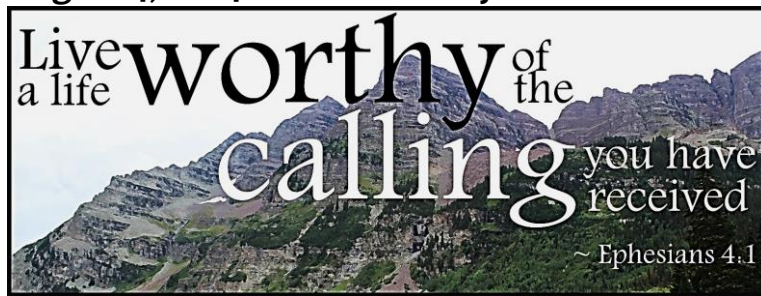


# John Knox Presbyterian Church

August 4, 2024 11<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost



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

## GATHERING INTO GOD'S PRESENCE

**Prelude**

“Our Foundation, Our Guide”

arr. Ruth Elaine Schram

**Words of Welcome**

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

**\* Call to Worship**

*Let us live a life worthy of the calling to which we have been called,*

**Let us live with all humility and gentleness,  
with patience, bearing with one another in love,  
making every effort to maintain the unity  
of the Spirit in the bond of peace.**

*There is one body and one Spirit,*

**just as we were called to the one hope of our calling,**

*one Lord, one faith, one baptism,*

**one God and Father of all, who is above all**

**and through all and in all.**

*Let us worship God!*

**\* Hymn**

“The Church’s One Foundation

#321

**\* Call to Confession and Silent Prayer**

**\* Unison Prayer of Confession**

**Merciful God, in Jesus, we have seen your glory. Yet our sinfulness often blocks out the light of Christ. We are quick to accuse and slow to confess. We find faults easily in others while ignoring our own short-comings. We have squandered your gifts. We have turned from your ways. We have ignored your Word. Have mercy on us, compassionate God. Pour out your Holy Spirit on our sinful lives. Wash us with your love and cleanse us with your grace that day by day we might move closer to the people you would us be. Amen.**

**\* Words of Assurance**

*Relentlessly God seeks us out.*

*With abundant grace and boundless mercy,*

*God seeks us out. This is good news!*

**In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven! Thanks be to God!**

**\* Response**

“Amen, Amen” (twice)

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## LISTENING FOR GOD'S WORD

**Time with the Children of God**

**Prayer for Illumination**

**Today's Psalm**

Psalm 51: 1-12

NRSV

*Have mercy on me, O God, according to your steadfast love;*

*according to your abundant mercy blot out my transgressions.*

**Wash me thoroughly from my iniquity, and cleanse me from my sin.**

*For I know my transgressions, and my sin is ever before me.*

**Against you, you alone, have I sinned, and done what is evil in your sight,**

**so that you are justified in your sentence and blameless when you pass judgment.**

*Indeed, I was born guilty, a sinner when my mother conceived me.*

**You desire truth in the inward being; therefore teach me wisdom in my secret heart.**

*Purge me with hyssop, and I shall be clean; wash me, and I shall be whiter than snow.*

**Let me hear joy and gladness; let the bones that you have crushed rejoice.**

*Hide your face from my sins, and blot out all my iniquities.*

**Create in me a clean heart, O God, and put a new and right spirit within me.**

**Do not cast me away from your presence, and do not take your holy spirit from me.**

**Restore to me the joy of your salvation, and sustain in me a willing spirit.**

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

**Epistle Reading**

Ephesians 4:1-16

NRSV

<sup>1</sup>I therefore, the prisoner in the Lord, beg you to lead a life worthy of the calling to which you have been called, <sup>2</sup>with all humility and gentleness, with patience, bearing with one another in love, <sup>3</sup>making every effort to maintain the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace. <sup>4</sup>There is one body and one Spirit, just as you were called to the one hope of your calling, <sup>5</sup>one Lord, one faith, one baptism, <sup>6</sup>one God and Father of all, who is above all and through all and in all.

<sup>7</sup>But each of us was given grace according to the measure of Christ's gift. <sup>8</sup>Therefore it is said, "When he ascended on high he made captivity itself a captive; he gave gifts to his people."

<sup>9</sup>(When it says, "He ascended", what does it mean but that he had also descended into the lower parts of the earth? <sup>10</sup>He who descended is the same one who ascended far above all the heavens, so that he might fill all things.) <sup>11</sup>The gifts he gave were that some would be apostles, some prophets, some evangelists, some pastors and teachers, <sup>12</sup>to equip the saints for the work of ministry, for building up the body of Christ, <sup>13</sup>until all of us come to the unity of the faith and of the knowledge of the Son of God, to maturity, to the measure of the full stature of Christ. <sup>14</sup>We must no longer be children, tossed to and fro and blown about by every wind of doctrine, by people's trickery, by their craftiness in deceitful scheming. <sup>15</sup>But speaking the truth in love, we must grow up in every way into him who is the head, into Christ, <sup>16</sup>from whom the whole body, joined and knitted together by every ligament with which it is equipped, as each part is working properly, promotes the body's growth in building itself up in love.

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

**Sermon**

"Building Up the Body"

Rev. Maggie Lewis

**Hymn**

"Jesus Thou Joy of Loving Hearts"

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**GATHERING AT CHRIST'S TABLE**

**Invitation to the Table**

*All are welcome at the Lord's Table.*

**Prayers of the People**

*Lord, in your mercy... Hear our prayers.*

**The Lord's Prayer**

**Remembering Our Story & Communion Prayer**

**Communion of God's People**

*You will be served the bread and cup in your pew. When you are served, please hold the elements until you are invited to partake with everyone in community.*

**Special Music**

"One Bread, One Body"

Arr. Joel Raney

**Prayer of Thanksgiving**

**RESPONDING TO GOD'S CALL**

**Church and Community Life**

**Offering Ourselves and Our Gifts**

**Call for the Offering**

**Offertory**

"One Bread, One Body"

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**\* Response**

"Doxology"

tune #607

*Praise God, and let your offering flow,*

*Praise God and let the blessings go,*

*To all who need a helping hand*

*Let's spread the love throughout the land. Amen.*

*Doxology words by Rev. Bob Boring, used with permission*

**\* Prayer of Dedication**

## SENDING GOD'S PEOPLE INTO THE WORLD

\* **Sending Song** "We are One in the Spirit" #300

\* **Charge and Blessing**

*Please be seated to enjoy the postlude.*

**Postlude** "They'll Know We Are Christian by Our Love" arr. Mark Hayes

Liturgist: Doug Anderson  
Pastor: Rev. Maggie Lewis

Music Director: Anna Robinson  
Pianist: Bethany Cozort

### Church and Community Life

**KEIZER COMMUNITY FOOD BANK** food of the month for **AUGUST** is **PEANUT BUTTER**. We'll accept any other food items and financial donations, of course. Unfortunately, business is booming at the food bank. These donations help feed our neighbors and their children.

The late summer-early fall JKPC newsletter was sent by email on August 1. If you did not receive it and would like to receive it by email, please see Eileen. If you prefer a printed copy, there are a few copies in the narthex.

**PLEASE JOIN US FOR FELLOWSHIP** time in the social hall after worship. 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!!

#### LOOKING AHEAD

**Thur. Aug 8** Noon Worship Planning Meeting  
at JKPC

**Sat. Aug 10** Warm Springs Presbyterian Church  
150<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration

**Sun. Aug 11** 10:30 am Worship

**Mon. Aug 12** 7:00 pm Admin Committee-Zoom

**Sun. Aug 18** 10:30 am Worship – Christ Jar Offering  
Birthday and Anniversary Celebration

**Wed. Aug 21** Session meeting 7pm via Zoom  
Contact Eileen or any elder for the link.  
Guests are always welcome!

**Sun. Aug 25** 10:30 am Worship

**Sun. Sept 1** 10:30 am Worship with Communion

**Mon. Sept 2** Labor Day

**Tues Sept 3** 5:30-6:30 Tour of Liberty House  
See Sheila for more information

*Save the Date*



**Sept. 14**  
3-5 pm  
Parking  
Lot

See Sheila for info

#### August Birthdays

5 – Lane Oxley  
15 – Vallory Bunday  
16 – Cayla High  
21 – Tina Humiston  
24 – Matthew Curtis  
**August Anniversaries**  
20 – Paul & Rosemary  
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*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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