

October 2, 2011, 9:15 am - Fresh Spirit Worship - World Communion Sunday

"I see the God in you. I greet the God in you."

Bill Wallace, New Zealand

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

CALL TO WORSHIP *Come, Now is the Time to Worship* Brian Doerksen

*(Refrain) Come, now is the time to worship.*

*Come, now is the time to give your heart.*

*Come, just as you are, to worship.*

*Come, just as you are, before your God.*

*Come.*

One day ev'ry tongue will confess You are God.

One day ev'ry knee will bow.

Still, the greatest treasure remains for those

Who gladly choose You now.

*(Refrain)*

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WELCOME

REFLECTION FOR PEACE

GATHERING THE PEOPLE

One: The first day of the week, the day of new beginnings;

**All: God, who created Sunday, we praise you.**

One: The day of rest and reflection, the day to pause from the routine of life;

**All: God, who made the Sabbath holy, we worship you.**

One: The remembrance day of resurrection, the day of Jesus risen from the dead;

**All: God, who has given us new life in the risen Christ, we adore you.**

One: The day of certainty that our world is your world;

**All: God, present, active, at the heart of all our days, we thank you.**

One: Let us worship God!

OPENING SONG (see insert) *All Are Welcome* Marty Haugen

RENEWING THE COVENANT

One: You are the seeker after the lost, O God.

You put us on the right path when we have gone astray.

In the rush of daily living, we have lost the ability to be still.

**All: You find us, O God, in a willingness to seek moments of peace amidst the busiest days.**

One: In our haste to judge others harshly, we have lost the ability to see the good in each person.

**All: You find us, O God, as we look compassionately and discover skills and values of lasting worth.**

One: In our pursuit of personal gain, we have lost the ability to meet the needs of the downhearted and the despised.

**All: You find us, O God, as we encourage the distressed and share our resources with those whose needs are great.**

One: In our concern to be successful in this world, we have lost the way of faith which leads to your Realm.

**All: You find us, O God, in a return to Christian discipleship, and a sharing with others in Christ's life-bringing work.**

---time for silent reflection---

One: As a shepherd ventures forth to find the one lost sheep,  
so you go out, O Loving God, to bring us home.

**All: As we recognize our failings, and dedicate ourselves to your liberating Way; as we follow your Way with confidence,**

***so peace is ours, and new life opens up for us.***

One: Know release from our sins, and the freedom of Jesus Christ!

**All: Thanks be to God. Amen.**

PASSING THE PEACE

One: The peace of Christ be with you.

**All: And also with you.**

TIME WITH CHILDREN

*(Afterward, children and youth through grade 12, are invited to hear God's word in Wee Worship in the Social Hall)*

SCRIPTURE READING Genesis 2:1-3 NIV

Thus the heavens and the earth were completed in all their vast array. By the seventh day God had finished the work he had been doing; so on the seventh day he rested from all his work. Then God blessed the seventh day and made it holy, because on it he rested from all the work of creating that he had done.

Exodus 20:1-4, 7-17 NRSV

Then God spoke all these words: I am the LORD your God, who brought you out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery; you shall have no other gods before me. You shall not make for yourself an idol, whether in the form of anything that is in heaven above, or that is on the earth beneath, or that is in the water under the earth. You shall not make wrongful use of the name of the LORD your God, for the LORD will not acquit anyone who misuses his name. Remember the sabbath day, and keep it holy. Six days you shall labor and do all your work. But the seventh day is a sabbath to the LORD your God; you shall not do any work—you, your son or your daughter, your male or female slave, your livestock, or the alien resident in your towns. For in six days the LORD made heaven and earth, the sea, and all that is in them, but rested the seventh day; therefore the LORD blessed the sabbath day and consecrated it.

Honor your father and your mother, so that your days may be long in the land that the LORD your God is giving you. You shall not murder. You shall not commit adultery. You shall not steal. You shall not bear false witness against your neighbor. You shall not covet your neighbor's house; you shall not covet your neighbor's wife, or male or female slave, or ox, or donkey, or anything that belongs to your neighbor.

OFFERING OUR GIFTS BACK TO GOD

OFFERING SONG (see insert) *So We Will Worship* Sarah Hart/Kevin B. Hipp

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 Luke 13:10-17 NRSV

Now he was teaching in one of the synagogues on the sabbath. And just then there appeared a woman with a spirit that had crippled her for eighteen years. She was bent over and was quite unable to stand up straight. When Jesus saw her, he called her over and said, "Woman, you are set free from your ailment." When he laid his hands on her, immediately she stood up straight and began praising God. But the leader of the synagogue, indignant because Jesus had cured on the sabbath, kept saying to the crowd, "There are six days on which work ought to be done; come on those days and be cured, and not on the sabbath day." But the Lord answered him and said, "You hypocrites! Does not each of you on the sabbath untie his ox or his donkey from the manger, and lead it away to give it water? And ought not this woman, a daughter of Abraham whom Satan bound for eighteen long years, be set free from this bondage on the sabbath day?" When he said this, all his opponents were put to shame; and the entire crowd was rejoicing at all the wonderful things that he was doing.

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*The Sabbath*

The Rev. Thomas D.

INVITATION TO COMMUNION (in unison)

***As bread that was scattered on the hillside, was gathered together and made one, so too, we, your people, scattered throughout the world, are gathered together around your table and become one.***

***As grapes grown in the field are gathered together and pressed into wine, so too are we drawn together and pressed by our times to share a common lot and are transformed into your life-blood for all.***

***So let us prepare to eat and drink as Jesus taught us: Inviting the stranger to our table and welcoming the poor. May their absence serve to remind us of the divisions this Eucharist seeks to heal. And may their presence help transform us into the Body of Christ we share.***

INVITATION SONG *God With Us* S. Hart /J. Thompson

You are higher than all of our questions,

You are deeper than all of our needs,

Wider than all that we can imagine;

You are greater than anything.

You are stronger than all of our burdens,

You are sweeter than all of our dreams,

Closer than all the air that surrounds us,

You are greater than anything.

***(Refrain) You are holy, Holy God Almighty, God with us.***

***You are holy, Holy God Almighty, God with us.***

***God with us.***

You bring joy into all of our sadness,

You bring peace into all of our pain,

Shining light into all of our darkness;

You are greater than anything.

***(Refrain)***

Ever before us and ever beside us,

Ever above us and ever behind us,

Ever around us and ever within us, and always ~

God with us.

***(Refrain)***

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PRAYER OF GREAT THANKSGIVING and PRAYER OF OUR LORD

COMMUNION OF THE PEOPLE (We serve grape juice and gluten-free bread is available.)

COMMUNION SONG (see insert) *Bread For the World* Bernadette Ferrell

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION (in unison)

***We thank you God for this time of communion with you. We give you praise that we are no longer hungry because we have been filled by your holiness. We give you thanks that we are no longer thirsty because we have been filled with your great love. Help us to go out into your world with courage, taking our gifts and sharing them with others. Amen.***

CLOSING SONG (see insert) *With Drums and Dancing* Daniel Schutte

BLESSING THE PEOPLE

**Sources for today's liturgy:** Gathering—David Sparks, *Prayers to Share, Year A.* Renewing the Covenant: David Sparks, *Prayers to Share, Year C.*

**Thanks to** Gwyneth Stewart for serving as liturgist this morning.

**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.

## 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 also 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](http://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 12, 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 11am, 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!

### Mobile Phones

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



## Notes From Worship

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## Notes from Sermon Today

*The fourth commandment must have come as great news to those former slaves.*

*"Sabbath is a day for resting from our work so God can do God's work in us."*  
John Calvin

*I believe that of all the things you might do and all the things you can do as a parent and as a family, one of the most important things you are required to do as a family is to remember the Sabbath.*

*People who forget to keep the Sabbath eventually suffer.*

## Questions to Ponder

*Do you believe that lack of Sabbath-keeping affects either the culture or us as individuals and families?*

*What is your Sabbath day?*

*How do you celebrate the Sabbath?*

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*From Calvin's quote above, what is the work God does in us?*

# Knox Church

## Presbyterian USA

*All Are Welcome*

*We are a joyful community*



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

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