

***Hymn – #429 “They Will Know We are Christians by our Love”**

*And they'll know we are Christians by our love, by our love.
Yes, they'll know we are Christians by our love.*

*We will walk with each other. We will walk hand in hand.
We will walk with each other. We will walk hand in hand.
And together we'll spread the news that God is in our land.
And they'll know we are Christians by our love, by our love.
Yes, they'll know we are Christians by our love.*

*We will work with each other, we will work side by side
We will work with each other, we will work side by side
And we'll guard each one's dignity and save each one's pride
And they'll know we are Christians by our love, by our love
Yes, they'll know we are Christians by our love.*

*All praise to the Father, from whom all things come,
And all praise to Christ Jesus, his only son,
And all praise to the Spirit, who makes us one.
And they'll know we are Christians by our love, by our love
Yes, they'll know we are Christians by our love.*

***Benediction**

Andy Morgan

***Congregational Benediction**

***Make us one, Lord, make us one;
Holy Spirit, make us one.
Let your love flow so the world will know we are one in you***

Postlude

Krista Heilmeyer

Greeters	Susan Espiritu and Gail Giffin
Ushers	Brian Cartledge and Darlene Miller
Liturgist	Shelley Miller
Music	Bob Eubanks, Krista Heilmeyer & George Hill
Minister	Dr. Andy Morgan

Announcements

Save the Date! Celebrate 100 years as a Congregation

Join us at John Knox Center April 28-30 as we continue to celebrate our 100 years as a congregation, we will gather at John Knox Center during the weekend of **April 28-30!** Click the link in the Weekly Word or the Newsletter tab on the website for more info.



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Prelude

Krista Heilmeyer

Word of Welcome

Andy Morgan

Call to Worship

Andy Morgan

Leader: Steady our steps, O God, as we travel the journey set before us.

All: Let us walk in the way of light and pursue the path of peace.

Leader: Keep us on your course of life as we seek to be faithful

All: And as we gather to praise you, our faithful Lord and God.

***Hymn #389 “Spirit of the Living God”**

*Spirit of the living God, fall fresh on me. Spirit of the living God, fall fresh on me.
Melt me, mold me, fill me, use me. Spirit of the living God, fall fresh on me.*

*Soul of heaven, heart of God, wash over me. Soul of heaven, heart of God, wash over me.
Cleanse me, teach me, hold me, reach me. Soul of heaven, heart of God, wash over me.*

*Holy presence, love divine, cast out my fear. Holy presence, love divine, cast out my fear.
Shield me, free me, call me, lead me. Holy presence, love divine, cast out my fear.*

Ritual of Friendship

Andy Morgan

*Members and Guests – Please sign and pass the friendship register
located on the center aisle under the pew in front.*

Call to Confession

Shelley Miller

Leader: Into the shadows of our isolation, God speaks the words of life and community. Through God's graceful, healing presence, God redeems our woundedness and restores us to wholeness. Trusting in God's gracious provision, let us together confess our limitations and proclaim God's faithfulness.

Prayer of Confession

Shelley Miller

All: Generous God, we are baptized as your people, called to live and serve together as your church. We confess that we have sought to live for ourselves, not reaching out to others and honoring the divine image in all your children. Forgive us, we pray. In your abundant mercy give us the grace to be your church, confessing our faults, offering forgiveness and working for reconciliation. Turn our hearts to your intentions that we may hold fast to one another and draw near to your presence. In Jesus, we ask it. Amen.

Assurance of Forgiveness

Shelley Miller

Leader: Friends, in Jesus Christ, we have been fed God's grace and redemption. And that redemption gives us the strength to love our neighbors near and far, proclaiming in our words and deeds:

All: In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven! Amen.

****Gloria Patri***

***Glory be to the Father, and to the Son,
and to the Holy Ghost,
As it was in the beginning,
is now and ever shall be, world without end.
Amen. Amen.***

****Passing the Peace***

Shelley Miller

Leader: God's love for us is the foundation of our lives as people and as a people. Let us respond to this love by sharing it with one another, assured of God's everlasting love in our lives and in our midst. The peace of Christ be with you all.

All: And also with you!

Prayer of Illumination

Shelley Miller

All: O God, what the world says and what you say are often at odds. Set before us now your truth as we hear your Word and as we respond in faithful trust. Amen.

Psalm Reading – Psalm 119:1-8

Shelley Miller

Old Testament Reading – Deuteronomy 30:15-20

Shelley Miller

Anthem How Beautiful

Krista Heilmeier

*How Beautiful the hands that served The Wine and the Bread and the sons of the earth.
How beautiful the feet that walked The long dusty road and the hill to the cross.
How Beautiful, how beautiful, how beautiful is the body of Christ.*

*How Beautiful the heart that bled That took all my sins and bore it instead.
How beautiful the tender eyes That choose to forgive and never despise.
How beautiful, how beautiful, how beautiful is the body of Christ.*

*And as He laid down His life we offer this sacrifice, That we will live just as He died.
Willing to pay the price, willing to pay the price.*

*How beautiful the radiant bride who waits for her Groom with His light in Her eyes.
How beautiful when humble hearts give the fruit of pure lives so that others may live!*

*How beautiful the feet that bring the sound of good news and the love of the King!
How Beautiful the hands that serve the wine and the bread and the sons of the Earth.
How Beautiful, How beautiful, Oh, how beautiful. Is the Body of Christ!*

Gospel Reading – Matthew 5:21-37

Andy Morgan

Sermon - It Starts Small

Andy Morgan

****Affirmation of Faith - A Brief Statement of Faith***

Andy Morgan

All: In a broken and fearful world, the Spirit gives us courage to pray without ceasing, to witness among all peoples to Christ as Lord and Savior, to unmask idolatries in church and culture, to hear the voices of peoples long silenced, and to work with others for justice, freedom, and peace. In gratitude to God, empowered by the Spirit, we strive to serve Christ in our daily tasks and to live holy and joyful lives, even as we watch for God's new heaven and new earth, praying, "Come, Lord Jesus!"

****Hymn #461 – "In Remembrance"***

*In remembrance of Me, eat this bread. In remembrance of Me, drink this wine,
In remembrance of Me, pray for the time When God's own will is done.*

*In remembrance of Me, heal the sick. In remembrance of Me, feed the poor.
In remembrance of Me, open the door And let your brother in, let him in.*

*Take, eat, and be comforted; Drink and remember, too,
That this is My body and precious blood Shed for you, shed for you.*

*In remembrance of Me, search for truth. In remembrance of Me, always love.
In remembrance of Me, don't look above, But in your heart, look in your heart,
Look in your heart for God. Do this in remembrance of Me.*

The Invitation

*The sacrament of the Lord's Supper is Christ's gift to His church. This boundless gift is offered
without regard to denominational affiliation, church membership, or personal merit.
Communion is a gift of grace whereby through symbolic elements of bread and fruit of the vine,
we are mystically united with the presence of Christ.
Jesus invites all who desire a living relationship with Him to dine at his table.*

Words of Institution

Serving of the Bread and Cup

Prayer After Communion & The Lord's Prayer

Andy Morgan

All: 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

Invitation to the Offering

Shelley Miller

Leader: God's Word finds fertile ground each time we choose life, each time we share the gifts of God's grace and love. Let us gather our gifts and offer them to God in gratitude and praise.

Offertory

Krista Heilmeier

****Doxology***

***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***

Shelley Miller

All: Generous God, you have planted the seeds of generosity into our hearts and by your grace, you give the growth through our actions and response. Receive the fruit of your mercy and the offerings of our lives and use these gifts to grow your harvest of justice and mercy, Amen.