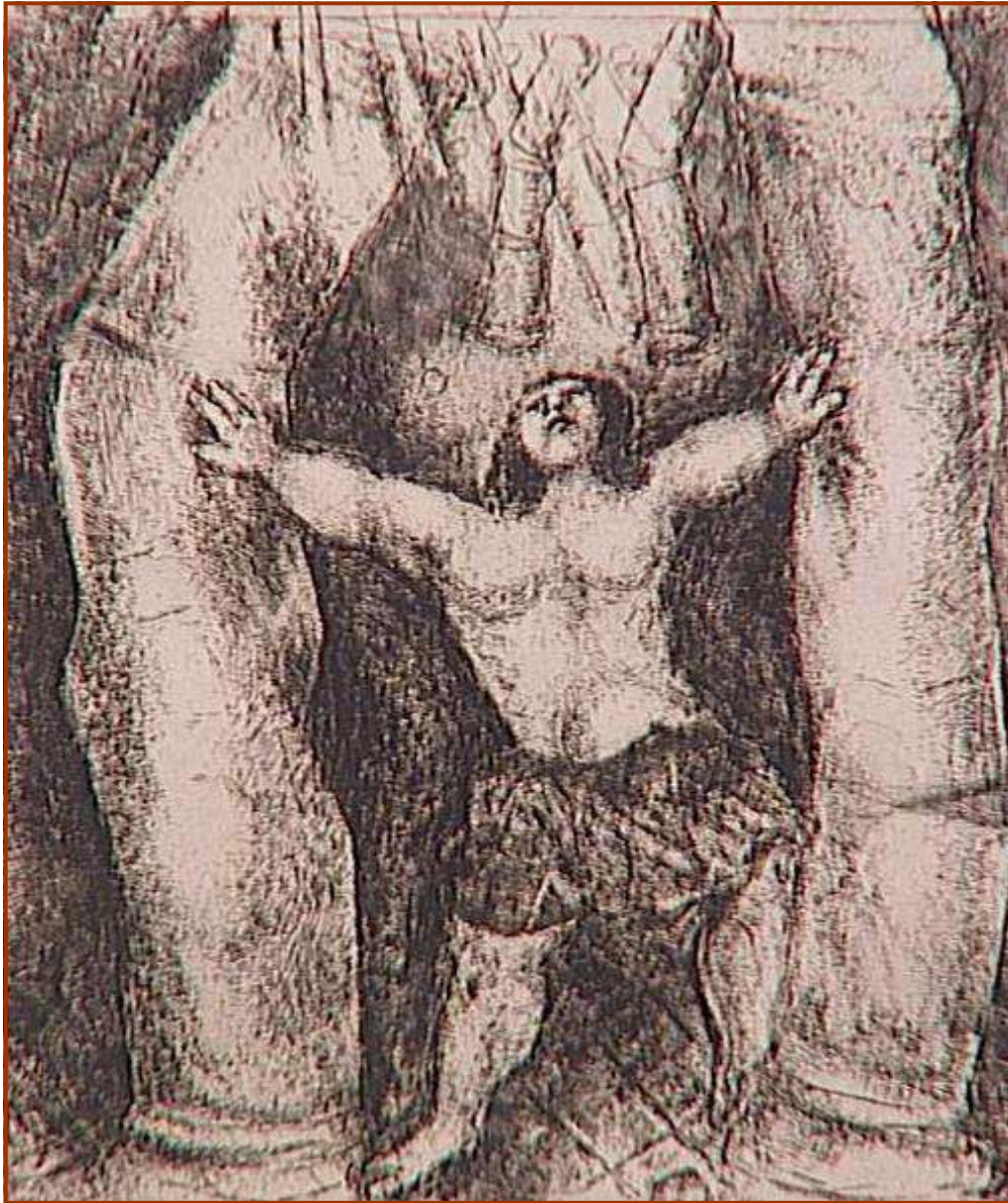


KIRK IN THE HILLS
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH (U.S.A.)

THIRD SUNDAY IN LENT
MARCH 7, 2021



*Surround yourself with the dreamers, and the doers, the believers, and thinkers,
but most of all, surround yourself with those who see the greatness within you,
even when you don't see it yourself.*

— Edmund Lee

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

*Samson said to the attendant who held him by the hand, “
Let me feel the pillars on which the house rests...” —Judges 16:26*

THE GATHERING

THE CARILLON

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

Petit Prélude
Aria

Joseph Jongen
Craig Phillips

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

Welsh folksong, arr. George Guest

Christ be with 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.

* 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.

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 463

How Firm a Foundation

Foundation

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

**How firm a foundation, ye saints of the Lord,
Is laid in your faith in God's excellent Word!
What more can be said than to you God hath said,
To you who for refuge to Jesus have fled?**

**"Fear not, I am with thee, O be not dismayed,
For I am thy God, and will still give thee aid;
I'll strengthen thee, help thee, and cause thee to stand,
Upheld by my righteous, omnipotent hand.**

**"The soul that on Jesus hath leaned for repose,
I will not, I will not desert to its foes;
That soul, though all hell should endeavor to shake,
I'll never, no, never, no, never forsake."**

* 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**

**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

Judges 16:23-30

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

SERMON

The Village Wimp

Rev. Dr. Nate Phillips

ANTHEM

Be Still, for the Presence of the Lord

David J. Evans, arr. Indra Hughes

Be still for the presence of the Lord, the Holy One is here,
Come bow before Him now with reverence and fear.
In Him no sin is found, we stand on holy ground,
Be still for the presence of the Lord, the Holy One is here.

Be still for the glory of the Lord is shining all around,
He burns with holy fire: with splendor He is crowned.
How awesome is the sight, our radiant King of Light,
Be still for the glory of the Lord is shining all around.

Be still for the power of the Lord is moving in this place,
He comes to cleanse and heal, to minister His grace,
No work too hard for Him: in faith receive from Him,
Be still for the power of the Lord is moving in this place. Amen.

THE THANKSGIVING

THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

Rev. Kelsey Sorge

INVITATION TO THE LORD'S TABLE

EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER

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

Harold Friedell

Holy, Holy, Holy, Lord God of hosts,
Heaven and earth are full of Thy glory:
Glory be to Thee, O Lord Most High. Amen.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

THE WORDS OF INSTITUTION

AGNUS DEI

Harold Friedell

O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world,
Have mercy upon us.
O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world,
Have mercy upon us.
O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world,
Grant us peace.

BREAKING OF THE BREAD, SHARING OF THE CUP

COMMUNION HYMN

Spirit Seeking Light and Beauty

Janet Stuart

Sung by the choir.

Spirit seeking light and beauty,
Heart that longest for thy rest,
Soul that asketh understanding,
Only thus can ye be blest.
Through the vastness of creation,
Though your restless thought may roam,
God is all that you can long for,
God is all His creature's home.

Taste and see Him, feel and hear Him,
 Hope and grasp His unseen hand;
 Though the darkness seem to hide Him,
 Faith and love can understand.
 God Who lovest all Thy creatures
 All our hearts are known to Thee;
 Lead us through the land of shadows
 To Thy blest Eternity.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Eternal God,
 as you fed your people in the wilderness with unexpected food,
 So you feed us at this table with a simple loaf and cup.
 Here you transform us, by the working of your wondrous love.
 Now send us out to be Christ's body
 In your broken and beautiful world
 to bear your good news of hope and joy for all. Amen.

THE SENDING

* HYMN 39

Great Is Thy Faithfulness

Faithfulness

Great is Thy faithfulness, O God my Father;
 There is no shadow of turning with thee.
 Thou changest not; Thy compassions they fail not.
 As thou hast been thou forever wilt be.
Great is Thy faithfulness!
Great is Thy faithfulness!
Morning by morning, new mercies I see.
All I have needed Thy hand hath provided.
Great is Thy faithfulness, Lord unto me!

Summer and winter, and springtime and harvest,
 Sun, moon, and stars in their courses above
 Join with all nature in manifold witness
 To Thy great faithfulness, mercy, and love.
Great is Thy faithfulness!
Great is Thy faithfulness!
Morning by morning, new mercies I see.
All I have needed Thy hand hath provided.
Great is Thy faithfulness, Lord unto me!

Pardon for sin and a peace that endureth,
 Thine own dear presence to cheer and to guide,
 Strength for today and bright hope for tomorrow:
 Blessings all mine, with ten thousand beside!
Great is Thy faithfulness!
Great is Thy faithfulness!
Morning by morning, new mercies I see.
All I have needed Thy hand hath provided.
Great is Thy faithfulness, Lord unto me!

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

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.

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

Fugue in G minor

Johann Sebastian Bach

(10:00 a.m. Sanctuary Service)

THE CARILLON

About today's hymns

How Firm a Foundation dates from 1787 and was written by John Rippon, an English Baptist who became famous and wealthy by publishing a hymnbook titled *A Selection of Hymns*, which became immensely popular in the United States. The hymn is actually a poetic sermon; the first stanza speaks of the foundation of Christian life as being rooted in God's Word, and the subsequent stanzas paraphrase texts from both the Old and New Testaments. The tune is an American folk melody. It is pentatonic, which means that the melody uses only five notes of the eight note musical scale.

Great Is Thy Faithfulness is based on Lamentation 3: 22-23, and was written by Thomas Obediah Chisholm. Chisholm was born in a log cabin in Kentucky, and at the age of sixteen became a teacher. At age 27 he had a conversion experience, which led him to be ordained to the Methodist ministry at the age of 36. Ill health prevented him from serving in full-time parish ministry, as he had to resign from his first position after only one year and then began working as a life insurance agent. Chisholm wrote over 1,200 sacred poems in his lifetime (he lived to the age of 94) for Christian periodicals. This hymn dates from 1923.

About today's choral music

Be Still, for the Presence of the Lord was written in 1986 by David Evans. Specifically, he was inspired by the phrase in the Old Testament – "then Jacob awoke from his sleep and said 'surely the Lord is in this place and I did not know it.'" He was also inspired by Exodus 3: 1–6, where Moses met Yahweh at the burning bush. In 2019 it was voted as one of the United Kingdom's ten most popular hymns. This arrangement was composed by Indra Hughes, who is one of New Zealand's most prominent organists.

Spirit Seeking Light and Beauty was written by Janet Erskine Stuart, an English Roman Catholic nun and educator. As a nun she was a member of the Society of the Sacred Heart, an international order which was focused on education. The Academy of the Sacred Heart, a pre-K through grade 8 school here in Bloomfield Hills and founded in 1851, is one of 22 schools in the United States of this order. In 1911 Stuart was elected as the sixth Superior General of the Society, and in this role she made it her mission to visit every community affiliated with the Society in the world. She was a particularly inspiring speaker, essayist, and poet.

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.

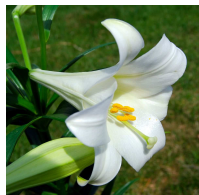
If you or someone you know is in need of prayer please contact Nancy Lau at 248-835-6691.



Today's Cover Art - Prisoner of the Philistines | Marc Chagall (1887-1985) | Public Domain | Wikiart.com
Chagall referenced this etching as "Prisoner of the Philistines who gouged out his eyes, Samson, whose strength came back, knocked down the pillars of the house and will die with his enemies when the roof will fall." Chagall was a Belorussian born French painter who based his art on emotional and poetic associations rather than rules of pictorial logic.

The flowers on the altar are presented to the glory of God in loving memory of Cecilia Voss by the Timmer and Parrow families.

Easter flowers will be used to adorn the Kirk on Easter Sunday. If you would like to donate memorial



flowers to the display, send a check payable to Kirk in the Hills for \$25.00 along with your name and the person or persons you are memorializing or honoring. Send requests to Kirk in the Hills, Attn: Marsha Rogers, 1340 W. Long Lake Rd., Bloomfield Hills, MI 48302. The deadline is March 28, 2021. You also donate electronically at: <https://kirkinthehills.formstack.com/forms/easterlily2021>.

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