

ORDER OF WORSHIP

August 6, 2017

9th Sunday after Pentecost / 18th Sunday Ordinary Time / Proper 13

Please sign and pass the Friendship Book (“pew pad”) where you can also record any prayer requests. Our prayer is that you will experience the presence of the Living God as we worship together.

We invite you to focus your heart and mind in worship.

** indicates please stand as you are able.*

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

Rev. Don Meekhof

PRELUDE

Piano

“Brethren, We Have Met to Worship”

William Moore/arr. Cindy Berry

CALL TO WORSHIP:

Tom Tiffany

God has ascended amid shouts of joy,
the LORD amid the sounding of trumpets.

Sing praises to God, sing praises;
sing praises to our King, sing praises.

For God is the King of all the earth;
sing to him a psalm of praise.

God reigns over the nations;
God is seated on his holy throne.

—Psalm 47:5-8, NIV

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*SONGS OF WORSHIP:

“COME THOU ALMIGHTY KING”

(Hymn #5)

(VERSE 1)

Come, thou Almighty King, help us thy name to sing,
help us to praise: Father, all glorious,
O'er all victorious, come, and reign over us,
Ancient of Days.

(VERSE 2)

Come, thou Incarnate Word, gird on thy mighty sword,
our prayer attend: come, and thy people bless,
and give thy word success: Spirit of holiness,
on us descend.

(VERSE 3)

Come, Holy Comforter, thy sacred witness bear

in this glad hour: thou who almighty art,
now rule in every heart, and ne'er from us depart,
Spirit of power.

(VERSE 4)

To thee, great One in Three, eternal praises be
hence, evermore! Thy sovereign majesty
may we in glory see, and to eternity
love and adore!

“I’M FOREVER GRATEFUL”

(VERSE)

You did not wait for me
To draw near to You
But You clothed Yourself
With frail humanity
You did not wait for me
To cry out to You
But You let me hear
Your voice calling me

(CHORUS)

**And I'm forever grateful to You
I'm forever grateful
For the cross
I'm forever grateful to You
That You came
To seek and save the lost**

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PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Rev. Don Meekhof

TIME OF PRAYER

Tom Tiffany

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Prayer of Confession

Gracious God,
who pours out freely the gift of your Holy Spirit:
we confess before you and to each other
that we have failed to recognize this most precious gift.

We have been satisfied with ordinary things,
suspicious of unfamiliar things,
and blind to spiritual things.
Cleanse us, O God, with your celestial fire.
Burn away our presumptuous self-sufficiency,
and open us in faith to receive the renewing touch of your
hand.

Amen.

[Silent Prayer]

Assurance of Pardon

Since we have been justified through faith,
we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ,
through whom we have gained access by faith
into this grace in which we now stand.
And we rejoice in the hope of the glory of God.
And hope does not disappoint us,
because God has poured out his love into our hearts
by the Holy Spirit, whom he has given us.

—Romans 5:1-2, 5, NIV

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SONG OF WORSHIP:

please remain seated

“THE POWER OF YOUR LOVE”

(VERSE 1)

Lord I come to you
Let my heart be changed renewed
Flowing from the grace that I found in you
And Lord I've come to know the weaknesses I see in me
Will be stripped away by the pow'r of your love

(CHORUS)

**Hold me close
Let your love surround me
Bring me near
Draw me to your side
And as I wait
I'll rise up like the eagle
And I will soar with you**

**Your Spirit leads me on
In the pow'r of your love**

(VERSE 2)

Lord unveil my eyes
Let me see you face to face
The knowledge of your love as you live in me
Lord renew my mind as your will unfolds in my life
In living ev'ry day by the pow'r of your love

(REPEAT CHORUS)

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OFFERING OF OURSELVES & OUR GIFTS

Dawn Troxel

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Invitation to the Offering

Let us give thanks to the Lord with all our being.
In the company of the upright,
let us honor God for the blessings and goodness we
have received.

—based on Psalm 111:1.

***Doxology**

**Praise God from whom all blessings flow;
Praise him, all creatures here below
Praise him above ye heavenly host;
Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

Offering Prayer

O God, most merciful and gracious,
of whose bounty we have all received,
accept this offering of your people.
Remember in your love those who have brought it
and those for whom it is given,
and so follow it with your blessing
that it may promote peace and goodwill among all
peoples,
and advance the kingdom of our Lord and Savior, Jesus
Christ. **Amen.**

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*Please be seated while the ushers pass the offering plates.
Junior Chapel is on summer break. If needed, the nursery is
available for your children during the worship service.*

Offertory

“Here I am to Worship”

Piano

Tim Hughes/arr. Victor Labenske

READING OF THE SCRIPTURES

Camille Troxel

Acts 1:1–14 (NIV)

In my former book, *Theophilus*, I wrote about all that Jesus began to do and to teach ² until the day he was taken up to heaven, after giving instructions through the Holy Spirit to the apostles he had chosen. ³ After his suffering, he presented himself to them and gave many convincing proofs that he was alive. He appeared to them over a period of forty days and spoke about the kingdom of God.

⁴ On one occasion, while he was eating with them, he gave them this command: “Do not leave Jerusalem, but wait for the gift my Father promised, which you have heard me speak about. ⁵ For John baptized with water, but in a few days you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit.”

⁶ Then they gathered around him and asked him, “Lord, are you at this time going to restore the kingdom to Israel?”

⁷ He said to them: “It is not for you to know the times or dates the Father has set by his own authority. ⁸ But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth.”

⁹ After he said this, he was taken up before their very eyes, and a cloud hid him from their sight.

¹⁰ They were looking intently up into the sky as he was going, when suddenly two men dressed in white stood beside them. ¹¹ “Men of Galilee,” they said, “why do you stand here looking into the sky? This same Jesus, who has been taken from you into heaven, will come back in the same way you have seen him go into heaven.”

¹² Then the apostles returned to Jerusalem from the hill called the Mount of Olives, a Sabbath day’s walk from the city. ¹³ When they arrived, they went upstairs to the room where they were staying. Those present were Peter, John,

James and Andrew; Philip and Thomas, Bartholomew and Matthew; James son of Alphaeus and Simon the Zealot, and Judas son of James. ¹⁴ They all joined together constantly in prayer, along with the women and Mary the mother of Jesus, and with his brothers.

MESSAGE

Erika Haub

“Showing Up”

***COMMUNION HYMN:**

“BREAD OF THE WORLD IN MERCY BROKEN”

(Hymn #774)

Bread of the world in mercy broken,
wine of the soul in mercy shed,
by whom the words of life were spoken,
and in whose death our sins are dead:
look on the heart by sorrow broken,
look on the tears by sinners shed;
and be your feast to us the token
that by your grace our souls are fed!

SHARING AROUND CHRIST’S TABLE—COMMUNION

Rev. Don Meekhof

Christ becomes a part of our flesh through Holy Communion.

The Lord’s Supper is not an end in itself. It always points beyond itself to celebrate God’s grace and covenant faithfulness. This does not mean the

physical aspects of the celebration are incidental or unimportant. The Lord's Supper should be a celebration fitting to the abundant grace of God offered in Christ.

**Invitation to the Lord's Supper
Breaking of the Bread & Pouring of the Cup
Sharing the Body and Blood of Christ**

***CLOSING SONG**

It is the custom at Knox, in celebration of Holy Communion, to hold hands and form a circle around the sanctuary to sing our closing song...

"BLEST BE THE TIE THAT BINDS"

(Hymn #708)

**Blest be the tie that binds our hearts in Christian love;
the fellowship of kindred minds is like to that above.**

BENEDICTION

Erika Haub

POSTLUDE

Piano

"Christ is Made the Sure Foundation"

Henry Purcell/arr. Cindy Berry

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In the pulpit today: Erika Carney Haub is a graduate of Fuller Seminary and currently serves as an Associate Pastor at Shoreline Covenant Church in Seattle. Her husband, Douglas, is a Whitworth graduate who is also a graduate of Fuller Seminary. Erika and Douglas have four children: Mercy, Aaron Emmanuel, Elijah, and Hope. Before accepting the call to serve at Shoreline Covenant, they spent seven years as a family living and ministering in South Central Los Angeles where they helped to plant Church of the Redeemer, an Evangelical Covenant Church. Both Erika and Douglas spent time living and ministering in Spokane after college but did not meet each other until they worked together at a church in Portland, Oregon. Erika has a connection to Knox in that she is Carole Stuart's niece.

Today's Lectionary Readings

Genesis 32:22–31

Romans 9:1–5

Questions for Reflection

“Jacob was left alone; and a man wrestled with him until daybreak” (Gen. 32:24). Why do you think God allows times of struggle in our lives? How have times of struggle affected your walk with God? How does your relationship with God affect your view of overwhelming problems in the world, such as hunger, poverty, violence, or injustice?

Household Prayer: Morning

God of daybreak, thank you for holding me through the night
and awakening me to behold your likeness
in this brand-new day.

Go with me now as I walk with you.
Show me the world and its people
through your eyes of compassion.

Bless me, break me, and move through me
to heal and feed those who hunger for you. Amen.

Household Prayer: Evening

O God, tonight I lay my failures, anxieties,
struggles, and unfinished business at your feet.
Hold me, bless me, and change me as I rest in you. Amen.

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