

ORDER FOR THE PUBLIC WORSHIP OF GOD
September 6, 2009, 10:00 am—23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

GATHERING

PRELUDE Simple Gifts arr. Fox

WELCOME
(Children are invited to go to Sunday School)

TOLLING OF THE CARILLON

CALL TO WORSHIP

One: How good it is to gather as God's people!

All: ***Here, there are no barriers between us; here, we make no distinctions among people.***

One: When we come together as God's family,

All: ***it is as if the sacred water of baptism is once more running down our cheeks.***

One: When we rejoice together, when we pray together, when we serve together,

All: ***we know the abundant life God has promised us.***

One: Let us worship God together.

+*HYMN 446 *Glorious Things of Thee Are Spoken* Austrian Hymn

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION

One: The Lord be with you.

All: ***And also with you.***

One: Let us pray.

All: ***We confess our struggle to be transformed into disciples, O God of mystery. The desires of the world would shape us into people you would not recognize. The demands of our society put us away from your heart. Our culture values the rich, the powerful, and the successful, but you are on the side of the weak, the poor, the outcast, and the oppressed.***

Forgive us, Merciful God, for looking for you in the wrong places. Reawaken us with your voice that calls us to service; revive our weary hearts with your vision of creation; refresh our fatigued spirits that we might boldly proclaim Jesus as our Lord and as our Savior, and go forth to serve your people in Christ's name.

*ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Leader: Hear the good news! Through Jesus Christ our sins are forgiven.

People: Thanks be to God. Amen.

*+GLORIA PATRI 579

THE WORD

SCRIPTURE READING Exodus 16:1-5, 13-18 NRSV

The whole congregation of the Israelites set out from Elim; and Israel came to the wilderness of Sin, which is between Elim and Sinai, on the fifteenth day of the second month after they had departed from the land of Egypt. The whole congregation of the Israelites complained against Moses and Aaron in the wilderness. The Israelites said to them, "If only we had died by the hand of the Lord in the land of Egypt, when we sat by the fleshpots and ate our fill of bread; for you have brought us out into this wilderness to kill this whole assembly with hunger." Then the Lord said to Moses, "I am going

to rain bread from heaven for you, and each day the people shall go out and gather enough for that day. In that way I will test them, whether they will follow my instruction or not. On the sixth day, when they prepare what they bring in, it will be twice as much as they gather on other days." In the evening quails came up and covered the camp; and in the morning there was a layer of dew around the camp. When the layer of dew lifted, there on the surface of the wilderness was a fine flaky substance, as fine as frost on the ground. When the Israelites saw it, they said to one another, "What is it?" For they did not know what it was. Moses said to them, "It is the bread that the Lord has given you to eat. This is what the Lord has commanded: 'Gather as much of it as each of you needs, an omer to a person according to the number of persons, all providing for those in their own tents.'" The Israelites did so, some gathering more, some less. But when they measured it with an omer, those who gathered much had nothing over, and those who gathered little had no shortage; they gathered as much as each of them needed.

SOLO *We Gather at Your Table, Lord* arr Walter Ehret
Debra Van Engen, soprano; Lynn McClellan, flute

We gather at your table, Lord, grant peace and unity;
In keeping with your will and word, may we one body be.

Now let us take the sacred bread, our souls and bodies feed;
In heart and soul we shall be fed, your holy will to heed.

Now let us take the wine of heav'n, for Christ, whose blood was shed;
That here we meet with sins forgiv'n, and by his grace are led.

To you, O Lord, we sing our song, may we be one in love;
For we, by faith, to you belong; one with your church above!

SCRIPTURE READING Mark 6:30-44 NRSV

SERMON *Hunger for God*
Thomas D. York

OFFERTORY *I Am the Vine* Allen Pote
Debra Van Engen, soprano; Lynn McClellan, flute

I am the vine, and you are the branches.
He who abides in me, and I in him,
He will bear much fruit.

Love one another as I have loved you;
This is my commandment,
That you love one another as I love you;
Then will you bear much fruit.

If a man does not abide in me,
He is cast forth as a branch and withers.
But if you abide in me, and my words abide in you,
Ask whatever you will and it shall be done for you.

*DOXOLOGY (592)

THE EUCHARIST

*INVITATION TO THE TABLE

*HYMN 329 *Break Thou the Bread of Life* Bread of Life

PRAYER OF GREAT THANKSGIVING

Leader: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Leader: Lift up your hearts.

People: We lift them to the Lord.

Leader: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People: It is right to give thanks and praise.

(The minister gives thanks, remembering God's mighty acts of salvation. The congregation then joins with the choirs of heaven and with all the faithful of every time and place, who forever say to the glory of your name:)

***Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,
Heaven and earth are full of Your glory.
Hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest.***

(The minister continues the prayer, concluding with the Lord's Prayer.)

BREAKING OF THE BREAD and SHARING OF THE CUP

Why do we sometimes serve the sacrament of Holy Communion while seated in the pews? Why do we celebrate it with "intinction" (dipping the bread in the cup) and by coming forward?

Serving in the pews emphasizes the communal nature of the sacrament – we partake together. Coming forward for communion by intinction, as you are invited to do today, emphasizes the individual's relationship to God – each is served individually.

By reflecting on the nature of each communion service we can achieve a balance between the communal and individual nature of this sacrament.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION (unison)

For the healing you have given us in the brokenness of bread and the pouring out of cup, we thank you. For the courage and strength that you have promised us, we thank you. Send us forth from this place in love, letting justice be worked out with gentleness, and power known in the presence of your Spirit. Amen.

SENDING FORTH

*HYMN 281 *Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah* Cwm Rhondda

*CHARGE and BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE *Holy God, We Praise Thy Name* F. Peeters

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*Please stand as you are able + Latecomers may be seated

During the tolling of the carillon we invite you to remember all who work for peace and justice in our world today.

We thank Debra Van Engen, soprano, and Lynn McClellan, flute, for our special music today.

Today's flowers are given to the glory of God by the Werdmann family.

To Our Guests and Visitors

Welcome!

Welcome to Knox Presbyterian Church! This morning we conclude our Summer Worship Schedule with a single 10:00 am worship service in the sanctuary, in addition to education and fellowship. Join us also for "Lemonade on the Lawn" from 11:00 am—12:00 noon today on the church lawn (or in the Knox Commons if rain). Beginning next Sunday, September 13, we will resume our Fall Worship Schedule; services at 9:15 am - Knox Commons; 11:00 am - Sanctuary, with coffee hour between the 9:15 and 11:00 am services in the Knox Commons. Visitor information is available at the rear of Knox Commons, in the narthex and in the Michigan Avenue lobby. If you have questions, look for members wearing badges, or call Tom York in the church office, 321-2573x104.

Parking for Sunday Services

Parking can sometimes present challenges for those attending worship services or participating in other Knox events. In addition to the parking area off Michigan Avenue, we now have 13 additional parking spaces off Observatory Ave. On Sundays we are asking that the Observatory spaces be saved for use by individuals who are physically challenged. A map of available parking may be found on our website: www.knox.org

Restrooms

Men's and women's restrooms are available on two levels in the new addition. Additional restrooms may be found on the sanctuary level at the north end of the building.

Coatroom

The coatroom can be found off the Observatory Road narthex.

Caring for Children

This morning childcare for infants and toddlers is offered at the 10:00 am worship service. (Beginning Sept. 13, childcare will be offered at the 9:15 and 11:00 am services.) Please ask an usher or the Deacon on-duty in the Michigan Avenue lobby for directions to the nursery and childcare rooms.

Sunday School

This morning we offer Sunday School for children ages 3 years through grade 4 at the 10:00 am worship service. (Beginning Sept. 13, it will be offered at the 9:15 & 11:00 am services.) All other children are invited to join their families in the worship service. Please check the bulletin insert for information about weekly Adult Education classes.

Hearing Enhancement Equipment Available

Hearing enhancement equipment is available to help you hear the service. An usher would be happy to assist you. At the close of worship, please return the unit to an usher. Thank you!

Large-Print Hymnals and Bulletins are Available

Large-print hymnals, with text, but no music notation are available. Please ask one of the ushers.

Mobile Phones

Please turn off mobile phones, pagers and other mobile devices upon entering the sanctuary. Thank you!

Printed Copies of Sermons

Printed copies of Sunday sermons are available at no cost. You will find them in the narthex (at the rear of the sanctuary) and in the Michigan Avenue lobby on Monday mornings.

Recycling

Please support the Knox Youth and our environment by dropping your Sunday bulletins and announcements in our Abitibi paper recycling boxes as you leave. Everyone is welcome to bring your home or office paper waste to place in the Abitibi bin located in the old parking lot.

Notes from Today's Service

From Today's Sermon

We do not live by bread alone. Neither do we live very long without it.

"Jesus proclaimed a Kingdom of Nuisances and Nobodies and that is who responded."

~ John Dominic Crossan

And then, who knows what happened or how it happened. He blessed the bread. He prayed. He broke and bread and cut the fish. Everybody ate. Everybody had enough to eat.

"The quest is for: Moral Authenticity; Community; Transcendence and Mystery and Meaning."

~ John Douglas Hall

"Faith isn't so much a discipline as a hunger."

~ Martin Marty

"Thou has made us for thyself, O Lord, and our hearts are restless until they rest in thee."

~ St. Augustine

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All Are Welcome



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of Christian faith....
A growing reflection of God's love.*

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