



Prayers and Announcements

Friday, September 16, 2022

Sunday, September 18 is the Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost

Join us live in-person at 8:30 AM or 10:30 AM. Or Live Stream our 10:30 AM Worship Service on the [KCC Website](#), [Facebook Page](#) and [YouTube Channel](#), on Sunday, September 18.



A Letter from the newly hired Designated Term Minister

Friends I know and friends I have yet to meet,

I am very excited to be with you in November. The recent weekend spent with Kensington Community Church made my heart soar. After serving churches and ministries in Seattle, China, Venezuela, and Honolulu, I am grateful to return to my home state of California. I am eager for you to meet my family: my beloved Janelle, Elijah (9), and Emma (7). We are thrilled to intertwine our story with yours. The Holy One has been a faithful shepherd to Kensington and to my family and can't wait to be a part of the way God loves creation through Kensington Community Church.

Rev. Brandon Duran

This announcement was originally published on September 2.

In-person Discussion Series, “*Short Stories by Jesus*”

Mondays, 6:30 PM – 8:00 PM, continuing Monday, September 19

Amy-Jill Levine is a professor of first century Judaism and New Testament literature, a convener of interfaith dialogue between Christians and Jews, and a self-proclaimed “yankee Jewish feminist who teaches at a Christian seminary in the Bible Belt.”

In *Short Stories by Jesus*, Dr. Levine reintroduces Christians to the parables of Jesus through the eyes of the people to whom he first told them: Jewish people living in first-century Palestine. Join us each Monday from 9/12 through 10/17 as we read a parable, watch a short lecture from Dr. Levine, then have a lively discussion about where we fit inside the parables.

RSVPs to Stephen Colón stephen@stephencolon.com are appreciated, but not required. Feel free to join us for as many or as few weeks as you'd like. An optional introductory reading can be found at godand.us/shortstories or in the church office.

- 9/12 | Lost Sheep, Lost Coin, Lost Son | Luke 15:4–32
- 9/19 | The Good Samaritan | Luke 10:25–37
- 9/26 | The Pearl of Great Price | Matt 13:45–46
- 10/3 | The Mustard Seed | Mark 4:30–32; Matt 13:31–32; Luke 13:18–19
- 10/10 | The Laborers in the Vineyard | Matt 20:1–16
- 10/17 | The Widow and the Judge | Luke 18:1–8



SEPTEMBER 25, 2022
10:30 am

HYMN SUGGESTIONS?
GODAND.US/HYMNSING

On September 25th, we'll have an old-fashioned hymn-sing during the 10:30 AM service, with 10 or so of the congregation's most beloved church songs.

Add your favorite hymns to the bulletin board in the narthex or submit them at godand.us/hymnsing, then we'll tally up the most popular ones to sing together at the hymn-sing—and to include all throughout the fall worship services!

Note: The last day to submit requests for the hymn-sing will be Rally Day, September 11th.

The Chimes—Publishing Date

The Ministry of Personnel and Resource (MPR) and the Council chose to simplify some tasks for the staff until Rev. Brandon arrives. The Chimes will be published on the first, third and fifth Fridays of each month this fall.

Please Donate to El Nido Families

El Nido is an important mission partner for KCC. It is one of eight site-based transitional housing programs for adults and families affected by domestic violence in San Diego County. In fact, it provides 11 of the county's 180 existing transitional housing units. When a new family is about to move into one of the units, KCC will donate the home and personal items for the family. Right now, the families living in the apartments need personal products and gift cards to purchase other necessities.

El Nido Wish List

- Diapers - sizes 2,3,4 and 5
- Baby wipes
- Gift cards to purchase baby formula on Amazon, Target, or Walmart
- New lunch boxes and new reusable water bottles for children who started a new school year
- Feminine hygiene products (pads, tampons)

Please drop off donations to Lander Hall on Sunday mornings, or the office during business hours. The donation deadline is Sunday, September 25.

Rachel's House Dinner Service—September Meal Sunday, September 25

Rachel's House provides services for women in downtown San Diego. KCC helps by preparing one dinner a month. In August, the meal was on the 28th.

Jodi made the main dish, Italian breaded chicken. Pat and Azar made rice pilaf and roasted veggies, and Sara made a salad and brought apple pies fresh from Julian (with ice cream, of course).

Chef Gerardo Moreno is sponsoring the next meal on September 25th! We need donations for salad, bread, drinks, and dessert--and 2-3 people to help serve. To sign up, contact Sara by phone or text at 857-222-0017, or sign up at the google doc [CLICK HERE](#) (link also available at the KCC website kensingtonucc.com under Serve/Your Neighbors or on the main page in the link to Weekly Prayers and Announcements).

Interested in sponsoring a meal by making the main entree? Let Sara know if you are interested!

Women's Spirituality Meets Over Zoom on Tuesday, October 4 at 10:00 AM

Join your KCC friends via Zoom to discuss Rosemary Radford Ruether's book, *My Quests for Hope and Meaning: An Autobiography*. As a feminist theologian and liberation theologian, Ruether is known for advocating for, and seeking justice for women, the poor, people of color, the Middle East and the Earth. She was a scholar, teacher, activist, and author who died recently, in May 2022. On Tuesday, October 4 at 10:00 AM, the group will discuss *Chapter 5*.

Women's Spirituality meets the first Tuesday of each month at 10:00 AM via Zoom. For more information, please contact Sharon Young or the front office.

Zoom Link: <https://us06web.zoom.us/j/87269378449>

Meeting ID: 872 6937 8449

Passcode: 049398

Fall Liturgist Sign-ups Now Available

Join in the Sunday worship by serving as a liturgist at the 10:30 AM service. Anyone is welcome—whether you're a legacy member or you're so new you can't remember where the restrooms are—as long as you are comfortable reading scripture and prayers from the pulpit. Learn more and sign up at <https://godand.us/kccliturgist>, or by contacting Stephen Colón (stephen@stephencolon.com).

Youth Group

Join the Youth Group in Davis Hall (formerly Youth Hall) on Wednesday, September 21, from 6:30 PM to 8:30 PM. If you would like to receive youth group emails, for the 2022-2023 school year, please contact Barb (barbara@kensingtonucc.com).

SUNDAY SCHOOL @KCC

This year, we are in-person and in the classrooms. Please contact Miss Barb, Director of Faith Formation with questions, suggestions and to inquire about volunteer opportunities.

Sunday School Fall Schedule

Class	Frequency	Teacher
Preschool Class <i>3-year-old– 6-year-old children</i>	Every Sunday	Miss Molly
Elementary School Class <i>Second graders – fifth graders.</i>	1 st & 3 rd Sundays	Miss Barb
Middle School Class <i>Sixth graders – ninth graders</i>	2 nd & 4 th Sundays	Miss Barb

Pastoral Support

The ministries and council have established wonderful pastoral care and assistance during the fall as we await the arrival of Rev. Brandon Duran. Please contact the office and you will be connected to a clergy member.

Fall Office Hours

Beginning on Tuesday, September 6, the KCC office will be open Monday-Thursday, 8:30 AM to 2:30 PM, and Fridays, 8:30 AM to 12:30 PM.

Fall Staff Roles at KCC

With the help of the Holy Spirit, the search committee discovered our next designated term minister, Rev. Brandon Duran, who begins on Sunday, November 27, the first Sunday of Advent. His responsibilities will increase incrementally in the fall. As Rev. Brandon ramps up, we are thrilled to continue worshiping each Sunday morning with our Member-in-Discernment, Stephen Colón. He has become the backbone of our worship services and continues to gently steer us on our spiritual path. Donna Hanson will remain on staff through September 23, and Barbara Runco turns her attention to faith formation after Rally Day (Sunday, September 11). We look forward to Rosie's return on September 26.

*This week's prayer is from the Revised Common Lectionary of the
Vanderbilt Divinity Library.*

God of power and justice,
like Jeremiah you weep over those
who wander from you,
turn aside to other gods,
and enter into chaos and destruction.
By your tears and through your mercy,
teach us your ways
and write them on our hearts
so that we may follow faithfully
the path you show us. Amen.



If you know of someone who should be added to our *Chimes prayer list or Confidential Prayer Circle List, please let Donna know at office@kensingtonucc.com

*Names will remain on the Prayer lists four months (or longer if we receive updated information about them.

Prayer Circle Members include: Cindy Nabizadeh, Kathleen Buttici, Tracey Freeman, Louise Jacobus, Denice Madruga, Carla Mathison, Richard Marcellus, Mallie Odle, Donna Potter, Jennifer Roberts, Barbara Runco, Gayle Trempe, Penny Ward, and Rich Wayman.

Please Hold in Your Heart and Lift in Prayer:

John Aydelotte, Ron Brown, Steve Davis, Eva Duarte, Betsie Dudgeon, Robert Farrell, Ahmana Jones, Eileen Kearns, Kristina Kinsley & Family, Kate M, Liz Matus & her family, Michelle, Steve Ohanesian, Becky Pacheco, Pastor Darryl, Gloria, Elvin & Rashad Pouncey, Randy, Roberta, Rosie Rutherford, Christina Siau & her family, Evelyn Soria, Kathy Sullivan, Marcel Varoz, Bill Ward, Dick Wayman, and JoAnne Zeek and the Krebsbachs.

Prayers of support for the friends and family of Estelle Trzcinski, Cheri Berryman, Carolyn Davis, Sima Khogasten, (Pat Pujol's sister-in-law), for the friends and family of Eric "Squeak" Fager, for the Barnier Family after the passing of John Barnier; the Kistler Family after the passing of Roger Kistler, Pastor Darryl's father, and Dennis Kistler, Pastor Darryl's uncle; the Bishop family on the passing of Kate Bishop's mother Anne-Marie Harvey; the Rich LoRusso family on the passing of Rich LoRusso, the Denz family on the passing of Frank Denz, the Pinto family and his partner, Vicki King, on the passing of Tom Pinto, and for the family, friends and all that grieve for Queen Elizabeth.

We pray for all touched by the recent gun violence throughout the nation. We mourn mass shootings that have taken lives in Plainfield, Indiana; Elk Mills, Maryland; Memphis, Tennessee; Kansas City, Missouri; Philadelphia, Pennsylvania; Hartwell, Georgia; Cleveland, Ohio; Saint Paul, Minnesota; Norfolk, Virginia; Chicago, Illinois.

We pray for those harmed by the events that shake our world. We pray for the victims of the floods in Kentucky and Pakistan; We pray for the stabbing victims of James Smith Cree Nation and in Weldon, Saskatchewan, Canada; We pray for the victims of racism in the US; We pray for those affected by the coronavirus and monkeypox, especially those in communities that are so often left without care.

We pray for our homeless neighbors and for all whose lives are made more precarious by the cost of housing.

We pray for trans and queer youth this week, for a national community that would seek to protect, rather than harm them.

We pray for abortion providers and patients, and for all who will ever want or need an abortion.

We pray for all who are in prison here in the United States and throughout the world, especially those who are locked in concrete and brick buildings in the sweltering summer heat.

We pray for wisdom to guide our community, state and national leaders, and to guide us as we elect them.