



Kenilworth Union Church
Service of Worship
May 30, 2021
Trinity Sunday
9:30 a.m. Online
10:30 a.m. Sanctuary

CONNECT TO WORSHIP at 9:30 a.m.

Prelude

“Pastorale” from *Three Lyric Pieces*

Raymond Haan

Call to Worship

Opening Hymn

The God of Abraham Praise

1. The God of Abraham praise, who reigns enthroned above,
 The ancient of eternal days, the God of love!
 The Lord, the great I am, by earth and heaven confessed,
 We bow before your holy name, forever blest.
2. Your spirit still flows free, high surging where it will.
 In prophet's word you spoke of old and you speak still.
 Established is your law, and changeless it shall stand,

Deep writ upon the human heart by your strong hand.

3. Your goodly land we seek, with peace and plenty blest,
A land of sacred liberty and Sabbath rest.
There milk and honey flow, and oil and wine abound,
And trees of life forever grow with mercy crowned.

4. You have eternal life implanted in the soul;
Your love shall be our strength and stay, while ages roll.
We praise you, living God! We praise your holy name:
The first, the last, beyond all thought, and still the same!

Opening Prayer

Meditations of the Heart

Howard Thurman, 1899–1981

Open unto me - light for my darkness.
Open unto me - courage for my fear.
Open unto me - hope for my despair.
Open unto me - peace for my turmoil.
Open unto me - joy for my sorrow.
Open unto me - strength for my weakness.
Open unto me - wisdom for my confusion.
Open unto me - forgiveness for my sins.
Open unto me - tenderness for my toughness.
Open unto me - love for my hates.
Open unto me - Thy Self for my self.
Lord, Lord, open unto me.

Ministry of Music

Avinu Malkeinu

Max Janowski

Our father, our king, hear our voice.
Our father, our king, we have sinned before thee.
Our father, our king, have compassion for us, and also on our children.
Our father, our king, bring an end to pestilence, war and famine around us.
Our father, our king, bring an end to all trouble and oppression around us.
Our father, our king, our father, our king, inscribe us in the book of life.
Our father, our king, renew upon us, renew upon us a good year.
Hear our voice, hear our voice, hear our voice.
Our father our king, our father our king, renew upon us a good year.
Our father our king, hear our voice, hear our voice, hear our voice.

Prayers of the People

Thanksgivings and Intercessions

The Lord's Prayer

Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name.

Thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.

Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses,

As we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation,

**But deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory,
forever. Amen.**

Tithes and Offerings

Announcements from the Life of the Church

Prayer of Dedication

Prayer for Illumination

Scripture and Sermon

4/18

Psalm 1

Shafts of Light, I: Mary McLeod Bethune

The God of Abraham Praise is at once one of the most soaring, most theologically astute, and most Jewish hymns in our Christian Hymnal. The English text derives from an ancient, foundational Jewish creed called the *Yigdal*, authored in the twelfth century by Maimonides, one of the most revered philosophers in European Judaism. Notice how crammed this confessional text is with several divine images borrowed from the Hebrew Bible. The *Yigdal* creed has been sung to this somehow quintessentially Jewish tune for nobody knows how many centuries. A probably apocryphal legend has it that this tune was sung at the dedication of Solomon's Temple (c. 900 BC). In the eighteenth century, an Anglican hymnologist heard Cantor Michael Leoni sing this text and tune at the Great Synagogue in London, brought it to the English Christian Church, and named it LEONI, for the famous Cantor.

The hymn *There's a Wideness in God's Mercy* ("For the love of God is **broader** than the measures of the mind") puts to music an image from our Scripture Lesson: "Out of my distress I called on the Lord; the Lord answered me and set me in a **broad** place" (Psalm 118:5). The wideness of God's mercy contrasted so symmetrically not only with Anne Frank's constricted, claustrophobic hiding place, but also with the narrow Nazi minds that forced her into hiding, and finally murdered her at the age of 15. This moving text is sung to a traditional Dutch tune. Anne Frank was German, not Dutch, but she lived most of her life in Amsterdam, the origin of the tune IN BABILONE, which one hymnologist describes as "**broad** and horizontal."

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PARTICIPANTS:

William Evertsberg, Senior Minister, Preacher

Joel Fox, Audio and Video

Alyssa Bennett, Hymn Soloist

Todd Gresick, Guest Organist, Pianist

Katie Snipes Lancaster, Senior Associate Minister, Liturgist

Matt Leske, Audio and Video

Section Leader Ensemble, Alyssa Bennett, Ryan Belongie, Miya Higashiyama,

David Honoré, Kelsey Sandefur, and Jonathan Wilson

Ushers, Beth Adamoli, Jim Fritz

10:30 a.m.

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NEWS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Memorial Day, May 31 Day of Observance: Offices and AJN Preschool are closed. Stay safe.

Step up to the Plate Offering: Learn more about this campaign, watch a video from Wrigley Field, or simply gift your offering below the video.

Shafts of Light in Word and Window: “For key insight into the character of an individual, a community, a business, or a church, ask about their heroes.” Learn about Kenilworth Union Church’s heroes from a sermon series that features the Malott Chapel stained glass windows. Next Sunday Bill Evertsberg will be in the Pulpit preaching on Anne Sullivan & Helen Keller.

Bill shares **Wonderful News:** Summer worship begins on Sunday, June 6 at 8:30 a.m. Outdoor Worship and 10 a.m. Livestream and in person Worship in the Sanctuary. No reservations necessary for either services, and join us for Fellowship outside after worship for coffee and cookies.

Church mask requirements have been updated inline with the CDC guidelines: Fully vaccinated individuals no longer need to wear a mask on church campus. Unvaccinated individuals should continue to follow current CDC guidelines which strongly advise masks for our gatherings. The Kenilworth Union Reopening Team made these recommendations based on the most recent CDC guidelines and in accordance with Illinois’s current Bridge Phase and anticipated Phase 5 on June 11. [Watch Bill’s Fireside Video of the wonderful news.](#)

We give sincere thanks to the Reopening Team, who met consistently over the past year and whose great consideration allows us to confidently and safely gather.

WORSHIP

Mid-Day Prayer: Each week a new liturgy is offered [livestream](#) or in the Sanctuary at 12:15 p.m. We meet for 15 minutes to read scriptures and hear a brief reflection. On Tuesday, June 1 we will pray for the following Kenilworth Union families: Brad & Kathy Gossard, Jim Graham & Linda Kingman, Mary Jane Graham, Ryan & Lisa Graham, Bill & Libby Graham, David Grainger, Doug & Debbie Grant, Tom Green & Carrie Robinson, Betty Greene, Nan Greenough, Roger & Sherryl Griffin, Eric & Traci Groff, Martin & Kelly Gruner, Sandra Grung, John & Mary Gummersall, Lou Guthrie, Nancy Guthrie, Warren & Catherine Guthrie, Bill & Cris Guthrie, and Chip & Jenny Hackley.

Daily Devotional from Katie Lancaster: beginning Tuesday, June 1, a new project called *Openings: 100 Days of Prayer* will begin. It will focus on prayers from Christian Mystics across the ages, wondering how this year’s re-opening of our common life (after the many restrictions of pandemic life) might co-mingle with our own spiritual opening to the presence of God. [Register to receive this new devotional in your inbox every morning.](#)

MUSIC MINISTRY

Note of Appreciation from the Board of Trustees: Susan Klotzbach’s time as Kenilworth Union’s organist has unfortunately come to an end. Her last performance was on Sunday May 16. We are grateful for her beautiful playing and years of service as our organist, and we wish her the best in her future endeavors. Moving forward, we will be having sub/guest organists, and possibly an interim as we conduct our search.

RACIAL JUSTICE COMMITTEE

HEROS: Hidden Stories of the North Shore: Many New Trier high school teachers, civic and religious leaders, local historians, and youth from NTHS have gathered and prepared online presentations that will culminate with a community walk on Juneteenth, Saturday, June 19. The next online class on Wednesday, June 2 is “Houses of Worship”, Bill Evertsberg will be part of the panel for this presentation. [Registration Required.](#)

Adult Education Book Group: We will read about 50 or 60 pages each week from *Caste: The Origins of Our Discontents* by Isabel Wilkerson and a facilitator from our congregation will prepare questions to consider and discuss. Sessions will be for six weeks and start the week of June 20.

CONGREGATIONAL CARE

Help needed in Care Guild: We attend to Church members by delivering meals, writing, assist with transit, and making phone calls to individuals and families during life’s ups and downs. Please consider participating in this vibrant and important ministry, [Volunteer online.](#)

CONFIRMATION

Confirmation Class 2022: Current 8th graders and older students are encouraged to start thinking about confirmation at Kenilworth Union Church next year. There are two course options for confirmation: The Wilderness Course that runs from July 31–August 6 or the Classroom Course that meets Sunday mornings beginning September 26.

ADULT EDUCATION

Hybrid Bible Read Along—Selected Psalms: All are invited to drop in as you are able both in the Centennial Room or online to explore the poetry of the Psalms. Join [Christine V. Hides](#) Wednesdays at 9:15 a.m. beginning June 2. Past class recording can be found [here](#).

CHILDREN AND FAMILY MINISTRY*

Prayer, Praise and Painting Summer Family Faith Time begins June 13, 9:15–9:45 a.m. Families meet in the church front yard to learn about the inspirational people and then paint collaboratively.

Superhero Art Camp: Not all Superheroes wear capes! This camp focuses on people from the past or present who inspire us by being “the helpers”. Join one or both sessions beginning at the end of July.

Family Camping Weekend Friday, July 30–Sunday, August 1: Families with children ages birth–6th grade (older siblings welcome!) are invited for a weekend of camping, time outdoors, campfires, and outdoor worship at Potawatomi State Park near Door County, WI.

Well-Being: A collection of newsletters from Christine V. Hides with tips of well-being for re-entering the new normal. This week is *Family Bonding During the Pandemic with reflections from Ryan and Lindsey Watson*.

YOUTH MINISTRY

Youth Summer Events: Youth Ministry has a calendar full of events and service opportunities to fill your summer with feel good projects! Contact [Silvi Pirn](#) for more information.

Serve: Father’s Day Prison Packs: Help pack 900 Father’s Day gifts for men incarcerated at Cook County Jail.

YOUTH SUPPORT

#mentalhealthmondays The Kenilworth Union staff is offering encouraging and practical help to support mental health in a series of posts on the [@kucyouth](#) Instagram appearing every Monday. Follow KUC Youth Instagram to get these encouraging messages!

KUC Cares is a group of teens who are here to support youth who are facing challenges. The challenges might be related to physical or mental health, or just emotional burden or distress. To get care for yourself or someone you know, [complete this survey](#).

Support: Our staff can help youth find the support they need when facing life’s challenges. We can meet one-on-one or in groups for pastoral care and direction. We can also help advocate for and find the resources locally to provide counseling and care each teen needs. Please reach out to [Silvi Pirn](#).

CAREERS

Administrative Assistant reports to the Senior Associate Minister and Director of Business Operations: Supports and assists the Senior Associate Minister and Associate Minister of Discipleship in all areas of their work and has proven experience as a database administrator. Please send resume and cover letter to [Katie Lancaster](#) and [John Sharp](#).

CALENDAR FOR THE WEEK
Memorial Day Weekend—Trinity Sunday
May 30, 2021
COVID-19 UPDATES

Sun., May 30	8:30 a.m.	Outdoor Worship—Memorial Garden
	9:30 a.m.	Online Worship—Livestream
	10:30 a.m.	Worship in the Sanctuary
Mon., May 31		Offices and AJN Preschool Closed in Observance of Memorial Day
Tue., June 1	5 a.m.	Openings: 100 Days of Prayer Devotional
	9:30 a.m.	Day by Day Quote Pulling—Lower Level Conference Room
	12:15 p.m.	Mid-Day Prayer—Livestream and Sanctuary
Wed., June 2	5 a.m.	Openings: 100 Days of Prayer Devotional
	9:15 a.m.	Hybrid Bible Read Along: Psalms—Centennial Room/Online
	10 a.m.	Hybrid Men's Coffee—Library/Online
	12:45 p.m.	Women's Bible Study—Centennial Room
	2 p.m.	Knitting Ministry—Library
Thur., June 3	5 a.m.	Openings: 100 Days of Prayer Devotional
	9:30 a.m.	Women's Reading Group—Centennial Room
Fri., June 4		Last Day AJN Preschool
	5 a.m.	Openings: 100 Days of Prayer Devotional
Sat., June 5	5 a.m.	Openings: 100 Days of Prayer Devotional
	10 a.m.	Serve: Father's Day Prison Packs—Off Site

We are a Stephen Ministry Congregation

If you would like to learn more, please contact a Stephen Leader.

Care Guild Co-Leaders for May is **Chris Beer** and for June is **Katie Nahrwold**.

To let us know where help is needed, call Care Guild at (847)853-3534