

KIRK IN THE HILLS
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH (U.S.A.)

TWENTY-FOURTH DAY AFTER PENTECOST
NOVEMBER 15, 2020



*And suddenly you know it's time to start something new
and trust the magic of beginnings.*

— Meister Eckhart

Welcome to worship. Welcome to the Kirk. Welcome home.

Here at the Kirk, our vision statement is *We envision a world where every heart experiences God's transforming love*. This statement was born from months of congregation-wide listening sessions and years of prayer and discernment. We are already seeing it take root.

We envision a world. In one of Jesus' most famous moments, he feeds the multitudes with five loaves and two fish. In another story, Jesus helps his frustrated disciples to secure a net full of fish by inviting them to cast their nets on the other side of the boat. They catch so many fish that there are too many to eat on their own! Ours is a church that hopes to look beyond our own needs to do what Jesus and the disciples did—share our **fish** with the world. Throughout November, we hope you join us for the November Service Challenge, our month-long dedication to engaging in community service. The theme is #ServeWholeheartedly, which is based on Ephesians 6:7, "Serve wholeheartedly, as if you were serving the Lord." Check out all the details on our in-person or at-home serving opportunities at kirkinthehills.org. Don't forget to log your hours!



Where every heart experiences. Jesus reminds us in his birth, his ministry, and in his promise of the Holy Spirit, that God is near! Throughout the pages of the gospels, we see people following him to shorelines and meeting him there. Jesus was standing on the shore when he called his first disciples, Peter and Andrew. The **shore** is where the crowd listened to him preach and where the disciples met him after the resurrection. We hope to be a church that comes to shore to meet the living Christ! For us, this starts in **worship**. We hope through our worship, mission, and formation, we will have your eyes lighting up with the reminder of how you and how our community are made well (created), are being made well (healed), and will be made well (saved) into eternity.



Service schedule and seating capacity:

8:00 a.m. - Cedarholm Chapel, with organ, and sermon (25% capacity, 15 people)

9:00 a.m. - Pre-recorded online broadcast on our website and facebook

10:00 am - Sanctuary, with organ, staff singers, congregational humming/ light singing (masked), and sermon (25% capacity, 132 people) Registration is required. Go to kirkinthehills.org.

This service will also be simulcast in refectory, congregational humming/ light singing (25% capacity, 50 people) and live-streamed on the website and facebook.

11:00 a.m. - Radio broadcast 92.7 FM Faith talk

11:00 a.m. - Kirk West (Fox Run) broadcast

God's transforming love. *The Lord is my shepherd*, says the 23rd Psalm and the 100th Psalm reminds us that we are his flock. Jesus uses similar imagery in the New Testament when he assures us that the shepherd will find the lost sheep. Our **Christian formation** ministries are meant to gather us as a **flock** and to be led by the shepherd. Small groups, Bible studies and special events continue over Zoom—you can find all of the links and materials for our groups in our weekly e-newsletter or at kirkinthehills.org on the Worship From Home website page.



Stay warm!
Pastor Nate

THE SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

9:00 a.m., Livestream from Home; 10:00 a.m. Live Worship Sanctuary/Refectory

Behold, I am making all things new. — Revelation 21:5a

THE GATHERING

THE CARILLON (*Livestream*)

OPENING VOLUNATARIES

(10:00 a.m. Live Worship)

Partita on *Hyfrydol*

Charles Callahan

1. Introduction and Chorale
2. Andante
3. Trio
4. Adagio

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Rev. Dr. Nate Phillips (*Livestream*)

Rev. Angela Ryo (10:00 a.m. Live Worship)

* *Those who are able are invited to stand at the ringing of the tower bell.*

* **INTROIT**

O Holy Spirit, Lord of grace,
Eternal source of love,
Inflame, we pray, our inmost hearts
With fire from heaven above.
As thou dost join with holiest bonds
The Father and the Son,
So fill us all with mutual love
And knit our hearts in one.

Christopher Tye

* **OPENING AFFIRMATION**

Rev. Kelsey Sorge (*Livestream*)

Among the poor, among the proud, Evan Sheard (10:00 a.m. Live)

among the persecuted, among the privileged,

Christ is coming to make all things new.

In the private house, in the public place,
in the wedding feast, in the judgment hall,

Christ is coming to make all things new.

With a gentle touch, with an angry word,
With a clear conscience, with burning love,

Christ is coming to make all things new.

That the kingdom might come, that the world might believe,
that the powerful might stumble, that the hidden might be seen.

Christ is coming to make all things new.

Within us, without us, behind us, before us,
in this place, in every place, for this time, for all time,

Christ is coming to make all things new.

And so, in joy and hope, let us worship God together!

* **HYMN 327**

From all That Dwell Below the Skies

Lasst uns erfreuen

The congregation is invited to hum or sing very lightly and quietly the hymns, with masks on.

From all that dwell below the skies

Let the Creator's praise arise:

* *Those who are able are invited to stand.*

Alleluia! Alleluia!
Let the Redeemer's Name be sung
Through every land, in every tongue.
Alleluia! Alleluia!
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

In every land begin the song,
To every land the strains belong:
Alleluia! Alleluia!
In cheerful sound all voices raise
And fill the world with joyful praise.
Alleluia! Alleluia!
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

Eternal are Thy mercies, Lord;
Eternal truth attends Thy word:
Alleluia! Alleluia!
Thy praise shall sound from shore to shore,
Till suns shall rise and set no more.
Alleluia! Alleluia!
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

* PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Rev. Angela Ryo

Because you made the world and intended it to be a good place,
and called its people your children;
because, when things seemed at their worst,
you came in Christ to bring out the best in us;
so gracious God, we gladly say:

**Goodness is stronger than evil, love is stronger than hate,
light is stronger than darkness, truth is stronger than lies.**

Because confusion can reign inside us, despite our faith;
because anger, tension, bitterness and envy distort our vision;
because our minds sometimes worry small things
out of all proportion;

because we do not always get it right, we want to believe:
**Goodness is stronger than evil, love is stronger than hate,
light is stronger than darkness, truth is stronger than lies.**

Because you have promised to hear us, and are able to change us,
and are willing to make our hearts your home,
we ask you to confront, control,
forgive and encourage us as you know best.

Silence is kept

* KYRIE ELEISON

Lord, have mercy upon us.
Christ, have mercy upon us.
Lord, have mercy upon us.

Herbert Sumsion

* WORDS OF ASSURANCE

Let us cherish in our hearts
that which we proclaim with our lips:

Rev. Angela Ryo

Goodness is stronger than evil, love is stronger than hate,

Light is stronger than darkness, truth is stronger than lies.
 Lord, hear our prayer and change our lives,
 until we illustrate the grace of the God who makes all things new.
 Words that we can trust:
 "Don't be afraid. Your sins are forgiven.
 I love you. Come and follow me."
Thanks be to God. Amen.

*** GLORIA PATRI**

Glory be to the Father, *Greatorrex*
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.

ADMISSION OF NEW MEMBERS *(10:00 a.m. Live Worship)*

MaryAnn DeVogel, Ginger Winter, Ralph Winter

WELCOME TO OUR NEW MEMBERS *(10:00 a.m. Live Worship)*

With joy and thanksgiving
we welcome you into Christ's church
to share with us in his ministry,
for we are all one in Christ.

WORD WITH THE CHILDREN *(Livestream)*

Rev. Kelsey Sorge

You'll find resources for children on our Worship from Home webpage at kirkinthehills.org.

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 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.

ANTHEM *(Livestream)*

Teach Me Your Way, O Lord

Mark Sedio

Teach me Your way, O Lord,	Fill me, O Lord, with Your wisdom,
And I shall walk in Your paths.	Show me the light of Your truth.
Knit my heart to You that I may fear Your Name,	Day by day my faith grows strong in Your Word;
I will thank You, O God.	Guide me in everything I do.

Teach me Your way, O Lord...

The Treble Boys' Choir

THE WORD

SCRIPTURE READING

Revelation 21:1-5

Rev. Kelsey Sorge

The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

THE LORD'S PRAYER (10:00 a.m. Live Worship)

THE THANKSGIVING

ANTHEM

Pilgrims' Hymn

Steven Paulus

Even before we call on Your Name
To ask You, O God,
When we seek for the words to glorify You,
You hear our prayer.
Unceasing love, O unceasing love
Surpassing all we know.
Glory to the Father,
And to the Son,
And to the Holy Spirit.

Even with darkness sealing us in,
We breathe Your Name,
And through all the days that follow so fast,
We trust in You;
Endless Your Grace, O endless Your Grace,
Beyond all mortal dream.
Both now and for ever,
And unto ages and ages.
Amen.

SERMON

Made New

Rev. Marjorie Wilhelmi

THE SENDING

* HYMN 366

Love Divine, All Loves Excelling

Hyfrydol

Love divine, all loves excelling,
Joy of heaven, to earth come down,
Fix in us Thy humble dwelling;
All Thy faithful mercies crown.
Jesus, Thou art all compassion,
Pure, unbounded love Thou art;
Visit us with Thy salvation;
Enter every trembling heart.

Come, Almighty to deliver;
Let us all Thy life receive;
Suddenly return, and never,
Nevermore Thy temples leave.
Thee we would be always blessing,
Serve Thee as Thy hosts above,
Pray, and praise Thee without ceasing,
Glory in Thy perfect love.

Finish then Thy new creation;
Pure and spotless let us be;
Let us see Thy great salvation
Perfectly restored in Thee:
Changed from glory into glory,
Till in heaven we take our place,
Till we cast our crowns before Thee,
Lost in wonder, love, and praise.

CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

Rev. Marjorie Wilhelmi

CHORAL AMEN

CLOSING VOLUNTARY

Finale on *Hyfrydol*

Charles Callahan

(10:00 a.m. Live Worship)

THE CARILLON (*Livestream*)

About today's hymns

From All That Dwell Below the Skies is a metrical paraphrase of Psalm 117 by the great eighteenth century English hymn writer Isaac Watts. Watts is a pivotal figure in the history of hymnody in that prior to Watts hymnody in the Calvinist tradition was limited to the Psalms. Watts took the Psalms and clothed its language with the message of the New Testament. The tune *Lasst uns erfreuen* dates from the early seventeenth century and was originally composed for an Easter text.

Love Divine, All Loves Excelling was written by the great Methodist hymn writer Charles Wesley. Wesley was the eighteenth child of Samuel and Susanna Wesley. In 1735 he came to colonial Georgia as secretary to General Oglethorpe, having previously received both deacon's and priest's orders in the Church of England. On Pentecost 1738 he had a personal conversion and dedicated his life to the Methodist movement. He is known to have written more than 6,000 hymns. The tune is one of many fine Welsh tunes; its name comes from the Welsh words meaning "cheerful." It is interesting to note that with one exception the melody lies within the first five notes of the musical scale. The tune *Hyfrydol* is of Welsh origin; its name is pronounced huv-ro-dol, and is variously translated as "melodious, delightful, pleasant." It was composed by Rowland Hugh Prichard before his twentieth birthday. He was a gifted song leader and tune writer who was born and spent most of his life in Bala, Wales. Vocationally he was a loom tender with the Welsh Flannel Manufacturing Company.


About today's choral music

Teach Me Your Way, O Lord is based on verses from Psalm 86. Its composer, Mark Sedio, is Cantor (Director of Music) at Central Lutheran Church, Minneapolis, and also serves on the music staff of Luther Seminary, St. Paul, MN.

Pilgrims' Hymn is one of Stephen Paulus' most performed and beloved works. It is from his opera, *The Three Hermits*, which is based on a short story by Leo Tolstoy and premiered at the House of Hope Presbyterian Church, St. Paul, Minnesota, in April 1997. The text is by Michael Dennis Browne, a poet who wrote the texts for many of Stephen Paulus' works.

If you are in need of prayer

You may submit prayer requests online at kirkinthehills.org under Resources/Prayer Request.

Stephen Ministers are available for personal, confidential prayer in Melrose Chapel immediately following Service each Sunday. Masks will be worn and social distancing will take place. 

If you or someone you know is in need of prayer please contact Nancy Lau at 248-835-6691.

Flowers on the altar are presented to the glory of God in loving memory of Virginia and Val Corradi by Mr. and Mrs. Mitchell Bonnett and family.

Flowers in Cedarholm Chapel are presented to the glory of God in loving memory of Terry Stinson by his wife, Lynn and son Christopher.

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Poinsettias will be used to adorn the Kirk during the Christmas season. If you would like to donate flowers to this display, send a check made payable to Kirk in the Hills for \$25 along with your name and the person or persons you are memorializing. Send requests to Kirk in the Hills, Attn: Marsha Rogers, 1340 W. Long Lake Rd., Bloomfield Hills, MI 48302. You can also donate online at kirkinthehills.org. The deadline is November 30.





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