



# Elijah Kellogg Church, Congregational

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Rev. Mr. Joseph Connolly, Interim Pastor

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## ELIJAH KELLOGG CHURCH WORSHIP

October 30, 2022

Twenty-first Sunday after Pentecost; Thirty-first Sunday in Ordinary Time

“Efficiency is not innovation. Hurting people will not bring about the church of the future.” — Diana Butler Bass

“The way of radical Christianity is to stay outside of unjust systems— insofar as possible— so they cannot control your breadth of thinking, feeling, loving, and living out universal justice.” — Richard Rohr

“The work of divine justice always presupposes the work of mercy, and is based on it” — Thomas Aquinas

### Prelude

Welcome and Announcements

### Passing of the Peace...

\* Call to Worship — (Responsive; Note: Adapted from Psalm 103)

ONE: Bless God, O my soul;

**MANY: And all that is within me, bless the Holy Name of God.**

ONE: Bless God, O my soul;

**MANY: And forget not all God’s benefits.**

### \* Prayer of Invocation

\* HYMN — *I Would Be True* INSERT

### A Time for All Ages

#### Lord’s Prayer (debts and debtors)

**Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name. Thy kingdom come; Thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For Thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory forever. Amen.**

*{The children may leave for Church School.}*

## OFFERTORY INVITATION

### \*OFFERING RESPONSE (DOXOLOGY)

#### *Old One-hundredth*

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

### \*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

## INTRODUCTION TO SCRIPTURE

A READING FROM THE *TANAKH* IN THE SECTION KNOWN AS THE  
PROPHETS— Isaiah 1:10-18 [ILV]

[10] Hear the word of *Yahweh*,  
rulers of “Sodom!”

Listen to the teaching of God,  
people of “Gomorrah!”

[11] “These interminable sacrifices,  
this multitude of your sacrifices,  
What are they to me?”

says *Yahweh*;

“I have had enough of burnt offerings,  
I am fed up with burnt offerings of rams  
and the fat of calves;

I do not delight in the blood of bulls,  
or of lambs, or of goats;  
these nauseate me.

[12] When you come to appear before me,  
when you come to present yourself,  
who asked this from your hand?

Who asked you to trample my courts?

[13] Do not bring your useless offerings.

It is futile;

their incense is an abomination to me  
and fills me with loathing.

New moon and Sabbath and convocations, assemblies—

I cannot endure another solemn festival  
filled with iniquity, injustice.

[14] Your new moons, your appointed festivals,  
your pilgrimages,

I despise with all my soul;  
they have become a burden, they are wearisome to me,  
I am tired of bearing them.

[15] When you stretch out your hands,  
    open your hands in prayer,  
    I will hide my eyes, turn my eyes away from you.  
Even though you make many prayers—  
    heap prayers upon prayers—  
    I will not listen, I will not hear them;  
    your hands are covered with blood.  
[16] Wash! Make yourselves clean!  
    Remove your evil doings!  
    Get your injustice out of my sight!  
    Banish it from before my eyes.  
    Cease to do evil,  
[17] learn to do good;  
    search for and seek justice,  
    rescue, help the oppressed;  
defend and protect those who are orphaned;  
    plead the case of those who are widowed.  
[18] Come now— let us argue it out;  
    let us look at the choices before you,”  
    says *Yahweh*.  
“Though your sins are like scarlet,  
    they can be like a pure snow;  
though they are red as crimson,  
    they can become like wool, fleece.”

**Anthem** — *Peace Like a River* (Spiritual arr. Joel Raney)

Sermon — *Systems 101*

**Piano Meditation** —

**Prayers of the People and Pastoral Prayer**

SILENCE

\* **HYMN** —      *For the Healing of the Nations*      INSERT

**BENEDICTION**

**Choral Blessing**

**Postlude**

Serving you this morning:	
Interim Minister	Rev. Mr. Joseph Connolly
Music Director	Sue Luce
Pianist	Elizabeth Cromwell
Reader	Josie Davies
Ushers	Becky Gallery & Ned Pierce

## I Would Be True

Howard A. Walter, 1883-1918

PEEK 11.10.11.10.10.  
Joseph Y. Peek, 1843-1911

1 I would be true, for there are those who trust me;  
2 I would be friend of all, the foe, the friend - less;

I would be pure, for there are those who care;  
I would be giv - ing, and for - get the gift;

I would be strong, for there is much to suf - fer;  
I would be hum - ble, for I know my weak - ness;

I would be brave, for there is much to dare,  
I would look up, and laugh, and love, and lift,

I would be brave, for there is much to dare.  
I would look up, and laugh, and love, and lift. A - men.





The flowers today are from the Hurst family  
in loving memory of Robin Hurst.

## For the Healing of the Nations

*Fred Kaan, 1965*

1 For the heal - ing of the na - tions, God, we pray with  
2 Lead us for - ward in - to free - dom; from de - spair your  
3 All that kills a - bun - dant liv - ing, let it from the  
4 You, Cre - a - tor God, have writ - ten your great name on

one ac - cord; for a just and e - qual shar - ing  
world re - lease, that, re - deemed from war and ha - tred,  
earth be - banned; pride of sta - tus, race, or school - ing,  
hu - man - kind; for our grow - ing in your like - ness

of the things that earth af - fords; to a life of  
all may come and go in peace. Show us how through  
dog - mas that ob - scure your plan. In our com - mon  
bring the life of Christ to mind, that by our re -

love in ac - tion help us rise and pledge our word.  
care and good - ness fear will die and hope in - crease.  
quest for jus - tice may we hal - low life's brief span.  
sponse and ser - vice earth its des - ti - ny may find.

## **Prayer Requests for October 30, 2022**

### **At home...**

Connie Henry

Ed Phinney

Nancy Andersen

### **In nursing homes...**

Sam Wright  
David Ferris

### **In assisted living...**

Tom Jones  
Jane Collins  
Joan Phillips

Ernestine Machesney  
Evangeline Sparks

### **Away...**

Ellie and George Patterson

### **Sick, in the hospital or rehabilitation...**

C V Noyes

### **Recovering from illness or surgery...**

### **Grieving...**

Family of Robert Bibber  
Family of Lois Pulsifer  
Family of Lee Chipman

### **Thanksgivings...**

### **Special concerns...**

For the people in the paths of the hurricanes

Emergency responders / Health care workers / Essential workers...

Praise God for our partnership with WHPW and Channel 14!

Please keep those named above in your prayers. If you have any questions, or would like others to be prayed for, please contact Susan Ferris, Chairperson of our Prayer Circle. Susan can be reached at 666-3247 or [sueherb@myfairpoint.net](mailto:sueherb@myfairpoint.net).

Thank you

## Pastor Joe's office hours for the week of 10/31 – 11/4

Monday, 10/31 from 9:am – 11:am

### Bible Study

The Bible Study passage for Monday 10/31 at 11:00 a.m. and possibly at 7:00 p.m. is Luke 20:27-38.

Please call (833-6026) or email ([adminassist@elijahkelloggchurch.org](mailto:adminassist@elijahkelloggchurch.org)) the office by noon on Monday, if you would like to attend the 7:pm bible study.

## Daylight savings ends on Sunday November 6 @ 2:AM



Time to turn those clocks back and enjoy an extra hour of sleep!

Don't forget to turn your clocks back before you go to bed next Saturday, or you will be an hour early for church!

## **Women's Fellowship**

The November meeting of the EKC women's Fellowship will be this coming Tuesday, Nov. 1, at 11:am.

The program will be Fire Safety in the home and David Mercier from the Harpswell Neck Fire Department will be our speaker.

All are welcome to come!

## **Board of Finance - Updated**

### **Sunday morning Harpswell Radio listeners!**

We are trying to get a better understanding of how many people listen to the radio broadcasts of the Sunday church service on a regular basis from their homes.

If you or anyone you know listens regularly from home, we would appreciate your letting Stephanie know. Please also let Stephanie know how important the radio broadcasts are to you. Stephanie's email address is [adminassist@elijahkelloggchurch.org](mailto:adminassist@elijahkelloggchurch.org) or call her at 833-6026. Please let her know as soon as possible, as of today we have only heard from one person that listens on the radio.

Thank you

## **Meetings scheduled for the week of October 31 – November 4<sup>th</sup>**

**\*Women's Fellowship – Fellowship Hall, Tuesday November 1<sup>st</sup>, from 11:AM – 2:PM**

**\*Deacons Meeting – Parlor, Tuesday November 1<sup>st</sup>, meeting starts at 7:PM**