



KNOX
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Sunday Worship Service

October 15, 2023

11:30 AM

Welcome

Centering for Worship

The kingdom of God

♩ = 74

The king - dom of God is jus - tice and peace and
joy in the Ho - ly Spi - rit. Come, Lord, and
o - pen in us the gates of your king - dom. The

The image shows a musical score for the hymn 'The kingdom of God'. It consists of three systems of music, each with a vocal line (treble clef) and a piano accompaniment line (bass clef). The key signature is one sharp (F#) and the time signature is common time (C). The tempo is marked as quarter note = 74. The lyrics are: 'The king - dom of God is jus - tice and peace and joy in the Ho - ly Spi - rit. Come, Lord, and o - pen in us the gates of your king - dom. The'. The score ends with a double bar line and repeat dots.

Prayer of Confession

Blessed Are The Merciful

CCLI Song # 7133717 Isaac Wardell | Orlando Palmer | Paul Zach ©Common Hymnal Publishing

Blessed are the merciful (x3)
For they shall receive mercy, mercy

Forgive us as we forgive
Those who sin against us

Lord have mercy on us
Show Your mercy through us
Mercy

Assurance of Pardon

Good to Me

The Porter's Gate © 2023 | Leslie Jordan and Nick Chambers

I can taste the sweetness of your mercy
But I feel the sting of grief still in my chest
Not sure I've known the one without the other
But I will cling to the belief I know the best

You have been
You will be
You are so good to me

I reach out my hand in hopes you'll hold on
Time and time again find empty space
So I will keep them open though they're shaking
Call to mind the times I've felt the grip of grace

You have been
You will be
You are still here with me

You have been
You will be
You are still here with me

You have been
You will be
You are so good to me

You have been
You will be
You are still here with me

Prayers of the People

Song of Preparation for Offering – Open Hands

Porter's Gate | Worship for Workers

The earth you made and blest in days, your spirit breathing into clay:
Lord, I receive with open hands
The breath that fails, the light that fades while earth and heaven pass
away, I let them go with open hands

In desert days a feast you spread and with your manna I am fed,
Lord, I receive with open hands.
And when another needs this bread,
They ask as Christ, who broke and blessed
I let it go with open hands

The work that waits for me today, the joys and sorrows on the way,
Lord, I receive with open hands.
And just as earth you freely gave,
so any goodness I have made
I let it go with open hands

Doxology

*Praise God from whom all blessings flow
Praise God all creatures here below
Praise God above, ye heavenly hosts
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost*

Response and Offering

You are now invited to light a candle at the front of the sanctuary



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Song During Offering – Do With it What You Will

Written by Nick Chambers, Leslie Jordan, Kate Bluett; Featuring Jon and Valerie Guerra © 2023 Worship for

Workers Project

You have given all to me
To you O Lord I return it
Everything I have is yours
Do with it what you will

I will take my daily cross
Every step of the journey
I will bear it for your sake
Do with it what you will

You will gather all of me
Every gift, every burden
Every day and every hour
Do with it what you will

Take my laughter and my loss
Make them tools of your mercy
Anything my hands can make
Do with it what you will

I lift it up; I lay it down at your table.
Multiply my sacrifice; for you are able.

First Scripture Reading – Isaiah 25:1-12

¹ O LORD, you are my God;

I will exalt you; I will praise your name,
for you have done wonderful things,
plans formed of old, faithful and sure.

² For you have made the city a heap,
the fortified city a ruin;

the palace of foreigners is a city no more;
it will never be rebuilt.

³ Therefore strong peoples will glorify you;
cities of ruthless nations will fear you.

⁴ For you have been a refuge to the poor,
a refuge to the needy in their distress,
a shelter from the rainstorm and a shade from the heat.

When the blast of the ruthless was like a winter rainstorm,

⁵ the noise of foreigners like heat in a dry place,
you subdued the heat with the shade of clouds;
the song of the ruthless was stilled.

- ⁶ On this mountain the LORD of hosts will make for all peoples
a feast of rich food, a feast of well-aged wines,
of rich food filled with marrow, of well-aged wines strained clear.
- ⁷ And he will destroy on this mountain
the shroud that is cast over all peoples,
the covering that is spread over all nations;
- ⁸ he will swallow up death forever.
- Then the Lord GOD will wipe away the tears from all faces,
and the disgrace of his people he will take away from all the earth,
for the LORD has spoken.
- ⁹ It will be said on that day, "See, this is our God; we have waited for
him, so that he might save us.
This is the LORD for whom we have waited;
let us be glad and rejoice in his salvation."
- ¹⁰ For the hand of the LORD will rest on this mountain.
The Moabites shall be trodden down in their place
as straw is trodden down in the manure.
- ¹¹ Though they spread out their hands in the midst of it,
as swimmers spread out their hands to swim,
their pride will be laid low despite the struggle of their hands.
- ¹² The high fortifications of his walls will be brought down,
laid low, cast to the ground, even to the dust.

Second Scripture Reading – Matthew 22:1-14

¹ Once more Jesus spoke to them in parables, saying: ² "The kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who gave a wedding banquet for his son. ³ He sent his slaves to call those who had been invited to the wedding banquet, but they would not come. ⁴ Again he sent other slaves, saying, 'Tell those who have been invited: Look, I have prepared my dinner, my oxen and my fat calves have been slaughtered, and everything is ready; come to the wedding banquet.' ⁵ But they made light of it and went away, one to his farm, another to his business, ⁶ while the rest seized his slaves, mistreated them, and killed them. ⁷ The king was enraged. He sent his troops, destroyed those murderers, and burned their city. ⁸ Then he said to his slaves, 'The

wedding is ready, but those invited were not worthy. ⁹ Go therefore into the main streets, and invite everyone you find to the wedding banquet.' ¹⁰ Those slaves went out into the streets and gathered all whom they found, both good and bad, so the wedding hall was filled with guests.

¹¹ "But when the king came in to see the guests, he noticed a man there who was not wearing a wedding robe, ¹² and he said to him, 'Friend, how did you get in here without a wedding robe?' And he was speechless. ¹³ Then the king said to the attendants, 'Bind him hand and foot, and throw him into the outer darkness, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.' ¹⁴ For many are called, but few are chosen."

Sermon

God of Justice

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God of justice, Savior to all
Came to rescue the weak and the poor
Chose to serve and not be served
Jesus, You have called us
Freely we've received
Now freely we will give *Chorus*

To act justly every day
Loving mercy in every way
Walking humbly before You God
You have shown us what You require
Freely we've received
Now freely we will give *Chorus*

Fill us up and send us out (x2)
Fill us up and send us out, Lord

Benediction

Chorus:
We must go
live to feed the hungry
Stand beside the broken
We must go
Stepping forward
keep us from just singing
Move us into action
We must go

Thank you to our Leaders in Worship

Pastor: Rev. Drew Peterson

Pastor for Imaginative Worship: Rev. Dr. Taylor Telford

Worship Leaders: Camille Troxel, Nolan Carthum

Audio/Video Technician: Dave Colvin

Greeter: Sam Weber

Upcoming Schedule

Oct 12	Ministry Team Minutes Due	5 p.m.
Oct 15	Worship	11:30 a.m.
Oct 17	Session	7 p.m.
Oct 20	Side By Side Presents Meek Squad-512 S Bernard. Free/Donations Accepted	6:00 p.m.
Oct 22	Worship	11:30 a.m.
	Congregational Conversation, Fellowship Hall	After Worship
Oct 24	Dine & Discuss at Elizabeth Abbey's House	6-7:30 p.m.

Announcements

Congregational Conversation

There will be a Congregational Conversation on October 22, 2023, immediately following worship, in Fellowship Hall to invite congregants to brainstorm solutions for the challenges facing our church.

Dine & Discuss

What: An opportunity for the Knox community to come discuss the scriptural basis of self-giving love and what that looks like in practice. Essentially, how do we live out this mandate and support one another in this endeavor?

Who: Anyone in the Knox community is welcome to participate. The format will be a small group study and discussion.

When: The next gathering will be Tuesday, October 24th from 6:00 – 7:30pm at Elizabeth Abbey's house. The host will provide a main dish and attendees are welcome to bring a side or dessert to share.

Next Steps: Please contact Elizabeth at eabbey@whitworth.edu or call 540-250-6221 **by October 17th to sign up.**

Prayers

Pray for peace in the Middle East.

Pray for Richard Raymond's health, and strength for Trudy as they navigate through this uncertain time. You can leave a prayer and follow their journey on Caring Bridge **by scanning the Knox Link Tree QR Code below.**

Pray for the wildfire survivors who must rebuild their homes and their lives, first responders, and those volunteers/leaders of long-term recovery efforts. You can find ways to **help by scanning the Knox Link Tree QR code below.**

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