

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

SECOND SUNDAY IN LENT
FEBRUARY 28, 2021



*The world is too dangerous for anything but truth
and too small for anything but love.*

— William Sloane Coffin

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

The angel of the Lord came a second time... —1 Kings 19:7

THE GATHERING

THE CARILLON

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

Prelude and Fugue in E minor
Prelude

Johann Sebastian Bach
William H. Harris

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. Angela Ryo
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. Angela Ryo

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 403

Open Now Thy Gates of Beauty

Unser Herrscher

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

**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

Rev. Angela Ryo

**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. Angela Ryo

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

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.

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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. Kelsey Sorge

1 Kings 19:1-9a

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

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Rev. Kelsey Sorge

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

THE THANKSGIVING

ANTHEM

The Eyes of All Wait Upon Thee, O Lord

William H. Harris

The eyes of all wait upon Thee, O Lord:
And Thou givest their meat in due season.
Thou openest Thine hand:
And fillest all things living with plenteousness.
The Lord is righteous in all His ways:
And holy in all His works.
The Lord is nigh unto all them that call upon Him:
Yea all such as call upon Him faithfully.
He will fulfill the desire of them that fear Him,;
He also will hear their cry and will help them.
The Lord preserveth all them that love Him.

SERMON

As Many Times as It Takes

Rev. Dr. Nate Phillips

THE SENDING

* HYMN 35

Praise Ye the Lord, the Almighty

Lobe den Herren

Praise ye the Lord, the Almighty, the King of creation!
O my soul, praise Him, for He is thy health and salvation!
All ye who hear, now to His temple draw near;
Join me in glad adoration!

Praise ye the Lord, who o'er things so wondrously reigneth,
Shelters thee under His wings, yea, so gently sustaineth!
Hast thou not seen how thy desires e'er have been
Granted in what He ordaineth?

Praise ye the Lord! O let all that is in me adore Him!
All that hath life and breath, come now with praises before Him!
Let the amen sound from His people again;
Gladly for aye we adore Him.

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 ORISON

He Leadeth Me

By His own hand He leadeth me;
His faithful follower I would be,
For by His hand He leadeth me.

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

If Thou But Trust in God to Guide Thee

Johann Sebastian Bach

(10:00 a.m. Sanctuary Service)

THE CARILLON

About today's hymns

Open Now, Thy Gates of Beauty was written by Benjamin Schmolck, a seventeenth century pastor, poet, and writer of nine hundred hymns. When he was quite young his gifts as a preacher were clearly evident; after preaching his very first sermon in his father's pulpit, an influential member of the congregation was so impressed that he gave Schmolck a three-year allowance to study theology at the University of Leipzig. For most of his career as a pastor he served one parish which comprised of thirty-six villages. here are numerous scriptural allusions in this text, including Psalm 118: 9, Psalm 130: 5-6, Genesis 28: 17, I Corinthians 3: 16, I Samuel 3: 1-10, Maatthew 6: 10, Matthew 14: 15-21, and Psalm 36: 9.

Praise Ye the Lord, the Almighty is based on Psalm 103: 1-6 and Psalm 150. Its author, Joachim Neander, wrote some sixty hymns. As a youth he took the Calvinist faith seriously even though he lived a rather unruly existence, but under the guidance of his pastor he amended his ways. As an adult he was a teacher and school headmaster. The valley of the Düssel, where he used to take long walks, was named Neanderthal in his honor. Here was where the skeleton of Neanderthal man was discovered in 1856.

About today's choral music

The Eyes of All Wait Upon Thee is a setting of Psalm 145: 15-20. The composer, William H. Harris, served as organist and choirmaster of St. George's Chapel, Windsor Castle, from 1933 to 1961, and because of this royal appointment he was one of the two sub-conductors for two coronations, the first for the Coronation of George VI in 1937, and the second for the Coronation of Elizabeth II in 1953.

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 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.



Today's Cover Art - *Elijah Fed by an Angel* | Ferdinand Bol (1616-1680) | Public Domain

Bol was a Dutch painter who studied under Rembrandt and became successful with commission work. Very few of his works survived. In this painting, Bol captured the raw emotion of Elijah through expression and color.

Thank you to ushers serving during the month of February:

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