

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

FIRST SUNDAY IN LENT
FEBRUARY 21, 2021



Fairy tales do not tell children the dragons exist. Children already know that dragons exist.

Fairy tales tell children the dragons can be killed.

— G. K. Chesterton, *Orthodoxy*

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

...even there your hand shall lead me, and your right hand shall hold me fast. — Psalm 139:10

THE GATHERING

THE CARILLON

OPENING VOLUNTARY
(10:00 a.m. Sanctuary Service)

Trio for Flute, Oboe, and Piano
2. Andante semplice

Madeleine Dring

Amy Hardison Tully, flute; Merideth Hite Estevez, oboe

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**

Thomas Mudd

Let thy merciful ears, O Lord,
Be open unto the prayers of they humble servants;
And that they may obtain their petitions
Make them to ask such things as shall please thee;
Through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

* **OPENING BLESSING**

You are invited to take in this blessing with your eyes on your hands.

Blessed be the works of your hands. Rev. Kelsey Sorge
Blessed be the hands that have touched life.
Blessed be the hands that have nurtured creativity.
Blessed be the hands that have held pain.
Blessed be the hands that have embraced with passion.
Blessed be the hands that have tended gardens.
Blessed be the hands that have closed in anger.
Blessed by the hands that have planted new seeds.
Blessed be the hands that have cleaned, washed, mopped, scrubbed.
Blessed be the hands that are wrinkled and scarred
 from doing justice.
Blessed be the hands that have reached out and been received.
Blessed be the hands that hold the promise of the future.
Blessed be the works of your hands. Amen.

* **CALL TO WORSHIP**

Rev. Kelsey Sorge

In the beginning, God made the world;
Made it and shaped it;
Filled it with seed, life, song, and fertility,
And tends to it now with His very good hands.
All that is well and all that is in want,
God's is the hand that created you.
All that is in motion and all that has slowed down,
God's is the hand that created you.

All that speaks, sings, cries, laughs, or keeps silence,
God's is the hand that created you.
All that yearns for yesterday and all that wish for tomorrow,
God's is the hand that created you.
The world belongs to God,
The earth and all its people.

*** HYMN**

Throughout These Lenten Days and Nights

Winchester New

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

**Throughout these Lenten days and nights
We turn to walk the inward way,
Where, meeting Christ, our guide and light,
We live in hope till Easter Day.**

**The pilgrim Christ, the Lamb of God,
Who found in weakness greater power,
Embraces us, though lost and flawed,
And leads us to His Rising Hour.**

**And though the road is hard and steep,
The Spirit ever calls us on
Through Calvary's dying, dark and deep,
Until we see the coming Dawn.**

**So let us choose the path of One
Who wore, for us, the crown of thorn,
And slept in death that we might wake
To life on Resurrection Morn!**

*** PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

Rev. Kelsey Sorge

**Gracious God,
Our sins are too heavy to carry,
too real to hide, and too deep to undo.
Forgive what our lips tremble to name,
what our hearts can no longer bear,
and what has become for us a consuming fire of judgment.
Set us free from a past that we cannot change;
open us to a future in which we can be changed;
and grant us grace to grow more and more
in your likeness and image;
through Jesus Christ, the light of the world.**

Silence is kept for personal confession

*** KYRIE ELEISON**

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

Christopher Pardini

*** ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

Rev. Kelsey Sorge

Fellow travelers on the road to Easter,
always remember that there is much more forgiveness

in God's good hands than we could ever exhaust.
Receive from God, through the grace of Christ,
the blessing of sins forgiven and a right relationship restored.

* **GLORIA PATRI**

**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.**

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

Rev. Dr. Nate Phillips

WORD WITH THE CHILDREN (9:00 a.m. Livestream)

Nate & Lucy

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

Rev. Angela Ryo

Psalm 139:1-18

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

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Rev. Angela Ryo

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

THE THANKSGIVING

ANTHEM (9:00 a.m. Livestream)

Keep Me Faithfully

George Frideric Handel

Keep me faithfully in Thy paths, O Lord,
And cleanse me from my sin.
In Thy goodness, Lord, be Thou merciful.

ANTHEM (10:00 a.m. Sanctuary)

The Just Man Shall Flourish

Richard Proulx

The just man shall flourish like the palm tree,
Like a cedar of Lebanon shall he grow
Planted in the house of the Lord,
In the courts of the house of our God.

Glory be to the Father and to the Son
And to the Holy Spirit:
As it was in the beginning
Is now and ever shall be,
World without end. Amen.

It is good to give thanks to the Lord,
To sing praise to Your Name, Most High.

The just man shall flourish...

THE SENDING

* HYMN

He Leadeth Me

He Leadeth Me

He leadeth me, O blessed thought!
 O words with heavenly comfort fraught!
 What e'er I do, where-e'er I be,
 Still 'tis God's hand that leadeth me.
*He leadeth me, He leadeth me,
 By His own hand He leadeth me;
 His faithful follower I would be,
 For by His hand He leadeth me.*

Lord, I would clasp Thy hand in mine,
 Nor ever murmur nor repine;
 Content, what-e'er my lot may be,
 Since 'tis my God who leadeth me.
*He leadeth me, He leadeth me,
 By His own hand He leadeth me;
 His faithful follower I would be,
 For by His hand He leadeth me.*

And when my task on earth is done,
 When by the grace the victory's won,
 E'en death's cold wave I will not flee,
 Since God through Jordan leadeth me.
*He leadeth me, He leadeth me,
 By His own hand He leadeth me;
 His faithful follower I would be,
 For by His hand He leadeth me.*

CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

Rev. Edwin Estevez

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

CHORAL AMEN

Vincent Persichetti

TITHES AND OFFERING (10:00 a.m. Sanctuary Service)

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

CLOSING VOLUNTARY

Gabriel's Oboe

Ennio Morricone, arr. Mark McGurty

(10:00 a.m. Sanctuary Service)

Merideth Hite Estevez, oboe

THE CARILLON

About today's hymns

Throughout These Lenten Days and Nights was written by the Rev. Dr. James Gertmenian, a United Church of Christ pastor and hymn writer. Prior to his retirement in 2015, he served as senior pastor of Plymouth Congregational Church, Minneapolis, where he was heavily involved as leader in addressing social needs of the Minneapolis/St. Paul community, particularly in combatting homelessness.

He Leadeth Me was written by Joseph Gilmore, a nineteenth century Baptist minister who served churches in New Hampshire and New York. He also was a college professor, teaching as a member of the English faculty at the University of Rochester, and also published numerous literary works about English and American literature. The tune is by William Bradbury, who is best known for composing the tune to "Jesus Loves Me." Born in Maine, his musical studies were in Boston and in Germany before settling in New York City. He is best known as a composer and publisher of a series of musical collections for choirs and schools.

About today's instrumental and choral music

The composer of the opening voluntary, Madeleine Dring, was a twentieth century English composer and actress. She showed talent at an early age and began her musical studies at the Royal College of Music when she was ten, where her love of theatre and music co-mingled happily. Many of her earliest creations were for stage, radio, and television. Dring chose not to compose large-scale works, but instead wrote pieces for solo piano, piano duets, songs with piano, and some chamber music, including pieces for flute, oboe, harmonica, recorder, and clarinet, as well as cabaret songs which featured her own lyrics.

The closing voluntary, **Gabriel's Oboe**, is the main theme for the 1986 film, *The Mission*, starring Robert de Niro, Jeremy Irons, and Liam Neeson. The composer, Ennio Morricone, was an Italian composer, orchestrator, conductor, and trumpet player who wrote music in a wide range of styles. With more than 400 scores for cinema and television, as well as more than 100 classical works, Morricone is widely considered as one of the most prolific and greatest film composers of all time.

Let Thy Merciful Ears is attributed to Thomas Mudd, a sixteenth century clergyman who was also well-known and highly regarded in his day as a musician and composer.

Keep Me Faithfully In Thy Paths is a movement from the third Chandos anthem by George Frideric Handel. The Chandos anthems are a collection of eleven sacred choral compositions he composed in 1719 when he was composer in residence for the First Duke of Chandos for use in worship in the Duke's chapel. The texts of the anthems are taken from the book of Psalms and the *Book of Common Prayer*.

The Just Man Shall Flourish is a setting of Psalm 92: 12, 13, 1. The composer, Richard Proulx, was one of the most important composers of liturgical music in America in the twentieth century. The pinnacle of his career was his long tenure as Director of Music at Holy Name Cathedral, Chicago. He composed over three hundred works, ranging from instrumental and choral works to church operas and hymns.

If you are in need of prayer

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

The flowers are on altar are presented to the glory of God in loving memory of Dr. Robert Belf by his wife, children and grandchildren.

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.



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