

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



PALM SUNDAY
MARCH 28, 2021



*Ride on, ride on in majesty!
In lowly pomp ride on to die;
O Christ, thy triumphs now begin
O'er captive death and conquered sin.*

—Henry Hart Milman

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 (33% capacity, 175 people) Registration is required. Go to kirkinthehills.org.

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. Livestream | 10:00 a.m. Sanctuary

Hosanna in the highest heaven. —Matthew 21:9

THE GATHERING

THE CARILLON

OPENING VOLUNTARIES **Chorale prelude on *Valet will ich dir geben*** *Johann Sebastian Bach*
(10:00 a.m. Sanctuary Service) **Marche Religieuse** *Alexander Guilmant*

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

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS (9:00 a.m. Livestream) Rev. Dr. Nate Phillips

* OPENING SENTENCES Rev. Kelsey Sorge

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God,
and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all!

And also with you!

* CALL TO WORSHIP Rev. Kelsey Sorge (9:00 a.m.)

Rejoice greatly, O daughter of Zion! Rev. Angela Ryo (10:00 a.m.)

Shout aloud, O daughter of Jerusalem!

Lo, your king comes to you;

triumphant and victorious is he,

humble and riding on a donkey,

on a colt, the foal of a donkey.

* INTROIT *George Malcolm*

Ingrediente Domino in sanctam civitatem,	<i>When the Lord entered the holy city,</i>
Hebraeorum pueri resurrectionem	<i>All the Hebrew children</i>
Vitae promuntiantes,	<i>Declared the resurrection of life</i>
Cum ramis palmarum,	<i>With branches and palm leaves,</i>
Hosanna clamabant in excelsis.	<i>Crying hosanna in the highest.</i>

* PROCESSIONAL HYMN 196 **All Glory, Laud, and Honor** *Valet will ich dir geben*

*All glory, laud, and honor
To Thee, Redeemer, King,
To whom the lips of children
Made sweet hosannas ring!*

**Thou art the King of Israel,
Thou David's royal Son,
Who in the Lord's name comest,
The King a blessed One.
*All glory...***

**The people of the Hebrews
With palms before thee went;
Our praise and prayers and anthems
Before thee we present
*All glory...***

**To thee, before thy passion,
They sang their hymns of praise;
To thee, now high exalted,
Our melody we raise.
*All glory...***

**Thou didst accept their praises;
Accept the prayers we bring,
Who is all good delightest,
Thou good and gracious King!
*All glory...***

* PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Rev. Kelsey Sorge (9:00 a.m.), Rev. Angela Ryo (10:00a.m.)

We praise you, O God,
for your redemption of the world through Jesus Christ.

Today he entered the holy city of Jerusalem in triumph and was proclaimed Messiah and king by those who spread garments and branches along his way. Let these branches be signs of his victory, and grant that we who carry them may follow him in the way of the cross, that, dying and rising with him, we may enter into your kingdom.

We acknowledge that we are sinners saved by your grace alone.

May we experience the reality of your grace and forgiveness, which is so vast that it forgives even those who nailed you to the cross. Forgive and heal us, and make us builders of your kingdom, through Christ our Lord, who lived, died and lives again, we pray. Amen.

Silence is kept for personal confession.

* KYRIE ELEISON

Lord, have mercy upon us.

Christopher Pardini

Christ, have mercy upon us.

Lord, have mercy upon us.

* ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Rev. Kelsey Sorge (9:00 a.m.), Rev. Angela Ryo (10:00 a.m.)

Christ died for our sins. He made a full atonement for us.

We are forgiven and we have the promise of eternal life.

Feel that forgiveness in your heart.

We are his children.

Hear the good news of the gospel:

In Jesus Christ, we all are forgiven!

* 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.**

Greatorex (hymn 581)

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

*Phillip DeSantis, *Caryn Jensen, Nazik Najar, Eric Saarela, Katelyn Shields,
Nicole Sidge, *Jeff Still, *Maria Still (* admitted by zoom, earlier this morning)*

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.**

You'll find resources for children on our Worship from Home webpage at kirkinthehills.org.

ANTHEM (9:00 a.m. Livestream) **Ride On Now, O King**

Helen Kemp

Christ Jesus entered Jerusalem;
Not proudly but humbly rode He.
Upon a brown donkey, a lowly beast,
Christ rode in humility.

Hosanna we sing to Christ our King!

Hosanna we sing to our Lord!

Hosanna we sing to Christ our King!

Hosanna we sing to our Lord!

Ride on now, O King, without scepter or crown,
Ride into the hearts of mankind!
Rule Thou our hearts with love and peace,
Ride on now, O King divine!

Hosanna we sing...

Abby and Maddie Deering

THE WORD

CHORAL PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Cheshire

O grant us, Lord, this week to trace
Thy passion and thy love,
And by thine all-inspiring grace
Uplift our hearts above.

SCRIPTURE READING

Matthew 21:1-11

Rev. Angela Ryo

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

ANTHEM (9:00 a.m. Livestream) **My Song Is Love Unknown**

Malcolm Archer

My song is love unknown,
My Savior's love to me,
Love to the loveless shown
That they might lovely be.
O who am I, that for my sake
My Lord should take frail flesh and die.

He came from His blest throne
Salvation to bestow;
But men made strange,
And none the longed-for Christ would know.
But O my friend, my friend indeed
Who at my need His life did spend!

Sometimes they strew His way
And His sweet praises sing;
Resounding all the day
Hosannas to their King.
Then "Crucify" is all their breath,
And for His death they thirst and cry.

Here might I stay and sing,
No story so divine;
Never was love, dear King,
Never was grief like thine!
This is my Friend, in whose sweet praise
I all my days could gladly spend.

The Intermediate and Senior Girls' Choir

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Rev. Angela Ryo

THE LORD'S PRAYER

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 THANKSGIVING

ANTHEM

Lift Up Your Heads

William Mathias

Lift up your heads, O ye gates,
And be ye lifted up ye everlasting doors
And the King of glory shall come in.
Who is this King of glory?
The Lord strong and mighty,
The Lord mighty in battle.

SERMON

Capture the Flag

Rev. Dr. Nate Phillips

SENDING

* RECESSIONAL HYMN 197

Hosanna, Loud Hosanna

Ellacombe

Hosanna, loud hosanna,
The little children sang;
Through pillared court and temple
The joyful anthem rang.
To Jesus, who had blessed them,
Close folded to His breast,
The children sang their praises,
The simplest and the best.

From Olivet they followed
'Mid an exultant crowd,
The victor palm branch waving,
And chanting clear and loud;
The Lord of earth and heaven
Rode on in lowly state,
Nor scorned that little children
Should on His bidding wait.

“Hosanna in the highest!”
That ancient song we sing,
For Christ is our Redeemer;
The Lord of heaven, our King.
O may we ever praise Him
With heart and life and voice,
And in His blissful presence
Eternally rejoice.

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 (10:00 a.m. Sanctuary)

John Rutter

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 C minor

Johann Sebastian Bach

(10:00 a.m. Sanctuary Service)

THE CARILLON

About today's hymns

All Glory, Laud, and Honor was written by Theodulph of Orléans in about 820 A. D. Theodulph was born in a monk in Florence where he was discovered by Charlemagne who brought him to France and was made bishop of Orléans. He was imprisoned for conspiring against Charlemagne's successor, King Louis the Pious. It is said that Theodulph sang this hymn text on Palm Sunday from his dungeon window when Louis was passing by, on his way to the cathedral.

The author of **Hosanna, Loud Hosanna**, Jennette Threlfall, faced challenging circumstances in her young life, being orphaned at an early age and the becoming an invalid following an accident. She bore these challenges with grace and a positive attitude, devoting her life to writing poems and hymns which reflected her child-like spirit. She wrote this hymn when she was coping with a serious illness.

About today's choral music

The introit, **Ingrediente Domino**, is a text that originated at Chartres Cathedral, France, where it was sung during the procession through the town culminating with the entrance to the cathedral on Palm Sunday.

Ride On Now, O King was composed by Helen Kemp, who was the most prominent figure in American church children's choirs from the 1950's until her passing in 2015. She composed this anthem for her children's choirs at First Presbyterian Church, Oklahoma City, where she and her husband led one of the leading church music ministries in the country, first from 1948 to 1968, and then from 1983 to 1986.

The text of **My Song Is Love Unknown** was written by Samuel Crossman, a priest in the Church of England. This setting is by Malcolm Archer, who served as Director of Music at Wells Cathedral, St. Paul's Cathedral, and Winchester College Chapel.

Lift Up Your Heads is a setting of Psalm 24: 7-10. The composer, William Mathias, was a prominent Welsh composer during the second half of the twentieth century.

If you are in need of prayer

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

The flowers on the altar are presented to the glory of God by Kathleen Block in loving memory of her husband, Dr. Duane L. Block, their daughter, Susan Rupe, her sister Marian Kline and her niece Beth Kline.

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 - Palm Sunday | Jen Norton | image right purchased

This Palm Sunday acrylic artwork was created by graphic designer Jen Norton. Norton, a graduate of Santa Clara University in 1987, believes that her artwork helps us discover the beauty in life's everyday mundane experiences. She hopes that her works can inspire us to hear the whisper of God, our Mighty Creator.

Easter flowers will be used to adorn the Kirk on Easter Sunday. Easter flower memorials are **due today**. Please make a check payable to "Kirk in the Hills" for \$25.00 along with your name and the person or persons you are memorializing/honoring and drop in the Welcome Center.

Donate electronically at kirkinthehills.org/resources/kirk-shop/.





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



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