

January 31, 2010, 9:15 am—Fresh Spirit

"I see the God in you. I greet the God in you."
Bill Wallace, New Zealand

**As you gather for worship,
please introduce yourself to those around you.
There are no strangers in God's house.**

CALL TO WORSHIP *The Love of the Lord Endures* Butterworth/Roth

In all that I have found
Your evidence abounds
I've always sensed Your fingerprints
If I just look around

And yet this grand display
Will all soon pass away
So I hold on to the mighty truth
That Your love is here to stay

(Refrain)

***The love of the Lord endures
The love of the Lord endures
If there's one thing I can be sure
It's that the love of the Lord endures***

Life has let me down
In wealth, joy can't be found
I've searched for peace in all of these
But I have always found *(Refrain)*

When I stumble
When I fall
When I'm walking ten feet tall
Your love is there day after day
Even at the worst extreme
Or after I have been redeemed
Your love is there
And it won't let me go *(Refrain)*

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WELCOME

REFLECTION FOR PEACE

GATHERING THE PEOPLE

One: For the joy and inspiration of worship,
All: "the Lord will provide."

One: For the deepening of faith within this
community of Christians,

All: "the Lord will provide."

One: For the strength to endure the hard places of life,

All: "the Lord will provide."

One: For the courage to face the unknown future,

**All: "the Lord will provide."
Let us worship God!**

OPENING SONG (see insert) *All the Ends of the Earth* Bobby Fisher

RENEWING THE COVENANT

One: Shining, surprising, grace-full God, for avoiding the searchlight of
your desire for us and running away from your love:

All: Forgive us.

One: For preferring the safe, familiar and certain to the risky, unknown
and mysterious:

All: Forgive us.

One: For failing to believe in the vulnerability of power and the power of
vulnerability:

All: Forgive us.

One: For taking no delight in variety and insisting on sameness and con-
formity:

All: Forgive us.

One: For fearing those different from ourselves, and projecting onto them
what we cannot accept within our own depths:

All: Forgive us.

One: For not noticing your presence in darkness as in light, in body as in
spirit, in feeling as in intellect, in pain as in healing, in Good Friday
as in Easter Day:

All: Forgive us.

One: Set us free, we pray, to be whole human beings and to live our lives
graciously and without fear.

---time for silent reflection---

One: God forgives us:

**All: God makes peace within us: we claim this healing in faith and
hope. Amen.**

PASSING THE PEACE

TIME WITH CHILDREN

SCRIPTURE READING Exodus 17:1-7 The Living Bible
Now, at God's command, the people of Israel left the Sihm desert, going by
easy stages to Rephidim. But upon arrival, there was no water! So once more
the people growled and complained to Moses. "Give us water!" they wailed.
"Quiet!" Moses commanded. "Are you trying to test God's patience with
you?" But, tormented by thirst, they cried out, "Why did you ever take us
out of Egypt? Why did you bring us here to die, with our children and cattle
too?" Then Moses pleaded with Jehovah. "What shall I do? For they are
almost ready to stone me." Then Jehovah said to Moses, "Take the elders of
Israel with you and lead the people out to Mt. Horeb. I will meet you there at
the rock. Strike it with your rod – the same one you struck the Nile with – and
water will come pouring out, enough for everyone!" Moses did as he was
told, and the water gushed out! Moses named the place Massah (meaning
"tempting Jehovah to slay us"), and sometimes they referred to it as Meri-
bah (meaning "argument" and "strife!") - for it was there that the people of
Israel argued against God and tempted him to slay them by saying, "Is
Jehovah going to take care of us or not?"

OFFERING OUR GIFTS BACK TO GOD

OFFERTORY SONG (see insert) *God With Us* Sarah Hart /Jayme Thompson

DOXOLOGY

***We thank you God for all you have given.
Now we return a portion to you -
For all that we have, and all that we are,
We bring our gifts, and thank you God for life.***

OFFERTORY PRAYER

SCRIPTURE READING John 4: 5-15 NRSV
So he came to a Samaritan city called Sychar, near the plot of ground that
Jacob had given to his son Joseph. Jacob's well was there, and Jesus, tired
out by his journey, was sitting by the well. It was about noon. A Samaritan
woman came to draw water, and Jesus said to her, "Give me a drink." (His
disciples had gone to the city to buy food.) The Samaritan woman said to
him, "How is it that you, a Jew, ask a drink of me, a woman of Samaria?"
Jews do not share things in common with Samaritans.) Jesus answered her,
"If you knew the gift of God, and who it is that is saying to you, 'Give me a
drink,' you would have asked him, and he would have given you living wa-
ter." The woman said to him, "Sir, you have no bucket, and the well is
deep. Where do you get that living water? Are you greater than our ances-
tor Jacob, who gave us the well, and with his sons and his flocks drank from
it?" Jesus said to her, "Everyone who drinks of this water will be thirsty
again, but those who drink of the water that I will give them will never be
thirsty. The water that I will give will become in them a spring of water
gushing up to eternal life." The woman said to him, "Sir, give me this water,
so that I may never be thirsty or have to keep coming here to draw water."

SERMON *The Sacred Journey — Provisions* Rev. Thomas D. York

FOCUS SONG (see insert) *You Are All We Have* Francis Patrick O'Brien

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND 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 debts, as we forgive our debtors; and
lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the
kingdom and the power and the glory, for ever. Amen.***

CLOSING SONG (see insert) *Your Grace Is Enough* Matt Maher

BLESSING THE PEOPLE

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Sources for today's liturgy: Gathering - David Sparks, *Prayers to Share,
Year A*; Renewing the Covenant - *Gifts of Many Cultures, Prayer of
Confession.*

If you feel called to serve God by researching, writing or speaking liturgy in
future services, please feel free to talk with any of the worship leaders or
drop a note in the offering plate.

Fresh Spirit Prayer Request cards and offering envelopes are available in
the black fellowship pad folders. If you have a prayer request, concern or
joy you wish to share, please fill out a card and place it in the offering
bags. All concerns and joys are welcome!

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 or Jana Reister in the church office, 321-2573.

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!

Mobile Phones

Please turn off mobile phones, pagers and other mobile devices before the service begins. 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 Worship Today

Notes from Today's Sermon

For several weeks we have been thinking about the idea that life is a Sacred Journey, an adventure to which we are called—a sacred journey because of God's presence.

It has to do with faith, with living in responsible relationship with the one who has created us, given us our lives, and who calls us to live them with integrity and intentionality and courage.

The wilderness is the place where we are able to see with clarity how dependent we have become on security, safety and comfort. But the wilderness journey is also the place where we find God or God finds us.

*"You cannot pray with your fists clenched."
~ Henri Nouwen*

Comes a day for all of us—and each of us—when we know that our resources are no longer adequate...And on that day the promise is that God will provide.



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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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