

ORDER FOR THE PUBLIC WORSHIP OF GOD
January 10, 2010; 11:00 am

GATHERING

PRELUDE "Largo" from Winter A. Vivaldi

WELCOME

TOLLING OF THE CARILLON

INTROIT The Lone Wild Bird Text by Richard McFadyen
The Covenant Choir, Katherine Campe, director

The lone wild bird in lofty flight
Is still with you nor leaves your sight.
And I am Thine, I rest in Thee,
Great Spirit come down and rest in me.

The ends of the earth are in Your hand,
The seas dark deep and far off land.
And I am Thine, I rest in Thee,
Great Spirit come down and rest in me.

CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: God who created you, says, "Do not fear, for I have redeemed you;
I have called you by name, you are mine.

People: For I am the Lord your God, the Holy one of Israel, your savior.

Leader: Do not fear, for I am with you; I will bring your offspring from the
east, and from the west I will gather you.

People: Let all the nations gather together, and let all the people
assemble. May the Lord bless the people with peace.

Leader: Let us worship God.

+*HYMN 229 From All That Dwell Below the Skies Laast Uns Erfreuen

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION and ADORATION

Leader: Let us pray.

People: Merciful God, we confess that we remain preoccupied with ourselves,
separated from sisters and brothers in Christ. We cling to destructive habits,
hold grudges, and show reluctance to welcome one another; we allow the
past to hold us hostage. In your loving kindness have mercy on us, and free us
from sin. Remind us of the promises you make in baptism so that we may
rise to new life, and live together in grace. Through Jesus
Christ our Lord. Amen

*ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Leader: Friends, believe the good news of the Gospel. In Jesus Christ we
are forgiven.

People: Thanks be to God. Amen.

*GLORIA PATRI 579

TIME WITH THE CHILDREN

♥ (Children are invited to hear God's word in their classes.) ♥

ANTHEM Swing Low, Sweet Chariot arr. Joe Cox
African-American spiritual; Youth Choir, Brian Potts, director

Chorus:
Swing low, sweet chariot,
Comin' for to carry me home;
Swing low, sweet chariot,
Comin' for to carry me home.

I looked over Jordan,
And what did I see,
Comin' for to carry me home,
A band of angels comin' after me,
Comin' for to carry me home.

Chorus

If you get there before I do,
Comin' for to carry me home,
Tell all my friends I'm comin' too,
Comin' for to carry me home.

Chorus

SCRIPTURE READING Genesis 22:1-19 NRSV

After these things God tested Abraham. He said to him, "Abraham!" And he said,
"Here I am." He said, "Take your son, your only son Isaac, whom you love, and
go to the land of Moriah, and offer him there as a burnt offering on one of the
mountains that I shall show you."

So Abraham rose early in the morning, saddled his donkey, and took two of his
young men with him, and his son Isaac; he cut the wood for the burnt offering,
and set out and went to the place in the distance that God had shown him. On the
third day Abraham looked up and saw the place far away. Then Abraham said to
his young men, "Stay here with the donkey; the boy and I will go over there; we
will worship, and then we will come back to you." Abraham took the wood of the
burnt offering and laid it on his son Isaac, and he himself carried the fire and the
knife. So the two of them walked on together. Isaac said to his father Abraham,
"Father!" And he said, "Here I am, my son." He said, "The fire and the wood are
here, but where is the lamb for a burnt offering?" Abraham said, "God himself
will provide the lamb for a burnt offering, my son." So the two of them walked
on together. When they came to the place that God had shown him, Abraham
built an altar there and laid the wood in order. He bound his son Isaac, and laid
him on the altar, on top of the wood. Then Abraham reached out his hand and
took the knife to kill his son.

But the angel of the Lord called to him from heaven, and said, "Abraham, Abra-
ham!" And he said, "Here I am." He said, "Do not lay your hand on the boy or do
anything to him; for now I know that you fear God, since you have not withheld
your son, your only son, from me." And Abraham looked up and saw a ram,
caught in a thicket by its horns. Abraham went and took the ram and offered it up
as a burnt offering instead of his son. So Abraham called that place "The Lord
will provide"; as it is said to this day, "On the mount of the Lord it shall be pro-
vided."

The angel of the Lord called to Abraham a second time from heaven, and said,
"By myself I have sworn, says the Lord: Because you have done this, and have
not withheld your son, your only son, I will indeed bless you, and I will make
your offspring as numerous as the stars of heaven and as the sand that is on the
seashore. And your offspring shall possess the gate of their enemies, and by your
offspring shall all the nations of the earth gain blessing for themselves, because
you have obeyed my voice." So Abraham returned to his young men, and they
arose and went together to Beer-sheba; and Abraham lived at Beer-sheba.

OFFERTORY Alleluia Ralph Manuel
The Handbell Choir; Brandon Dean, director

*DOXOLOGY (592) and PRAYER OF DEDICATION

SERMON The Sacred Journey—Steps to Faith
Rev. Thomas D. York

*HYMN 292 All Beautiful the March of Days Forest Green

SHARING CONCERNS

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND LORD'S PRAYER (page 16, Blue Hymnal)

*HYMN 430 Come Sing, O Church, in Joy! Darwall's 148th

*BENEDICTION

*POSTLUDE Toccata C. Simone

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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 in our world today.

The flowers today are given to the glory of God by the Werdmann family in
honor of their sister, Marie Werdmann.

The artwork on the cover is entitled, "Abraham and Isaac Before the
Sacrifice" is by the Dutch painter Jan Victors (1642).

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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 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!

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 Worship Today



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Notes from

Sermon

Today's

According to some, faith is something you have or which you get which puts you in control of almost every eventuality that life can throw at you.

Faith is a venture in obedient action.

Faith is not primarily the acceptance of doctrines or truths which are hard to believe.

My faith is in God, not in the book.

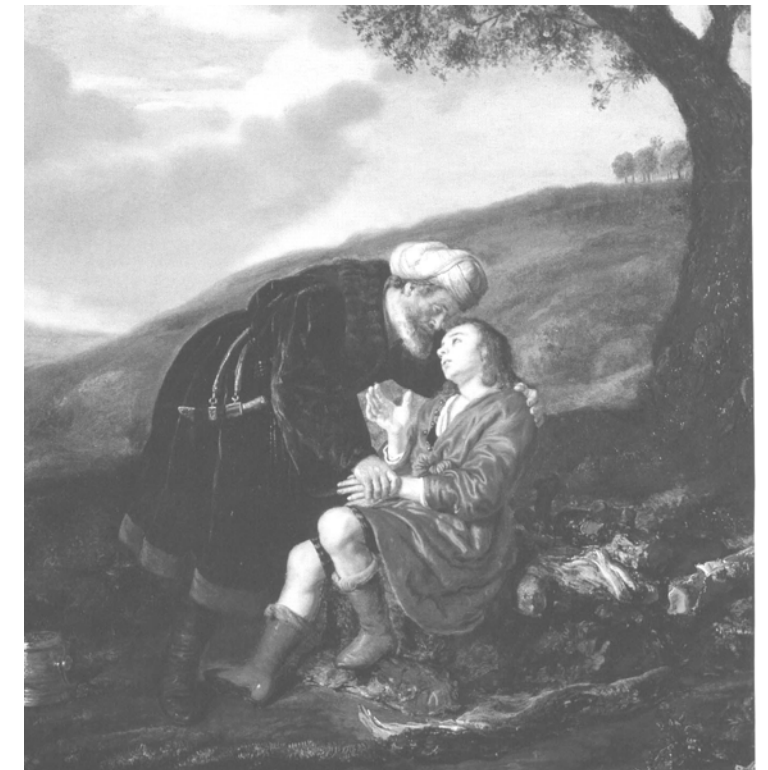
Faith in God in general means nothing unless there is a willingness to act in a specific situation.

The final step is that it is a venture in the expectation that God will act.

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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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