

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

FOURTH SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY  
JANUARY 31, 2021



*The church is not a group of people who believe all the same things;  
the church is a group of people caught up in the same story,  
with Jesus at the center.*

— Rachel Held Evans, *Inspired*

## 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:

**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](http://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 23<sup>rd</sup> Psalm and the 100<sup>th</sup> 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](http://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 | 10:00 a.m. Live Sanctuary Service

*For forty days he was tempted by the devil. — Luke 4:2*

## THE GATHERING

### THE CARILLON

#### OPENING VOLUNTARIES

*(10:00 a.m. Sanctuary Service)*

**Allegro moderato**

**Fantasy-Prelude on *Amazing Grace***

*William Walond*

*Charles Callahan*

#### WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS *(9:00 a.m. Livestream)*

Rev. Dr. Nate Phillips

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

#### \* INTROIT

Christ be in me,  
Christ within me,  
Christ be with me evermore.  
Christ beside me,  
Christ who loves me,  
Christ to strengthen evermore.  
Christ beneath me,  
Christ above me,  
Christ within me evermore.  
Christ in quiet,  
Christ in danger,  
Be my guide for evermore.

*Welsh folk song, arr. George Guest*

#### \* OPENING PRAYER

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.

Rev. Kelsey Sorge

#### \* CALL TO WORSHIP

Jesus began his ministry to the world,  
led by the Spirit into the wilderness.  
**As we continue our journey,  
let us be led by the Spirit,  
even into the uncomfortable places.**  
In those forty days, and in that place,  
Jesus was faced with hunger, doubt and temptation.  
**As we seek to follow Jesus,**

Rev. Kelsey Sorge

**we would be led,  
even into the uncomfortable choices.**  
Jesus left the wilderness, faithful and obedient to God,  
rejoicing in the One in whom he trusted.  
**As we continue on our path to faithfulness,  
we will be led by our Christ, rejoicing in the Lord our God.**

\* HYMN 307

**God of Grace and God of Glory**

*Cwm Rhondda*

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

<b>God of grace and God of glory, On Thy people pour Thy power; Crown Thine ancient Church's story; Bring its bud to glorious flower. Grant us wisdom, grant us courage, For the facing of this hour, For the facing of this hour.</b>	<b>Low! the hosts of evil round us Scorn Thy Christ, assail His ways! From the fears that long have bound us Free our hearts to faith and praise. Grant us wisdom, grant us courage, For the living of these days, For the living of these days.</b>
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**Save us from weak resignation  
To the evils we deplore.  
Let the gift of Thy salvation  
Be our glory evermore.  
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage,  
Serving Thee whom we adore,  
Serving Thee whom we adore.**

\* PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Rev. Kelsey Sorge

God did not say, "You shall not be tempted;  
you shall not be troubled; you shall not be distressed."  
**God did say, "You shall not be overcome,"**  
Jesus, full of the Holy Spirit was led into the wilderness,  
where he was tempted.  
Sheltering God, Guiding God,  
as you were present with Jesus in his wilderness experience,  
so you are present with us:  
you have urged us to trust you:  
**"Love me and call upon me, and I will answer you,  
I will be with you in trouble, and will honor you.  
Lord, have mercy.**  
We have felt discouraged and, at times, abandoned  
and betrayed by you, O God, when all manner of things  
have not gone well with us.  
Lord, have mercy.  
Instead of following where you lead, O God,  
at time we follow a tempter who shows us a vision of the world  
that is a mere counterfeit of what you desire for us.  
**At times, O God, we are deceived and enticed  
by imitations of love, abundance, and joy.  
Christ, have mercy.**

O God, when you have not answered  
in the ways or in the time we desire,  
we have been tempted to lean on our own understanding  
and not acknowledge you in all ways.

**We so often have sought to control our lives  
and order our own steps,  
often ignoring your wisdom  
and pushing your guidance aside.**

\* KYRIE ELEISON

*Christopher Pardini*

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

\* ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Rev. Kelsey Sorge

God is at work in us and with us!  
God is our clothing in which love enwraps us, holds us,  
and all encloses us because of God's tender love, so that God may  
never leave us.  
We are protected safely in love—in woe as well—  
by the goodness of God.  
God urges us, "keep the word near you, even on your lips and in  
your heart...this word is your salvation."

\* 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.**

**WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS** (10:00 a.m. Sanctuary Service)

Rev. Dr. Nate Phillips

**NEW MEMBER ADMISSION** (10:00 a.m. Sanctuary Service)

Rev. Dr. Nate Phillips

*Erin Cilluffo, Jennifer Gluck, Marie Giselle Laurent,  
Peyton Moose, Dan Sullivan  
(Admitted by Zoom meeting earlier today: Linda Little, Carole Pearl)*

**WELCOME TO OUR NEW MEMBERS** (10:00 a.m. Sanctuary Service)

**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** (9:00 a.m. Livestream)

Rev. Angela Ryo

*You'll find resources for children on our Worship from Home webpage at [kirkinthehills.org](http://kirkinthehills.org).*

**THE LORD'S PRAYER** (9:00 a.m. Livestream)

**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                      Mark 1:9-13    Rev. Angela Ryo  
The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE    Rev. Marjorie Wilhelmi (9:00 a.m. Livestream)  
Rev. Angela Ryo (10:00 a.m. Sanctuary Service)

THE LORD'S PRAYER (10:00 a.m. Sanctuary Service)

## THE THANKSGIVING

ANTHEM    **Fight the Good Fight**    *John Gardner*

Fight the good fight with all thy might, Christ is thy strength, and Christ thy right; Lay hold on life, and it shall be Thy joy and crown eternally.	Cast care aside, lean on thy guide: His boundless mercy will provide; Trust, and thy trusting soul shall prove Christ is it life, and Christ its love.
Run the straight race through God's good grace, Lift up thine eyes and seek His face; Life with its way before us lies, Christ is the path, and Christ the prize.	Faint not, nor fear, His arms are near; He changeth not, and thou art dear; Only believe, and Thou shalt see That Christ is all in all to thee. Amen.

SERMON    **Our Own Way**    Rev. Dr. Nate Phillips

## THE SENDING

\* HYMN 649    **Amazing Grace, How Sweet the Sound**    *Amazing Grace*

Amazing grace, how sweet the sound, That saved a wretch like me! I once was lost, but now am found, Was blind, but now I see.	The Lord has promised good to me; His Word my hope secures. He will my shield and portion be As long as life endures.
Through many dangers, toils, and snares, I have already come. 'Tis grace has brought me safe thus far, And grace will lead me home.	When we've been there ten thousand years, Bright shining as the sun, We've no less days to sing God's praise Then when we'd first begun.

CHARGE AND BENEDICTION    Rev. Dr. Nate Phillips

CHORAL AMEN

TITHES AND OFFERING

*Your offering for the Kirk's ministry will be received as you leave worship.*

CLOSING VOLUNTARY                      **Processional in E<sup>b</sup>**    *David N. Johnson*  
(10:00 a.m. Sanctuary Service)

THE CARILLON

## About today's hymns

**God of Grace and God of Glory** was written by Harry Emerson Fosdick for the opening of The Riverside Church, New York City, in 1930. Fosdick was the founding senior pastor of the congregation and was one of the most prominent ministers of the early 20<sup>th</sup> century. Although a Baptist, he was called in 1918 to serve as pastor of First Presbyterian Church, New York City, though, after controversy where he challenged fundamentalist views, he became pastor of Park Avenue Baptist Church. Under Fosdick's leadership, Park Avenue Baptist quickly outgrew its facility, which led to the founding and building of The Riverside Church in the Morningside Heights section of Manhattan. Industrialist and philanthropist John D. Rockefeller, Jr., was a prominent member of the Park Avenue congregation, and through his generosity made possible the building of Riverside. Fosdick's vision for Riverside was "...to give this educated community a place of greatest beauty for worship... [and] to serve the social needs of the somewhat lonely metropolite... [and therefore] on a vast scale...build all the accessories of a community church—gymnasium, assembly room for theatricals, dining rooms, etc. ... [and] in the ten stories of the 22-story belltower...classrooms for the religious and social training of the young..." The tune *Cwm Rhondda* was composed for a Cymanfa Ganu (hymn singing festival) at Capel Rhondda, Pontypridd, Wales. Hymn singing festivals in Wales are very much integral to the Welsh national identity and spirituality and are held throughout this country in venues ranging from local churches to massive sports stadiums.

**Amazing Grace** was written by John Newton for the people of Olney, Buckinghamshire, England, where he was a pastor. Newton was born in London and at age eleven went to sea with his father, eventually becoming a sailor and then a captain of a slave ship. In 1748 he was caught in a storm at sea and experienced a spiritual awakening. At age forty he was ordained in the Church of England. His epitaph reads as follows: *John Newton / Clerk / once an infidel and libertine / a servant of slaves in Africa / was / by the rich mercy of our Lord and Savior / Jesus Christ / preserved, restored, pardoned / and appointed to preach the faith / he had long labored to destroy.*

## About today's choral music

**Fight the Good Fight** is a setting of a text by John S. B. Monsell based on I Timothy 6: 12. Monsell published eleven poetry books which included his more than three hundred hymns. He was a priest in the Church of England, and, sadly, died of injuries sustained when he fell off the roof of his church, which was in the process of being rebuilt. John Gardner was a prolific twentieth century English composer; his works include symphonies, operas, chamber music, as well as choral music.

## If you are in need of prayer

You may submit prayer requests online at [kirkinthehills.org](http://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.



**Today's Cover Art** - *Temptation in the Wilderness* | Britton Riviere | Public Domain

British painter and teacher, Britton Riviere was best known for his animal paintings. This painting seems experimental in style for this artist. In the drooping figure of Jesus we might read the effort of resistance and the quiet dignity of his role as savior of mankind. The red glow on the horizon suggests a new day dawning, the renewal of hope.



Rev. Angela Ryo, Rev. Dr. Nathaniel D. Phillips, Rev. Kelsey Sorge



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