



Kent United Church of Christ

*AN OPEN AND AFFIRMING, ACCESSIBLE TO ALL, W.I.S.E.,
and CREATION JUSTICE CONGREGATION*

SCOUT SUNDAY
February 8, 2026
10am

BELLS

PRELUDE

A Charge to Keep I Have

arr. Robert J. Powell

GREETING

Rev. Amy Gopp, senior minister

INTROIT

This is the Day the Lord has Made

Marty Haugen

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Lydia Jennings

God calls us together to worship. From our work and play within the world, God gathers us to give thanks for creation's goodness, for the strength to labor, for the wisdom to relax.

Praise the Lord! Give thanks to the Lord, for God is good; God's steadfast love endures forever!

They who wait on the Lord shall renew their strength, they shall mount up with wings like eagles, they shall run and not be weary, they shall walk and not faint.

Praise the Lord! Give thanks to the Lord, for God is good; God's steadfast love endures forever! Let us worship our Great God.

*OPENING HYMN Insert

The "Scout" Hymn

Ralph Reader

*INVOCATION

Ethan Hansen

*SHARING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

The peace of the Lord be with you all.

And also with you.

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

Pastor Emily

"Jesus Loves the Little Children" is sung to bless the children.

BLESSING OUR YOUNG DISCIPLES

May God bless you and keep you.

May God fill your heart with song and your mind with wisdom.

May you learn every day how to be a disciple of Christ:

To heal, to hope, to pray, to serve, and above all, to love.

May you be our teachers, just as we are yours.

A READING FROM THE GOSPEL ACCORDING TO MATTHEW

Jacey Stewart

Matthew 5:13-20

Here ends the reading from God's word.

Thanks be to God, who is still speaking.

SERMON

Jonah Baker

ANTHEM

This Little Light of Mine
Chancel Choir

American Gospel Song,
arr. Mark Hayes

HONORING OUR SCOUTS

Pastor Amy

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Lee Drewette

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Our Creator, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy Name, thy kin-dom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. Forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kin-dom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

HYMN OF COMMITMENT #181 *You Are Salt for the Earth, O People*

BRING FORTH

INVITATION TO GENEROSITY

Amelia Hansen

*DOXOLOGY

**Praise God from whom all blessings flow;
Praise God, all creatures here below;
Praise God for all that love has done;
Creator, Christ, and Spirit, One. Amen.**

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION AND MISSION

Pastor Emily

A prayer for help to live as a Scout and as a Christian, spoken in unison:

**Grant us, O Lord, the STRENGTH of our convictions
and the grit to live honestly with them;
the COURAGE to speak and act without hypocrisy;
the HUMILITY to open ourselves to truths not yet encountered;
the GRACE to stand in opposition without becoming arrogant;
the PATIENCE to hang in, beyond the tokenism of the moment,
until our words ring with sturdy commitment;
the ABILITY and WILL to love our peers, our elders,
our persecutors, and our enemies until such love shall beget love,
and we shall find ourselves again in a community of sanity and compassion,
through Christ our Lord. Amen.**

*CLOSING HYMN #592

God of the Ages, Who with Sure Command

NATIONAL HYMN

*BENEDICTION

Jonah Baker

*POSTLUDE

Epilogue

Gilbert M. Martin

The postlude signifies the end of worship. Please refrain from applause and feel free to depart.

***Our service has ended. Now our service begins.
You are the Body of Christ, and the whole world awaits you.***

Thank you to all the Scouts participating in today's worship service!



Brantley Bright - Usher/Greeter
Dax Bright - Usher/Greeter
Brooks Nelder - Usher/Greeter
Kylan Kozak - Usher/Greeter
Ethan Roberts - User/Greeter
Lydian Jennings - Reader
Ethan Hansen - Reader
Amelia Hansen - Reader
Jayce Stewart - Reader
Jonah Baker - Preacher
Lee Drewette - Prayers of the People

The "Scout" Hymn

Words and Music by Ralph Reader

Now as I start u - pon my cho - sen way,
 Help me to keep my ho - nor shin - ing bright,
 O - pen my eyes to see things as I should,
 Now as I jour - ney on my cho - sen way,

In all I do, my thoughts, my work, my play,
 May I be loy - al in the hard - est fight.
 That I may do my dai - ly turn of good.
 In all I do, my thoughts, my work, my play,

Grant as I pro - mise, cou - rage new for me, To
 Let me be a - ble for my task, and then, To
 Let me be rea - dy, wait - ing for each need, To
 Grant as I pro - mise, cou - rage new for me, To

be the best, the best that I can be.
 earn a place a - mong my fel - low friend.
 keep me clean in thought, and word, and deed.
 be the best, the best that I can be.