



# Elijah Kellogg Church, Congregational

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Rev. Mr. Joseph Connolly, Interim Pastor

## ELIJAH KELLOGG CHURCH WORSHIP

March 10, 2024

Fourth Sunday in Lent

THOUGHTS FOR MEDITATION — “It is axiomatic in social life that the imposition of frustrations leads to two kinds of reactions. One is the development of a wholesome social organization to resist with effective, firm measures any efforts to impede progress. The other is a confused, anger-motivated drive to strike back violently, to inflict damage. Primarily, it seeks to cause injury to retaliate for wrongful suffering. Secondly, it seeks real progress. It is punitive – not radical or constructive.” (The Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., *The Social Organization of Nonviolence*, 1959)

“Life is like a cobweb, not an organization chart.” — H. Ross Perot (1930-2019)

“The most important religion in the Bible is unorganized, and is sometimes profoundly disruptive of organizations.... The great visionary encounters did not take place in temples, but in sheep pastures, in the desert, in the wilderness.... Religion, according to this view, is less to be celebrated in rituals than practiced in the world.” — Wendell Berry (b. 1934)

Welcome and Announcements

### Passing of the Peace...

\* Call to Worship —

ONE: Give God thanks for days of watchful care.

**MANY: The steadfast love of God endures forever.**

ONE: Let us tell the world of God’s good news.

**MANY: Let us rejoice for our faith informs us of this: God loves all people of all nations in all times and in all places. Let our lives be examples of our willingness to be about the work of the Dominion of God.**

### INVOCATION

\* **HYMN** — *There’s a Wideness in God’s Mercy*      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.**

## 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. Amen.

### \*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

## INTRODUCTION TO SCRIPTURE

### A READING FROM THE EPISTLES — Ephesians 2:1-10 [ILV]

[1] You were dead through the trespasses and transgressions [2] in which you once lived, following the course of this world, following the ruler of the power of the air, the spirit that is now at work among those who are disobedient. [3] All of us once lived among them in the passions of our flesh, following the desires of flesh and senses, and we were by nature children of wrath, like everyone else.

[4] But God, Who is rich in mercy— out of the great love with which God loved us [5] even when we were dead through our trespasses— made us alive together with Christ— by grace you have been saved— [6] and God raised us up with Christ and seated us with Christ in the heavenly places in Christ Jesus, [7] so that in the ages to come God might show the immeasurable riches of grace in kindness toward us in Christ Jesus. [8] For by grace you have been saved through faith, and this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God— [9] not the result of works, so that no one may boast. [10] For we are what God has made us, God's work of art, created in Christ Jesus to do the good things, which God prepared for us to do beforehand, from the beginning, to be our way of life.

## SPECIAL MUSIC —

## INTRODUCTION TO SCRIPTURE

### A READING FROM GOSPELS — John 3:14-21 [ILV]

[14] "...just as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, so must the Human One be lifted up, [15] that whoever believes in that One may have eternal life."

[16] "For God so loved the world that God gave God's only Child, so that everyone who believes in that Child may not perish but may have eternal life."

[17] "Indeed, God did not send the Child into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved. [18] Those who believe in the Child avoid judgement; but those who do not believe are judged already, because they have not believed in the Name of the Only Begotten of God. [19] And this is the judgment: that the light has come into the world, and people loved the night rather than light because their deeds were evil. [20] Indeed, people who do wrong hate the light and avoid the light, for fear that their actions might be exposed. [21] But those who do what is true, who live by the truth, come into the light, so that it may be clearly seen that their deeds, what they do, have been done in God."

\* **HYMN** — *Jesus Loves Me* INSERT

SERMON — *Not of Your Own Doing*

**Piano Meditation** —

**Prayers of the People - PETITIONS AND SILENCES**

\* **HYMN** — *O Love, How Vast, How Flowing Free* INSERT, v. 1, 2, 3

**BENEDICTION**

**CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE** —

*O Love, How Vast, How Flowing Free* INSERT, v. 4

**Postlude**

Harpswell Community Radio – WHPW 97.3 FM

Harpswell Community Television – Channel 14

<https://vimeo.com/showcase/7960701>

Serving you this morning:	
Interim Minister	Rev. Mr. Joseph Connolly
Pianist	Elizabeth Cromwell
Reader	Karin Soderberg
Ushers	Carol Coultas & Ken Chutchian
Coffee Hour	Ruth Smith

**Pastor Joe's office hours for the week of March 11<sup>th</sup>:**

Monday, March 11<sup>th</sup>, 9am – 11am

**The Bible Study passage for Monday, March 11<sup>th</sup> at 11:00 a.m. is:**

Hebrews 5:5-10


**No Board of Committee meetings scheduled for the week of March 11<sup>th</sup>**




The flowers today are given by Sally Moulton and Beth Muldoon  
in celebration of our Kellogg Church congregation.

# There's a Wideness in God's Mercy



Frederick William Faber, 1854; alt.





1 There's a wide-ness in God's mer - cy, like the wide-ness of the sea;  
2 For the love of God is broad-er than the mea-sures of our minds;  
3 As each far hor - i - zon beck - ons, may it chal - lenge us a - new.  
4 By your Spir - it of cre - a - tion keep us bold for risk - ing still,



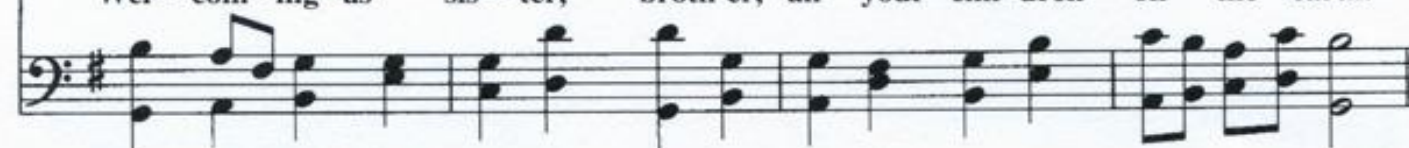
There's a kind-ness in God's jus-tice, which is more than lib - er - ty.  
And the heart of the E - ter-nal is most won - der - ful - ly kind.  
Chil - dren of cre - a - tive pur - pose, serv - ing oth - ers, hon - or - ing you.  
Ea - ger in an - ti - ci - pa - tion, ev - er strong to do your will.



There's no place where earth-ly sor - rows are more felt than in God's heaven;  
If our love were but more faith-ful, we would glad-ly trust God's word;  
May our dreams prove rich with prom-ise, each en - deav - or, well be - gun;  
Bind us close to one an - oth - er, shar - ing life and death and birth,



There's no place where earth-ly fail - ings have such kind-ly judg - ment given.  
And our lives would show thanks-giv - ing for the good-ness of our God.  
Great Cre - a - tor, give us guid-ance till our goals and yours are one.  
Wel - com - ing as sis - ter, broth-er, all your chil - dren on the earth.



# Jesus Loves Me

St. 1, Anna B. Warner, 1860

St. 2-3, David Rutherford McGuire, 1971

1 Je - sus loves me this I know for the Bi - ble says it's so;  
2 Je - sus loves me this I know — teach-es love of friend and foe.  
3 Je - sus loves me this I know. Lit - tle chil - dren tell us so.  
4 Je - sus loves me now, to - day, pre - sent, here in eve - ry way.

Je - sus gives peace, hope, love, care — chil - dren are not un - a - ware.  
Chil-dren are the first to know seeds of love that we must sow.  
Je - sus loves the big, the small. Chil - dren tell us that means all!  
Chil-dren say that Je - sus gives light and love that we may live.

## Refrain

Yes, Je - sus loves me! Yes, Je - sus loves me!

Yes, Je - sus loves me! The Bi - ble tells me so.

# O Love, How Vast, How Flowing Free



1 O Love, how vast, how flow - ing free, O Love how  
2 Not as an an - gel vis - it - ing, nor form ce -  
3 A - ris - ing from the dead a - gain, our Sov - ereign  
4 Then for God's bound - less love sing praise, through end - less



filled with ec - sta - sy, That God a hu - man  
les - tial or - bit - ing, But born in flesh God  
Goes on high to reign; And sends the Spir - it  
a - ges, count-less days; By love we have been



form should take, and mor - tal be for mor - tals' sake.  
chose to be, robed in our own hu - man - i - ty.  
to a - bide for strength and sol - ace at our side.  
rec - on - ciled: sal - va - tion gained through God's own Child.



## Prayer Requests for March 11, 2024

### At home...

Hope Tanguay  
Pat Moody

Connie Henry

Bill Menz

### In nursing homes...

Sam Wright  
David Ferris

### In assisted living...

Ernestine Machesney  
Tom Jones

Joan Phillips

### Away...

Richard Haley

C V Noyes

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

### Recovering from illness or surgery...

Dana Porter Carson

George Perkins

### Grieving...

Family of Jim Smith

Family of Gary Anderson

Family of Paul Standridge

### Thanksgivings...

The Perry Family, new baby Ismail

The Pastoral Search Committee

### Special concerns...

For the people in the paths of storms and fires

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).

## A note from Missions

For the month of March, the following items have been requested for restocking the food pantry:

**Canned stews and canned pasta meals**  
**Dry pasta**  
**Pasta sauce**  
**Canned tuna and canned meats (the canned chicken is good)**  
**Canned or container fruits to round this out**  
**Tooth paste**  
**Toilet tissue**

Many thanks! Not as fun as the Souper Bowl, but just as needed.

**\*\*\* JUST AN FYI \*\*\*** In the March issue of Down East, there is a great article about the Chef at Camp Susan Curtis and her food philosophy of introducing new foods to children who might not every try something new or fresh. Camp Susan Curtis is one of 4 summer camps that your Missions board supports annually. Just thought you'd like to know how your money is spent and used in such an innovative way.

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## **Annual Meeting Summary - CORRECTIONS**

There were two (2) errors in the information about the Annual Meeting in last week's News & Notes: 1) Chris Braley's name was misspelled; and 2) the Church kitchen floor replacement, at an estimated cost of \$21,503, was withdrawn from consideration and was NOT approved. As a result, the approved 2024 capital budget is \$85,832. (\$41,000 is reimbursable from a Department of Homeland Security (DHS) grant.)

The errors were in the information provided to the Church office. We apologize for the misinformation."

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## **Update from the Pulpit Committee** **March, 2024**

Your pulpit committee began meeting in September, 2022: eighteen months ago. We compiled information and survey results into the Church Information Form now posted on the National Association of Congregational Christian Churches' website. We have fielded inquiries, assessed resumes, interviewed prospective pastors, and posted ads in the *Christian Century* magazine and on the job boards of seminaries. You helped us by completing surveys and sharing your thoughts at the beginning of this process, and we are asking for your help again.

The committee asks that you spread the word! In your travels and meetings with friends from away, tell them of the open pulpit in our church. We welcome those who seek community to join us in 2024 as our pastor. Please reach out, let people know we are still searching for the right person to fill our open pulpit.

With thanks for your prayers and assistance,  
Ashley Braley, Carrie Bubier, Becky Gallery, Bill Greenwood, Sharon Kirker, Ben Skinner and Wendy Van Damme.



# Christian Education

The Christian Education Board is looking for donations for wrapped candy for the upcoming Easter egg hunt in March. Please consider donating any candy as long as it is wrapped. There will be a box labeled "Easter Candy Donations" located in Fellowship Hall.



**Please join the Board of Christian Education for a Lenten mission project. We will be "COLLECTING CHANGE TO MAKE A CHANGE" for Heifer International.**



In the Missions room you will find plastic bags for you to collect coins in through Lent, as well as calendars with prayers, activities and more information about Heifer International. The coins will serve those in need, around the world, by providing hard-working families with animals. These animals will give them a steady source of food, or earn them a reliable income. As you fill these bags with coins please pray over this program and the families that will be reached. They have been giving families a "hand up" for 80 years, and we at Elijah Kellogg have a long tradition of supporting them. Please return your bags Easter Sunday.

Are you finding you don't have many coins? Not to fear, we also accept cash and check. If writing a check, please make it payable to Elijah Kellogg Church with CE Heifer project in the memo line.

Thank you,  
The Board of Christian Education

# Easter Flower Order 2024

Special flowers are being planned for Easter Sunday.

If you wish to order flowers in honor of, or in loving memory of a loved one, please fill in your information below.

Orders are due by Tuesday, March 12<sup>nd</sup>, and may be put in the Flower committee's mailbox outside of the church office, or you may give it to a member of the committee. Committee members are: Susan Anderson, Elizabeth Dyer, Christal Ellis, Becky Gallery, Kathy Goodrich and Judith Stanton

The plants are available for \$10.00 each.

Easter Lilies \_\_\_\_\_

Daffodils \_\_\_\_\_

Tulips \_\_\_\_\_ Please choose color preference for Tulips: \_\_\_\_\_ No color preference



\_\_\_\_\_ Yellow

\_\_\_\_\_ Pink

\_\_\_\_\_ Purple

\_\_\_\_\_ Red

In loving memory of: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

In honor of: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

Given by: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone # \_\_\_\_\_

***We ask that you please pick up your plants after the Easter service, or within a week after Easter to take home, or give to a recipient.***