

ORDER FOR THE PUBLIC WORSHIP OF GOD
September 13, 2009, 11:00 am—24th Sunday in Ordinary Time

GATHERING

PRELUDE *Come, Thou Almighty King* D. Hustad

WELCOME

TOLLING OF THE CARILLON

INTROIT *Be Thou My Vision* arr. Alice Parker (b. 1925)
Text: tradition Irish hymn (8th century)

Be thou my vision, O Lord of my heart;
Nought be all else to me, save that thou art.
Thou my best thought by day or by night,
Waking or sleeping, thy presence my light.

Be thou my wisdom, and thou my true word;
I ever with thee and thou with me, Lord;
Thou my great Father, I thy true son;
Thou in me dwelling, and I with thee one.

Riches I heed not, nor man's empty praise.
Thou mine inheritance, now and always;
Thou and thou only, first in my heart,
High King of heaven, my treasure thou art.

Congregation joins:

High King of heaven, my victory won,
May I reach heav'ns joys, O bright heaven's Sun!
Heart of my own heart, whatever befall,
Still be my vision, O Ruler of all.

CALL TO WORSHIP

One: A wandering Aramean was my ancestor.

All: *When we were treated harshly the Lord heard our cry and brought us into a land flowing with milk and honey.*

One: The journey was hard.

All: *The journey was long.*

One: By day and by night the Lord was Light for the Journey.

All: *By day and by night the Lord is Light for the Journey still.*

One: Let us worship God

+*HYMN 462 *Christ, Whose Glory Fills the Skies* Rathisbon

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION

One: The Lord be with you.

All: *And also with you.*

One: Let us pray.

All: *Faithful God, you have given us a rich heritage, through the sure testimony and example of our mothers and fathers in the faith. But we let the light of our faith grow dim; we stray from the paths they commend to us. Forgive and renew us. Fan in us a new and brighter flame of faith so that our words and deeds would mightily declare the good news of the Gospel. Through Jesus Christ our Lord.*

*ASSURANCE OF PARDON

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

People: *Thanks be to God. Amen.*

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TIME WITH CHILDREN

DEDICATION OF TEACHERS AND LEADERS

One: God, we give thanks for the Sunday school teachers who, with patience and commitment, guide our children in encountering you through story, activity, conversation and sharing.

All: *Thank you, God, for the teachers who create sacred learning space for our children's faith to grow.*

One: God, we give thanks for the leaders who nurture faith towards maturity by walking alongside youth in their questions, interactions, and search for meaning.

All: *Thank you, God, for the leaders who create a sacred, welcoming space for our youth's faith to develop.*

One: God, we give thanks for the leaders who share their passion for learning by teaching Bible and theology; guiding discussion on family and faith, difficult issues in our world.

All: *Thank you, God, for the leaders who help us think new thoughts, ask new questions, share new understandings and join with others in following the way of Jesus Christ.*

One: Teacher God, bless the teaching ministry in this congregation. May we always find willing teachers and eager learners who come with deep desire to grow in knowledge and faith.

All: *For the gifts of our teachers, freely offered and gratefully received, thanks be to God. Amen.*

(Children are invited to go to Sunday School)

ANTHEM *O Lord Our Governor*
Gerre Hancock (b. 1934); Text: Psalm 8

O Lord our Governor, how exalted is your Name in all the world!
When I consider the heavens, the work of your fingers,
the moon and the stars you have set in their courses.

What is man that you should be mindful of him?
the son of man that you should seek him out?
You have made him but little lower than the angels;
You adorn him with glory and honor;
You give him mastery over the works of your hands;
You put all things under his feet:
O Lord our Governor, how exalted is your Name in all the world!

THE WORD

SCRIPTURE READING Mark 10:13-16 NRSV
People were bringing little children to him in order that he might touch them; and the disciples spoke sternly to them. But when Jesus saw this, he was indignant and said to them, "Let the little children come to me; do not stop them; for it is to such as these that the kingdom of God belongs. Truly I tell you, whoever does not receive the kingdom of God as a little child will never enter it." And he took them up in his arms and blessed them.

OFFERTORY *Prayer of St. Francis* Rene Clausen (b. 1953)

Lord, make me an instrument of your peace,
Where there is hatred, let me bring love.
Where there is injury, help me to pardon.
Where there is doubt, let me bring faith.
Where there is despair, let me bring hope.
Where there is darkness, let me bring light.
Where there is sorrow, let me bring joy.
O Lord, master divine, grant that I not so much seek
to be consoled, as to console,
to be understood, as to understand,

to be loved, as to love.
For it is in giving that we receive,
And in pardoning that we are pardoned.
For in dying we are born to eternal life.
Lord, make me an instrument of your peace. Amen.

*DOXOLOGY (592) and PRAYER OF DEDICATION

SERMON *The Journey of Life: The Youngest Among Us*
Rev. Thomas D. York

*HYMN 497 *With Grateful Hearts Our Faith Professing* St. Clement

SHARING CONCERNS

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND LORD'S PRAYER

SENDING

*HYMN (see back cover) *God's Truth, in Which We Live* McKee

*CHARGE and BLESSING

POSTLUDE *Postlude on 'Come, Thou Almighty King'* M. Whitney

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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.

Today's flowers are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of our parents, Lucille Carr, Eugene Carr, Emile Vidal, Howard and Dorothy Aspin, and our son-in-law, Gary Algrin, by Robert and Carol Vidal.

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To Our Guests and Visitors

Welcome!

Welcome to Knox Presbyterian Church! We invite you to join us whenever we are gathered for worship: 9:15 am (Knox Commons); 11:00 am (Sanctuary), education, fellowship or service. Join us also for 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 the sanctuary level and on the basement level at the far north end of the building. Please follow the posted signs to their location.

Coatroom

The coatroom can be found off the Observatory Road narthex.

Caring for Children

Childcare for infants and toddlers is offered at 9:15 and 11:00 am during worship 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

At 9:15 am, Sunday School is available for children ages 3 years through grade 6. At 11:00 am, classes are held for children and youth ages 3 years old through 12th grade. 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 at 9:15 and 11:00 am. 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.

Closing Hymn *God's Truth, in Which We Live* McKee

1 God's truth, in which we live and move, which
2 That love be - yond our fath - om - ing sent
3 A - mong us Je - sus worked and taught, knew
4 God's truth which un - der - girds our life is
5 God's love ex - tends to ev - ery - one; let

guides and shapes our days, is God's great love and
Christ to earth to be, God's im - age here made
hu - man pain and need, gave up his life to
with us all our days; love guides with grace we
us who know love's power tell out its jus - tice,

kind - ness sure: to God be thanks and praise!
vis - i - ble, God's love for us to see.
show God's grace by which our souls are freed.
can - not earn: to God all thanks and praise!
peace, and truth for this and ev - ery hour.

From Today's Sermon

*"To me was shown no higher stature than childhood."
~ Julian of Norwich*

To be blessed with children or to be around children puts us in a realm of inexpressible fascination—about them, their world, their perceptions, but also about ourselves, our feelings, and attitudes and our values.

*God's gift is a joy and a burden, and of the many functions a church must serve, framing a context for the nurture of children is possibly its most constant role.
How shall we impart religious precepts
and moral values to them?*

Our children deserve consistency.

Learning to be moral is much like learning to speak a language.

We have a task that requires not only consistency and teaching by example, but also investment for "rainy days" of illness, crisis and death.

Never teach a child as being religiously true any proposition that you know he or she will have to unlearn in later life.

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All Are Welcome



We are a joyful

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

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