

John Knox Presbyterian Church
August 11, 2024 12th Sunday after Pentecost



A Fragrant Offering

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

GATHERING INTO GOD'S PRESENCE

Prelude

“A Quiet Faith”

Ben Logan

Words of Welcome

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

*** Call to Worship**

Jesus says, “I am the bread of life. Whoever comes to me will never be hungry, and whoever believes in me will never be thirsty.”

Savior God, we come to you hungry and thirsty, grateful for the sustenance you provide.

*** Hymn**

“Here I Am, Lord”

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*** Call to Confession and Silent Prayer**

*** Unison Prayer of Confession**

**Christ calls us to stand with the least and the last,
but we cling to power and privilege. We fear worldly consequences for faithful action. We
fail to follow where Christ leads, making excuses for ourselves,
for our silence in the face of oppression, for our lack
of action. Forgive us, God, and help us risk following where Christ calls. Amen.**

*** Words of Assurance**

*God’s love is sure and steadfast. Receive the good news that you are forgiven and return to
right relationship with God.*

Thanks be to God!

*** Response**

“Thanks Be to God”

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LISTENING FOR GOD'S WORD

Time with the Children of God

Prayer for Illumination

Epistle Reading Ephesians 4: 25-5:2 NRSV

So then, putting away falsehood, let all of us speak the truth to our neighbors, for we are members of one another. Be angry but do not sin; do not let the sun go down on your anger, and do not make room for the devil. Thieves must give up stealing; rather let them labor and work honestly with their own hands, so as to have something to share with the needy. Let no evil talk come out of your mouths, but only what is useful for building up, as there is need, so that your words may give grace to those who hear. And do not grieve the Holy Spirit of God, with which you were marked with a seal for the day of redemption. Put away from you all bitterness and wrath and anger and wrangling and slander, together with all malice, and be kind to one another, tenderhearted, forgiving one another, as God in Christ has forgiven you.

Therefore be imitators of God, as beloved children, and live in love, as Christ loved us and gave himself up for us, a fragrant offering and sacrifice to God.

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

Gospel Reading John 6: 35, 41-51 NRSV

Jesus said to them, "I am the bread of life. Whoever comes to me will never be hungry, and whoever believes in me will never be thirsty."

Then the Jews began to complain about him because he said, "I am the bread that came down from heaven." They were saying, "Is not this Jesus, the son of Joseph, whose father and mother we know? How can he now say, 'I have come down from heaven'?" Jesus answered them, "Do not complain among yourselves. No one can come to me unless drawn by the Father who sent me; and I will raise that person up on the last day. It is written in the prophets, 'And they shall all be taught by God.' Everyone who has heard and learned from the Father comes to me. Not that anyone has seen the Father except the one who is from God; he has seen the Father. Very truly, I tell you, whoever believes has eternal life. I am the bread of life. Your ancestors ate the manna in the wilderness, and they died. This is the bread that comes down from heaven, so that one may eat of it and not die. I am the living bread that came down from heaven. Whoever eats of this bread will live forever; and the bread that I will give for the life of the world is my flesh."

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

Sermon "A Fragrant Offering" Rev. Maggie Lewis

Hymn "Help Us Accept Each Other" #754

RESPONDING TO GOD'S CALL

Church and Community Life

Offering Ourselves and Our Gifts

Call for the Offering

Offertory “Adore and Be Still” arr. Lani Smith

*** Response** “Doxology”

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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

Prayers of the People

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

The Lord’s Prayer

SENDING GOD’S PEOPLE INTO THE WORLD

*** Sending Song** “Take My Life and Let It Be”

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* Charge and Blessing

Please be seated to enjoy the postlude.

Postlude “When I Can Read My Title Clear”

arr. Faye Lopez

Liturgist: Sheila Cunningham

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.

PW Bible Study books are available in the narthex. This year’s study is ***Let Justice Roll Down: God’s Call to Care for Neighbors and All Creation***. Women’s Fellowship will be studying this book when they meet on the third Tuesday of each month at 2:00 pm in the Social Hall, ***beginning September 17***. All women are welcome to join in this time of fellowship, study, and refreshments. You may also choose to use this book for a personal study. Regular (\$10) and large print (\$15) books are available. If you are able to reimburse the church for the cost of the book (it’s not required, this is a budgeted expense), please designate the money “for PW Bible Study.” We ordered 8 books; if we need to order more, we certainly can – it didn’t take long for them to arrive. Please let Eileen know if we need to order more books.

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

Mon. Aug 12	7:00 pm Admin Committee-Zoom
Sun. Aug 18	10:30 am Worship – Christ Jar Offering Sanctuary Safety Review Birthday and Anniversary Celebration
Wed. Aug 21	7:00 pm Session meeting 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
Sun. Sept 8	9:30 CHOIR BEGINS in classroom 10:30 am Worship
Sat. Sept 14	3-5:00 pm Ice Cream Social, Parking Lot

Save the Date: All-Church Christmas party – Dec. 14, 2-5 pm

Please Join Us!



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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