

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

SECOND SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY
JANUARY 17, 2021



*A thing that you see in my pictures
is that I was not afraid to fall in love with these people.*

— Annie Leibovitz

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.



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 beginning January 24, 2021:

8:00 a.m. - Cedarholm Chapel, with organ, congregational humming/ light singing (masked), 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., Stream from Home Service

There was also a prophet, Anna.... —Luke 2:36

THE GATHERING

THE CARILLON

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Rev. Dr. Nate Phillips

INTROIT

Wunderbarer König

God Himself is with us,
Let us now adore Him
And with awe appear before Him!
God is in His temple;
All within keep silence,
Prostrate lie with deepest reverence.
Him alone God we own,
Him, our God and Savior;
Praise His name for ever!

OPENING PRAYER

Rev. Kelsey Sorge

When the carols have been stilled,
When the star-topped tree is taken down,
When family and friends have gone home,
When we are back to our schedules
The work of Christmas begins:
To welcome the refugee,
To heal a broken planet,
To feed the hungry,
To build bridges of trust, not walls of fear,
To share our gifts,
To seek justice and peace for all people,
To bring Christ's light into the world.

CALL TO WORSHIP

Rev. Kelsey Sorge

A child once dreamed the Voice was calling his name... 'Samuel';
Fisherman once heard the Voice when a young man
bid them follow;
And still the Voice beckons today... can you hear it?
Here I am. Send me.
Moses protested vehemently as the Voice spoke at the burning bush;
Mary stood amazed as the Voice proclaimed impending birth;
And still the Voice beckons today... can you hear it?
Here I am. Send me.
Rosa Parks followed the Voice to the front of the bus;
Martin Luther King, Jr. heard the Voice as the bullet shattered;

And still the Voice beckons today... can you hear it?

Here I am. Send me.

The Voice beckons from humble places;

In the tears of hungry children,

In the cries of the frail and frightened elderly,

in the pleas of those whose dreams have been too long deferred;

And still the Voice beckons today... can you hear it?

Here I am. Send me.

A timid believer pauses to listen to the Voice;

A struggling church hears the Voice and turns;

And still the Voice beckons today... can you hear it?

Here I am. Send me.

HYMN 403

Open Now Thy Gates of Beauty

Unser Herrscher

Open now thy gates of beauty,

Zion, let me enter there,

Where my soul in joyful duty

Waits for God who answers prayer;

O how blessed is this place,

Filled with solace, light, and grace.

Gracious God, I come before Thee,

Come Thou also unto me;

Where we find Thee and adore Thee,

There a heaven on earth must be;

To my heart O enter Thou;

Let it be Thy temple now.

Speak, O Lord, and I will hear Thee;

Let Thy will be done indeed;

May I undisturbed draw near Thee,

While Thou dost Thy people feed.

Here of life the fountain flows;

Here is balm for all our woes.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

by Martin Luther King, Jr.

Rev. Kelsey Sorge

Thou Eternal God, out of whose absolute power and infinite intelligence the whole universe has come into being, we humbly

confess that we have not loved thee with our hearts, souls and minds, and we have not loved our neighbors as Christ loved us.

We have all too often lived by our own selfish impulses rather than by the life of sacrificial love as revealed by Christ. We often

give in order to receive. We love our friends and hate our enemies.

We got the first mile but dare not travel the second. We forgive but

dare not forget. And so as we look within ourselves, we are

confronted with the appealing fact that the history of our lives is

the history of an eternal revolt against you. But thou, O God, have

mercy upon us. Forgive us for what we could have been but failed

to be. Give us the intelligence to know your will. Give us the courage to do your will. Give us the devotion to love your will. In the name and spirit of Jesus, we pray. Amen.

KYRIE ELEISON

John Merbecke

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

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Rev. Kelsey Sorge

Jesus knows our every weakness, and loves us still.
Awaken to the promise of Christ's amazing grace. Friends, believe
the good new of the gospel.

GLORIA PATRI

Puer nobis

**To God the Father, God the Son,
And Holy Spirit, Three in One,
May every tongue and nation raise
An endless song of thankful praise.**

WORD WITH THE CHILDREN

Rev. Angela Ryo

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.**

THE WORD

SCRIPTURE READING

Luke 2:36-40

Rev. Angela Ryo

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

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Rev. Marjorie Wilhelmi

THE THANKSGIVING

ANTHEM

I Will Arise

traditional, arr. Alice Parker and Robert Shaw

I will arise and go to Jesus,
He will embrace me in His arms,
In the arms of my dear Savior,
Oh! there are ten thousand charms.

Come, thou fount of ever blessing,
Tune my heart to sing Thy grace,
Streams of mercy never ceasing,
Calls for songs of loudest praise.

Teach me some melodious sonnet
Sung by flaming tongues above;
Praise the mount, I'm fixed upon it.
Mount of Thy redeeming love.

I will arise and go to Jesus,
He will embrace me in His arms,
In the arms of my dear Savior,
Oh! there are ten thousand charms.

SERMON

Had I Known

Rev. Dr. Nate Phillips

THE SENDING

HYMN 548

May God Support You All Your Days

Dickinson College

May God support you all your days,
In times of gladness and in need.
May God remember you with grace
And bless your every word and deed.

May God confirm your heart's desire
And bring to fullness all your plans.
May God's sustaining love inspire
Your shouts of praise and joyful dance.

May God be near you when you pray,
To help you with a gentle hand.
May God forever guide your way
And lead you to the promised land.

CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

Rev. Dr. Nate Phillips

CHORAL AMEN

THE CARILLON

About today's hymns

Open Now Thy Gates of Beauty was written by Benjamin Schmolck, an eighteenth century German pastor. As a pastor following the Thirty Years' War and the Peace of Westphalia, only one church and three clergy were permitted through an entire district of thirty-six villages. Schmolck ministered in this parish for the rest of his life. Schmolck was the best-loved hymn writer of his day and wrote nine hundred hymns. In the first stanza "Zion" is not a general synonym for Jerusalem but a reference to the part of the city where the Temple stood. It prepares the way for the interior temple of the heart in stanza two.

May God Support You All Your Days is loosely based on Psalm 20. Its author, Rev. David Gambrell, is an associate for worship in the PC(USA) Office of Theology and Worship, an editor of *Call to Worship*, a denominational worship resource, and was an ex-officio member of the *Glory to God* hymnal committee. The tune *Dickinson College* was composed in 1962 by Lee Hastings Bristol, Jr., and named for Dickinson College, from which he received an honorary doctorate in 1959. Bristol was born into the Bristol-Myers family, and worked in the family business before becoming president of Westminster Choir College. He was also very active in the Episcopal Church, serving on various national committees and as a licensed preacher.

About today's choral music

The introit, **God Himself Is With Us**, is a stanza of a hymn by Gerhard Tersteegen, who lived in the eighteenth century. His intentions were to become a Reformed Church pastor, but after the death of his merchant father it was financially impossible for him to continue his education, he supported himself by weaving silk ribbons. Following a long period of self-deprivation – he ate only one small meal a day, giving whatever else he had to the poor, – on Maundy Thursday, 1724, he wrote out a solemn covenant with God that he signed with his own blood. He then devoted himself to prayer, preaching, visiting the poor, translating the works of medieval mystics, and writing devotional material. Tersteegen ranks as one of the most important Reformed hymn writers.

The anthem, **I Will Arise**, is an arrangement of an early American folk hymn from the Primitive Baptist tradition which was based in the southern United States. The tune is pentatonic, which is typical of hymn tunes from this tradition, which means that it uses only five notes of the eight-note musical scale. The text is by Joseph Hart, an eighteenth century Calvinist minister in London, England. Raised by his parents in a Christian life coupled with a good education in the Latin, Hebrew and Greek languages (which he later taught and translated for a living), as a youth he went through a period of rebellion to the Christian faith. The week before Easter of the year 1757 Hart "had such an amazing view of the agony of Christ in the garden of Gethsemane" (his words), showing him that all Christ's sufferings were for him (along with the rest of the church). But soon after this, Hart again began to be afraid of the life to come (eternity). It was on Pentecost Sunday of that year that Hart's true conversion came, and was converted under the ministry of George Whitefield. Two years later he wrote this famous hymn. The first stanza hearkens back to the story of the prodigal son, who, like Hart, turned from a life of waywardness and folly back to his father's waiting arms.

If you are in need of prayer

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

Stephen Ministers are available for personal, confidential prayer.



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

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Matthias Stomer was a Dutch, or possibly Flemish, painter who favored stories from the bible. He worked in various locations in Italy where he enjoyed the patronage of religious institutions as well as prominent members of the nobility.



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