | 6 bandaids |
| Nail clippers | Socks |
| Bar of soap | Feminine hygiene products |

LOOKING AHEAD

- Mon. May 13** 7:00 pm Administration Comm - Zoom
Wed. May 15 Session meeting at JKPC – 6:00 pm
Sun. May 19 **PENTECOST – Wear RED!**

10:30 am Worship
 Pentecost Pizza after worship
 Birthday celebrations, too!
Sun. May 26 **TRINITY SUNDAY; Memorial Day Weekend**
 10:30 am Worship

May Birthdays

8	Lee Emmett
18	Harry Pease
23	Anna Robinson

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.

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