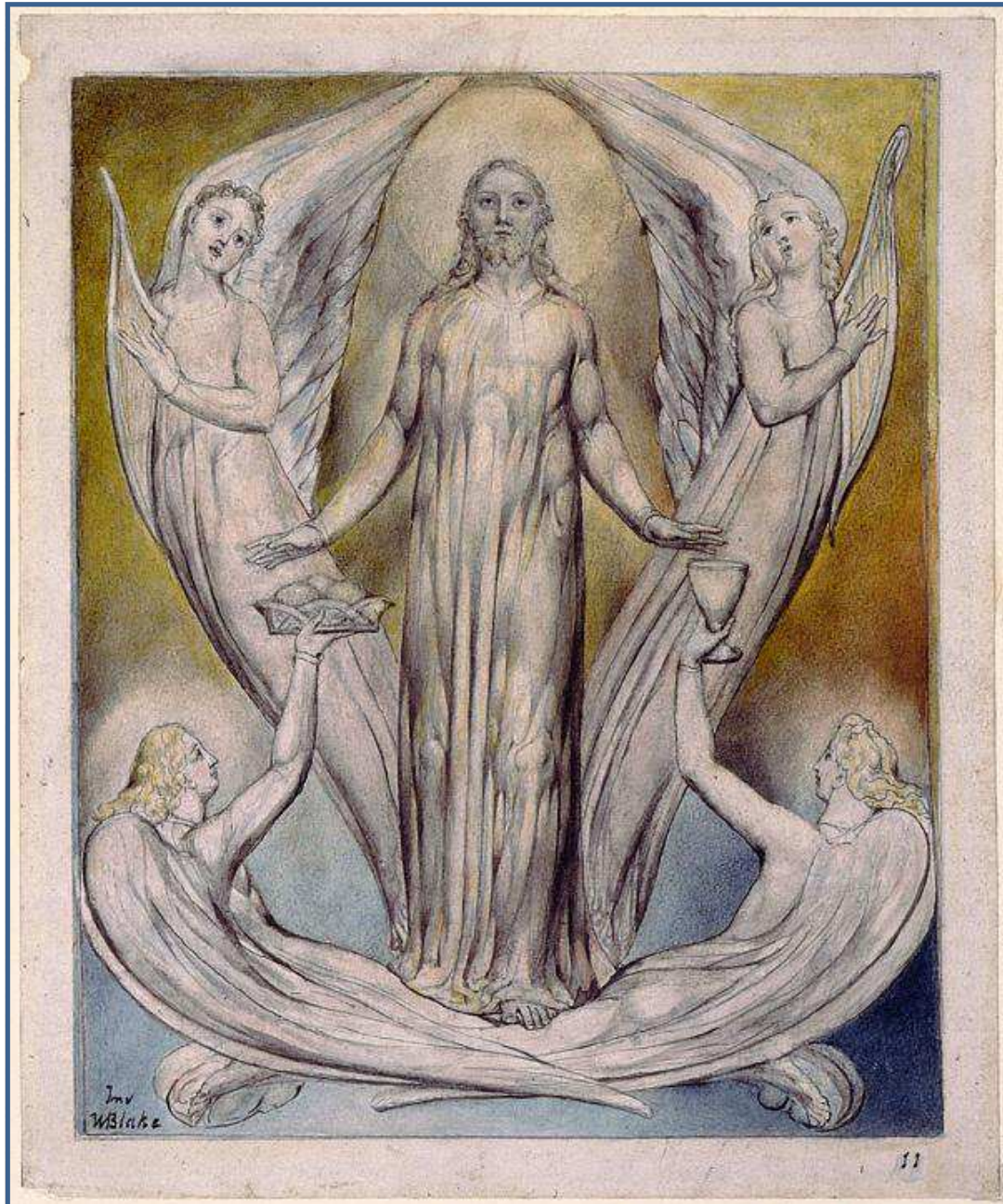


KIRK IN THE HILLS
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH (U.S.A.)

FIFTH SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY
FEBRUARY 7, 2021



*To love anything good,
at any cost, is a bargain.*
— Wendell Berry, *Jayber Crow*

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.

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 | 10:00 a.m. Live Sanctuary Service

A thorn in the flesh was given to me. —2 Corinthians 12:7

THE GATHERING

THE CARILLON

OPENING VOLUNTARIES

(10:00 a.m. Sanctuary Service)

Hymn prelude on *Nicæa*

Eric Thiman

Hymn prelude on *Divinum mysterium*

Wilbur Held

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

Sing ye heights of heaven His praises;
Angels and archangels, sing!
Wheresoe'er ye be, ye faithful,
Let your joyous anthems ring,
Every tongue His name confessing,
Countless voices answering,
Evermore and evermore.

Divinum mysterium

* OPENING PRAYER

In the beginning,
when it was very dark,
God, said: "Let there be light.
And there was light.
In the beginning,
when it was very quiet,
the Word was with God.
And the Word was God.
When the time was right,
God sent his Son.
He came among us and was one of us.

Rev. Kelsey Sorge

* CALL TO WORSHIP

We have been in the wilderness;
discerning and working, seeking and dreaming.
We have been in the wilderness;
grieving and wondering, praying and hoping.
We have been in the wilderness;
longing and running, creating and waiting.
We have been in the wilderness;
fearing the loneliness and emptiness and harshness.
We have been in the wilderness;
**but we forgot the angels whom we cannot see in our blindness
but who come when God decides that we need their help.**
We have been in the wilderness;
**but we have not been alone,
for God walks with us, every step of the way.**

Rev. Kelsey Sorge

So let us worship the God of our darkest nights
and our brightest days.

Let us worship Holy God.

*** HYMN 1**

Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty!

Nicaea

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

Holy, holy, holy! Lord God Almighty!

Early in the morning our song shall rise to Thee.

Holy, holy, holy! merciful and mighty!

God in three persons, blessed Trinity!

Holy, holy, holy! all the saints adore Thee,

Casting down their golden crowns around the glassy sea;

Cherubim and seraphim falling down before Thee,

Who wert and art, and evermore shalt be.

Holy, holy, holy! though the darkness hide Thee,

Though the eye of sinfulness Thy glory may not see,

Only Thou art holy; there is none beside Thee,

Perfect in power, in love and purity.

Holy, holy, holy! Lord God Almighty!

All Thy works shall praise Thy Name in earth and sky and sea.

Holy, holy, holy! merciful and mighty!

God in three persons, blessed Trinity!

*** PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

Rev. Kelsey Sorge

Our Father in heaven,

**your own Son bore the thorn of following you,
even to death on the cross.**

You have called us to follow you,

to surrender our lives to you,

to love you above all else,

to love our neighbors more than ourselves;

We have sinned.

Forgive us, we pray.

By your Spirit continue to mold us

so that in everything we do,

we may surrender our all to you.

In our Savior's merciful name we pray. Amen.

Silence is kept for personal confession.

*** 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

While it is true that we have sinned,
it is a greater truth that we are forgiven:
Jesus Christ has borne our thorns.
To all who humbly seek the mercy of God
I say, "In Jesus Christ, your sins are forgiven."
Surrender your all and sin no more. Amen.

*** 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

A MESSAGE FROM THE APNC (10:00 a.m. Sanctuary Service)

Ruth Reading

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.

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, 2 Corinthians 12:6-10

Rev. Angela Ryo (9:00 a.m.)

The Word of the Lord.

Rev. Kelsey Sorge (10:00 a.m.)

Thanks be to God.

SERMON

What Good Do You Get From It?

Rev. Dr. Nate Phillips

ANTHEM

Draw Us in the Spirit's Tether

Harold Friedell

Draw us in the Spirit's tether;
For when humbly, in Thy Name,
Two or three are met together,
Thou art in the midst of them:
Alleluya! Alleluya!
Touch we now Thy garment's hem.

As the brethren used to gather
In the name of Christ to sup,
Then with thanks to God the Father
Break the bread and bless the cup,
Alleluya! Alleluya!
So knit our friendship up.

All our meals and all our living
Make as sacraments of Thee,
That by caring, helping, giving,
We may true disciples be.
Alleluya! Alleluya!
We will serve Thee faithfully.

THE THANKSGIVING

THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

Rev. Angela Ryo

INVITATION TO THE LORD'S TABLE

EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER

Rev. Marjorie Wilhelmi

The Lord be with you.
And also with you.
Lift up your hearts.
We lift them to the Lord.
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
It is right to give our thanks and praise.

SANCTUS

Holy, holy, holy Lord,
God of power and might,
Heaven and earth are full of Your glory.
Hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is He who comes in the Name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest.

Franz Schubert

THE LORD'S PRAYER

THE WORDS OF INSTITUTION

AGNUS DEI

Jesus, Lamb of God: have mercy on us.
Jesus, Bearer of our sins: have mercy upon us.
Jesus, Redeemer of the World: grant us Thy peace.

Franz Schubert

BREAKING OF THE BREAD, SHARING OF THE CUP

We the Lord's people, heart and voice uniting,
 Praise Him who called us out of sin and darkness
 Into His own light, that He might anoint us
 A royal priesthood.

This is the Lord's house, home of all His people,
 School for the faithful, refuge for the sinner,
 Rest for the pilgrim, haven for the weary;
 All find a welcome.

This is the Lord's day, day of God's own making,
 Day of creation, day of resurrection,
 Day of the Spirit, sign of heaven's banquet,
 Day for rejoicing.

In the Lord's service bread and wine are offered,
 That Christ may take them, bless them, break, and give them
 To all His people, His own life imparting,
 Food everlasting.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

In gratitude, in deep gratitude,
 for this moment, for your Word, for these people,
 we give ourselves to you.

**Take us out to live as changed people,
 because we have shared the living bread,
 and cannot remain the same.**

Ask much of us, enable much by us,
 encourage many through us.

**So, Lord, may we live to your glory,
 both as inhabitants of earth
 and citizens of the commonwealth of heaven. Amen.**

THE SENDING

* HYMN 547

Go, My Children, with My Blessing

Ar hyd y nos

"Go, my children, with my blessing,
 never alone.

Waking, sleeping, I am with you,
 you are my own.

In my love's baptismal river
 I have made you mine forever.

Go, my children, with my blessing,
 you are my own."

**“Go, my children, fed and nourished,
closer to me.
Grow in love and love by serving,
joyful and free.
Here my Spirit’s power filled you;
Here my tender comfort stilled you.
Go, my children, fed and nourished,
joyful and free.”**

CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

Rev. Dr. Nate Phillips

In the interest of everyone’s health, please remain seated until your row is dismissed by an usher.

CHORAL AMEN

TITHES AND OFFERING

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

CLOSING VOLUNTARY

Toccatta in F

Dietrich Buxtehude

(10:00 a.m. Sanctuary Service)

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

About today's hymns

Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty! was written by Bishop Reginald Heber for Trinity Sunday, and was inspired by Revelation 4: 8-11, a passage which describes angels around the heavenly throne. The tune was composed for this text and was named *Nicæa* because the text expounds on the doctrine of the Trinity as outlined in the Nicene Creed (page 34 in the hymnal). The Nicene Creed dates from the year 325 and was originally written and adopted in the city of Nicæa, located in present day Turkey.

Go, My Children, with My Blessing was written by Jaroslav Vajda in 1983 as a hymn to serve a benediction inspired by Numbers 6: 22-27 ("The Aaronic Blessing") and to offer a review of the events which transpired during the full course of worship, including the sacrament of communion. Vajda was the son of a Lutheran pastor of Slovak descent, was ordained a Lutheran pastor in 1945, and served congregations in Pennsylvania, Indiana, and Missouri. During his teenage years he began translating classical Slovak poetry, though it wasn't until he was 49 that he began to write hymns. From that time until his death in 2008 he wrote over 200 original and translated hymns that now appear worldwide in more than 65 hymnals.

About today's choral music

Draw Us in the Spirit's Tether is a setting of a text by Percy Dearmer, a priest in the Church of England during the late nineteenth and early twentieth centuries. He was known for his work as a social activist, Red Cross chaplain, and professor of ecclesiastical art, and was also a prolific writer, hymnodist, and hymn book editor. The composer of this anthem, Harold Friedell, was a prominent church musician in New York City from the 1920's through the 1950's, with the pinnacle of his career being Director of Music and Organist at St. Bartholomew's Church on Park Avenue, where he served until his sudden, tragic death of a heart attack in 1958 at the age of 53. In addition to serving on the faculties of both The Julliard School and Union Theological Seminary. He composed this anthem, which has become a staple in the repertoire, in 1957.

We the Lord's People was written in 1972 by John Bowers, fulfilling a commission to write a hymn to serve as a teaching device to express succinctly the essence of Christian liturgy, using as the springboard for its inspiration a saying often quoted in the Church of England at the time, "The Lord's People in the Lord's House on the Lord's Day for the Lord's Service." The composer of this tune, Richard Wayne Dirksen, was one of the Episcopal Church's most distinguished musicians and composers during the twentieth century, and served Washington National Cathedral from 1942 to 1991. The name he gave this tune, *Decatur Place*, honors the Washington home of Paul Calloway, his longtime friend and colleague at the Cathedral.

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.



The flowers are on altar are presented to the glory of God in loving memory of Don and Helen Stewart by their children, Tom and Ilene, and their families.

Today's Cover Art - *Angels Ministering to Christ* | William Blake (1757-1827) | Public Domain
Blake was an English poet, painter, and printmaker. Largely unrecognized during his lifetime, Blake is now considered a seminal figure in the history of the poetry and visual arts of the Romantic Age. He is held in high regard by modern critics for his expressiveness and creativity, and for the philosophical and mystical undercurrents within his work.



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



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