



GATHERING GOD'S PEOPLE

Welcoming & Centering Rev. James Preston

Opening Songs *Mighty to Save*
Ben Fielding, Reuben Morgan

Graves Into Gardens
Brandon Lake, Chris Brown,
Steven Furtick, Tiffany Hudson

Words of Gathering Elaine Ahrens

One: God's reckless love calls us here.
All: It is never-ending and overwhelming.
One: We cannot earn it and don't deserve it.
All: Yet, God's reckless love is always here.
(based on song by Cory Asbury)

Opening Prayer
Compassionate God, we can love only because you first loved us. When we are tempted by anger and resentment, lead us to forgive and love as Christ taught us. Change our hearts. Amen.

Ministry of Music Children's Bells
Amazing Grace
John Newton, Traditional American Melody

Children's Sermon Rev. James Preston

PROCLAIMING GOD'S WORD

A Reading from the Gospel *Luke 6:27-38*

One: Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Church.
All: Thanks be to God. Amen.

Message Rev. James Preston
Lavish LOVE

Song of Response
They'll Know We Are Christians By Our Love
Peter Scholtes

RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD

Prayer of Intercession Pastor Clayton Edwards

The Lord's Prayer
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 trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us, and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

Offering Pastor Clayton Edwards

A Prayer for Mother's Day Rev. James Preston

Announcements Rev. James Preston

Closing Song* *Reckless Love*
Caleb Culver, Cory Asbury, Ran Jackson

Benediction* Rev. James Preston

**Stand as you are able.*

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Liturgist: Elaine Ahrens
Scripture Reader: Laura Hardy
Ushers: Ric & Donna Sisi
Greeters: Sue Kluge, The Lally Family



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Prelude
If Thou but Suffer God to Guide Thee J. S. Bach

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Ministry of Music Children's Handbells
Amazing Grace
John Newton, Traditional American Melody

Opening Hymn* *How Can We Name a Love*
Blue Hymnal #111

Words of Gathering* Elaine Ahrens

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A Reading from the Gospel *Luke 6:27-38*

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Song of Preparation *Come, Let Us Dream*
Green Hymnal #3157, vs. 1-3

Message Rev. James Preston
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Anthem *Look at the World* Chancel Choir
John Rutter

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Offertory *My Hope Is Built* Bradbury

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Hymn of Sending Forth* *The Gift of Love*
Blue Hymnal #408

Benediction* Rev. James Preston

Postlude *In Christ There Is No East or West* Dale Wood

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Liturgist: Elaine Ahrens
Scripture Reader: Sharon Metty
Ushers: Janet Marasco, Jay Jayapalan
Greeters: Beth Weeden



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Ruth Mazorana Anderson	In memory of my mother, Daisy Wheldon Mazorana and my mother-in-law, Agnes Anderson
Jennifer Ayers	In celebration of Elaine Ayers from her children and grandchildren with love
The Baraglia Family	In memory of Anne Rogers and Louise Baraglia
Mike & Beth Barber	In memory of Lee Frederick and Elaine Barber
Kevin & Gail Bosman	In loving memory of our moms, Norma Bosman and Melba Hanisch
Tom & Pam Boyd	In memory of Louise Boyd and Helen Tutwiler
Julie Dagenais	In memory of my mom, Patti and Grandma Norma In celebration of my sister, Jen, and all adoptive and foster moms
Donna Gavin	In loving memory of Jean Gordon
Linda & Donald Gorr	In memory of Anne Baker, Sophia Diel Gorr, and Katherine Diel
Ken & Muff Johnson	In celebration of our moms, Marje Johnson and Dee Kreft
Linda Mirtchev	In memory of the loving women who "mothered" me: Sophia Diel Gorr, Sophia Diel, and Katherine Diel In celebration of my wonderful daughters-in-law: Angie Savers, Danielle Savers, Schirley Savers, and Ashley Snyder
Connie Mitchell	In memory of my mother, Rose Mitchell
Cookie Nicholson	In memory of Juanita Sanderson, Antoinette Erickson, and Velema Richmond
Sue Pateras	In memory of my mother, Angie Kates
The Pickett Family	In honor of Martha Pickett In memory of Stella Eder
James Preston	In honor of Pat Preston
Bob & Debbie Reid	In memory of Eileen Drganc
Tim Shafer	In memory of Gerry Shafer
Timothy Sroka & Susan Kenski-Sroka	In honor of Irene Sroka In memory of June Kenski
Marc & Paula Swanson	In honor of our mothers, Eunice Swanson and Carol Beckert
Jeff & Lani Vabulas	In memory of Marcella Morf and Priscilla Vabulas

Welcome to Kingswood Church | May 8, 2022

OUR MISSION: LOVE GOD, SERVE OTHERS AND BUILD SACRED COMMUNITY AS FOLLOWERS OF JESUS

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We live in a culture divided, encouraging us to distance and detest instead of love and connect. Jesus offers a different way. In our sermon series, **Reckless Love: Jesus' Call to Love Our Neighbor**, we will learn how to love God and others more fully. Two study groups are being offered on **May 9** at 10 am and **May 24** at 7 pm. Register on our app or at kingswoodumc.com/events. Books are available online at Amazon or in the Fireside Room. Today, we focus on offering lavish love to all people, especially those who challenge us. We also celebrate Mother's Day and offer carnations (in person) as a sign of gratitude. We give thanks for all women who lead us to greater love and faith.



One in eight Emergency Room visits is related to mental illness or substance disorder. For some, the emergency room is their only source for mental health care. Stop by the Social Justice/Diversity Team table in the Fireside Room today to sign our petition to make resources more accessible in our community.



The annual Buffalo Grove Pride Parade and Picnic will be held on **Sunday, June 5** in Buffalo Grove. You are invited to walk with the parade float at 11 am and/or join us afterward at the Pride Picnic in Mike Rylko Community Park. You can sign up in the Fireside Room or at kingswoodumc.com/events. You can also gather at our designated watch area on the route to enjoy the parade. Email Pastor James for that location.



Our Music Ministries take a well-deserved break over the summer months. To fill the gap, we would like recruit those who are interested in sharing their vocal or instrumental musical gifts for Sunday worship beginning June 12 at both services. If you are interested, please contact Felicia Patton at fpatton@kingswoodumc.com.



All men are cordially invited to join the Kingwood United Methodist Men's club. We meet the second Saturday of each month at 8:30 am for a breakfast meeting at church to plan events, have a devotion, and enjoy fellowship with our brothers. If interested, contact Tim Shafer at: tag_chicago@att.net Our next meeting is **May 14** at 8:30 am.



Redd Holt, friend to Kingswood and famous jazz musician, will celebrate his 90th birthday with a Redd Holt Trio performance on **Sunday, May 15**, at 3:00 pm at Huntington Square Apartments Club House, 1300 S Elmhurst Road in Mount Prospect. All are welcome!