

ORDER FOR THE PUBLIC WORSHIP OF GOD
January 29, 2012, 11:00 am— 4th Sunday in Ordinary Time

GATHERING

PRELUDE *A Sower in His Field* Heinrich Schütz (1585-1672)
From *Symphoniae Sacrae III* (1650)
Soloists: Erin Keesy, Debra Van Engen, Cameo Humes, Claude Cassion
Text: Luke 8: 5-8

A sower in his field his seed was sowing,
and as he was sowing, some fell by the wayside,
where it was trodden under foot,
and the birds of the air devoured it.

If ye have ears to hear with, then hear ye!

And some of it fell on a rock,
and as it sprouted, it withered away,
for the rock did yield no moisture.

If ye have ears to hear with, then hear ye!

And some of it was scattered midst the wild briars,
and the briars sprang up with it, and they smothered it.

If ye have ears to hear with, then hear ye!

And some of it fell on to good ground,
and it sprang up, and an hundred-fold it bore fruit!

If ye have ears to hear with, then hear ye!

WELCOME

TOLLING OF THE CARILLON

CALL TO WORSHIP

One: O come, let us sing to the Lord

All: and shout with joy to the rock of our salvation!

One: Let us come into God's presence with thanksgiving,

All: singing joyful songs of praise.

One: Let us worship our God!

*+HYMN (*see back cover*) *God, You Call Us to This Place* Salzburg

*CALL TO CONFESSION

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION

One: The Lord be with you.

All: And also with you.

One: Let us pray.

All: Holy and merciful God, in your presence we confess our sinfulness, our shortcomings, and our offenses against you. You alone know how often we have sinned in wandering from your ways, in wasting your gifts, in forgetting your love. Have mercy on us, O Lord. Forgive our sins, and help us to live in your light and walk in your ways, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

~time for silent reflection~

*ASSURANCE OF PARDON

One: Friends, hear and believe the good news. Through Jesus Christ we are forgiven, we are set free.

All: Thanks be to God. Amen.

*+GLORIA PATRI #579

*PASSING OF THE PEACE

One: The peace of Christ be with you.

All: And also with you.

TIME WITH CHILDREN

(*Afterward, children and youth through grade 6 are invited to hear God's word in their classes.*)

THE WORD

SCRIPTURE READING Acts 9: 1-20 NRSV
Meanwhile Saul, still breathing threats and murder against the disciples of the Lord, went to the high priest and asked him for letters to the synagogues at Damascus, so that if he found any who belonged to the Way, men or women, he might bring them bound to Jerusalem. Now as he was going along and approaching Damascus, suddenly a light from heaven flashed around him. He fell to the ground and heard a voice saying to him, "Saul, Saul, why do you persecute me?" He asked, "Who are you, Lord?" The reply came, "I am Jesus, whom you are persecuting. But get up and enter the city, and you will be told what you are to do." The men who were traveling with him stood speechless because they heard the voice but saw no one. Saul got up from the ground, and though his eyes were open, he could see nothing; so they led him by the hand and brought him into Damascus. For three days he was without sight, and neither ate nor drank.

Now there was a disciple in Damascus named Ananias. The Lord said to him in a vision, "Ananias." He answered, "Here I am, Lord." The Lord said to him, "Get up and go to the street called Straight, and at the house of Judas look for a man of Tarsus named Saul. At this moment he is praying, and he has seen in a vision a man named Ananias come in and lay his hands on him so that he might regain his sight." But Ananias answered, "Lord, I have heard from many about this man, how much evil he has done to your saints in Jerusalem; and here he has authority from the chief priests to bind all who invoke your name." But the Lord said to him, "Go, for he is an instrument whom I have chosen to bring my name before Gentiles and kings and before the people of Israel; I myself will show him how much he must suffer for the sake of my name." So Ananias went and entered the house. He laid his hands on Saul and said, "Brother Saul, the Lord Jesus, who appeared to you on your way here, has sent me so that you may regain your sight and be filled with the Holy Spirit." And immediately something like scales fell from his eyes, and his sight was restored. Then he got up and was baptized, and after taking some food, he regained his strength. For several days he was with the disciples in Damascus, and immediately he began to proclaim Jesus in the synagogues, saying, "He is the Son of God."

ANTHEM *Saul* From *Symphoniae Sacrae III* (1650) Schütz
Soloists: Samantha Stein, Debra Van Engen, Will Compton, Cameo Humes, Jonathan Stinson, Claude Cassion
Text: Acts 9: 4-5

Saul, Saul, was verfolgst du mich? Saul, Saul, why do you persecute me?
Es wird dir schwer werden, It will become hard for you,

wider den Stachel zu lücken. to kick against the thorns.

SERMON *The Conversion of St. Paul* The Rev. Thomas D. York

MINUTE FOR MISSION

OFFERTORY *I Lift Up Mine Eyes Unto the Hills* Schütz
From *Symphoniae Sacrae III* (1650)
Soloists: Theresa Merrill, Will Compton, Jonathan Stinson
Psalm 121

I lift up mine eyes unto the hills,
Unto the hills from whence cometh my help.
My help cometh from the Almighty,
Who heaven and earth created hath.

He suffereth not thy foot to be moved,
For the Lord that keepeth thee sleepeth not.
Behold, the Lord that keepeth Israel
Slumbers not nor sleeps.

The Lord shall guard thee well;
The Lord, he is thy defense upon thy right hand,
So that the sun shall not burn thee by daytime,
Nor the moon in the night.

The Lord shall preserve thee from all evil
It is He that shall keepeth thy soul.
The Lord preserve thy going out, and thy coming in,
From this day forth for evermore, Amen.

*DOXOLOGY (#592) and PRAYER OF DEDICATION

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

SENDING

*HYMN #420 *God of Grace and God of Glory* Cwm Rhondda

*CHARGE and BENECTION

*POSTLUDE *Psalm XIX* B. Marcello

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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 in loving memory of Donna C. White, from her family.

Music for this morning's Prelude, Anthem and Offertory is taken from the *Symphoniae Sacrae III* (1650) of Heinrich Schütz, Germany's most important composer of sacred music in the 17th century. Working in Dresden, Schütz introduced into Germany the Italian style of florid vocal and instrumental writing and dialoguing choirs. The music features Knox's Juget Continuo Organ, built in Montreal and dedicated at Knox one year ago this weekend.

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 9:00 am—12 noon, 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.

Wee Worship and Sunday School

At 9:15 am, *Wee Worship is available for children ages 3 years through grade 8, in the Social Hall. (*Children age 3-5, begin in rooms #103 and #104, at 9:15 am. Children age 6 and above will begin in Fresh Spirit and go to the Social Hall following "Time With Children.") At 11:00 am, Sunday School classes are held for children and youth ages 3 years 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!

Sermons Available

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

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.

D Bm D G A D A D Em D Em7 A D

1 God, you call us to this place, where we know your love and grace.
2 Now as - sem - bled in Christ's name, all your mer - cies to pro - claim—
3 In the wa - ter we were born of the Spir - it in the Son.

D Bm D G A D A D Em D Em7 A D

Here your hos - pi - tal - i - ty makes of us one fam - i - ly,
in the hear - ing of your word, in our prayer through Christ the Lord,
Now a priest - ly, roy - al race rich in ev - ery gift of grace—

A D E A Em Bm F# Bm

makes our rich di - ver - si - ty rich - er still in u - ni - ty,
in the min - is - tries we share, learn - ing how to serve with care—
called, for - giv - en, loved, and freed, for the world we in - ter - cede:

D G A Bm7 E A G D Em D/F# Em A D

makes our man - y voic - es one, joined in praise with Christ your Son.
in the Spir - it let us be one in faith and u - ni - ty.
gath - er in - to u - ni - ty all the hu - man fam - i - ly.

God, You Call Us to This Place

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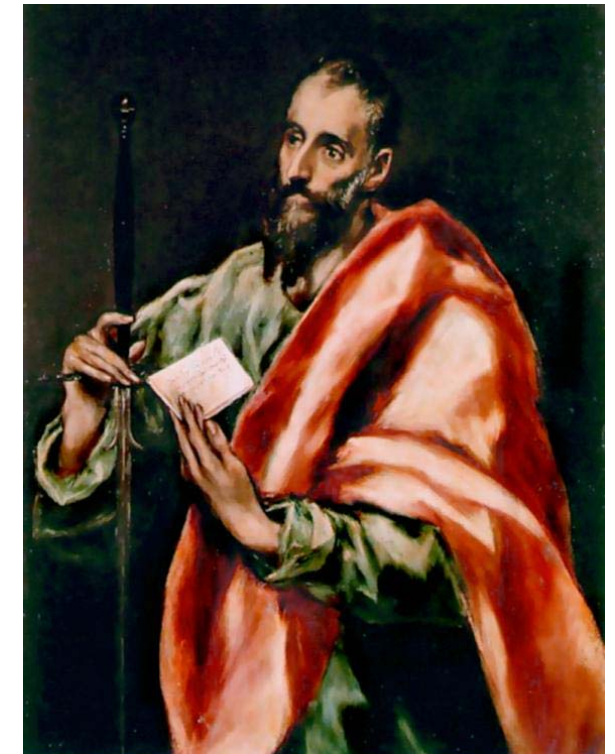


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All Are Welcome



*We are a joyful community
of Christian faith....
A growing reflection of God's love.*

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