

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

SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER
APRIL 11, 2021



I guess it comes down to a simple choice really.

Get busy living or get busy dying.

— Andy Dufresne, *Shawshank Redemption*

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. Stream from Home Service | 10:00 a.m. Live Sanctuary Service

Go and make disciples of all nations... —Matthew 28:19

THE GATHERING

THE CARILLON

OPENING VOLUNTARY

(10:00 a.m. Sanctuary Service)

Cantabile

Cesar Franck

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

Christ is erstanden

Christ is arisen
From the grave's dark prison.
So let our joy rise full and free;
Christ our comfort true will be.
Alleluia!
Were Christ not arisen,
Then death were still our prison.
Now, with Him to life restored,
We praise the Father of our Lord.
Alleluia!
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!
Now let our joy rise full and free;
Christ our comfort true will be.
Alleluia!

* CALL TO WORSHIP

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

Made for spirituality, we wallow in introspection,
Made for joy, we settle for pleasure.
Made for justice, we clamor for vengeance.
Made for relationship, we insist on our own way.
Made for beauty, we are satisfied with sentiment.
But new creation has already begun. The sun has begun to rise.
Christians are called to leave behind, in the tomb of Jesus Christ,
**all that belongs to the brokenness and incompleteness
of the present world...** that, quite simply,
is what it means to be Christian:
**to follow Jesus Christ into the new world, God's new world,
which he has thrown open before us**

* PROCESSIONAL HYMN

Now All the Vault of Heaven Resounds

Lass uns erfreuen

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

**Now all the vault of heaven resounds
In praise of love that still abounds:
"Christ has triumphed! He is living!"**

Sing, choirs of angels, loud and clear!
Repeat their song of glory here:
"Christ has triumphed! Christ has triumphed!"
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

Eternal is the gift He brings,
Therefore our heart with rapture sings:
"Christ has triumphed! He is living!"
Now still He comes to give us life
And by His presence stills all strife.
Christ has triumphed! He is living!
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

Adoring praises now we bring
And with the heavenly blessed sing:
"Christ has triumphed! Alleluia!"
Be to the Father, and our Lord,
To Spirit blest, most holy God,
All the glory, never ending!
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

*** PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

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

When the prodigal son was ready to come back he confessed, "I will arise and go to my Father, and say to him, 'Father, I have sinned, against heaven and in your sight, and am no more worthy to be called your child.'"

Are we ready to come back?

Let us offer our confession.

In penitence we confess the many ways in which we have squandered our inheritance and imperiled our relationships, within our families and beyond them. Have mercy upon us, our Father, give to us, and to all who turn to you in hope, the liberating assurance of sins forgiven. Mend what is broken. Continue towards completion your liberating work among all people.

Lord, we come to ourselves when we come to you. We pray that you will so draw us to you that we may become truly ourselves, now and to all eternity. Amen.

Silence is kept for personal confession

*** KYRIE ELEISON**

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

Herbert Sumsion

*** ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

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

Friends, hear this promise of scripture:

"So if anyone is in Christ, there is a new creation: everything old has passed away;

see, everything has become new!"
Instead of being bound to his sinful past,
the prodigal son came back to his father's forgiveness.
So, too, have we found newness in God's mercy!

Friends, I announce to you this day our sins have been forgiven.
Amen.

* **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)

Rev. Angela Ryo

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

THE WORD

CHORAL PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Gloucester

Then let us render him his own,
with solemn prayer approach his throne,
With meekness hear the gospel word,
with thanks his dying love record,
Our joyful hearts and voices raise,
and fill his courts with songs of praise.

SCRIPTURE READING

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

Matthew 28:16-20

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

ANTHEM

O Sons and Daughters

O filii et filiae,

arr. Alice Parker and Robert Shaw

O sons and daughters, let us sing!
The King of heaven, the glorious King,
O'er death today rose triumphing.
Alleluia! Alleluia!

"My pierced side, O Thomas, see;
My hands, my feet, I show to thee;
Not faithless but believing be."
Alleluia! Alleluia!

When Thomas first the tidings heard,
How they had seen the risen Lord,
He doubted the disciples' word.
Alleluia! Alleluia!

No longer Thomas then denied,
He saw the feet, the hands, the side:
"Thou art my Lord and God," he cried.
Alleluia! Alleluia!

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

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

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

This Joyful Eastertide

Dutch carol, arr. Phillip Ledger

This joyful Eastertide,
Away with sin and sorrow!
My Love, the Crucified,
Hath sprung to life this morrow.
*Had Christ, that once was slain,
Ne'er burst His three-day prison,
Our faith had been in vain:
But now hath Christ arisen, arisen, arisen,
Arisen.*

My flesh in hope shall rest,
And for a season slumber:
Till trump from east to west
Shall wake the dead in number.
Had Christ...

Death's flood hath lost his chill,
Since Jesus crossed the river:
Lover of souls, from ill
My passing soul deliver.
Had Christ...

SERMON

Is That You?

Rev. Dr. Nate Phillips

THE SENDING

* RECESSIONAL HYMN 298

Lord, You Give the Great Commission

Abbot's Leigh

**Lord, You give the great commission:
"Heal the sick and preach the word."
Lest the Church neglect its mission,
And the Gospel go unheard,
Help us witness to Your purpose
With renewed integrity:
With the Spirit's gifts empower us
For the work of ministry.**

**Lord, You call us to Your service:
"In My Name baptize and teach."
That the world may trust Your promise,
Life abundant meant for each,
Give us all new fervor, draw us
Closer in community:
With the Spirit's gifts empower us
For the work of ministry.**

**Lord, You bless with words assuring:
"I am with you to the end,"
Faith and hope and love restoring,
May we serve as You intend,
And, amid the cares that claim us,
Hold in mind eternity:
With the Spirit's gifts empower us
For the work of ministry.**

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.

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**Chorale prelude on a melody by Melchoir Vulpius**

Healey Willan

(10:00 a.m. Sanctuary Service)

THE CARILLON**About today's hymns**

Now All the Vault of Heaven Resounds was written by Paul Z. Strodach, an American Lutheran pastor during the first half of the twentieth century who served parishes in New Jersey, Ohio, and Pennsylvania. He was also active as a translator, author of manuals on liturgical worship practices, and as a hymn book editor.

Lord, You Give the Great Commission was commissioned by the 1978 graduating class of Yale Divinity School and Berkley Divinity School for use at their baccalaureate service. Its author, Jeffrey Rowthorn, was a professor at these schools and also at the Yale Institute of Sacred Music, from 1973 to 1987, when he was elected a bishop in the Episcopal Church in Connecticut, which he served until 1994 when he became dean of the American Cathedral in Paris. The text is based on Matthew 10: 7-8, 28: 19, 26: 26-28; Luke 23: 34, and Matthew 28: 20.

About today's choral music

The introit is a traditional German Easter hymn which evolved from an eleventh century Easter hymn traditionally sung before the reading of the Gospel lesson on Easter Day and throughout the Easter season.

O Sons and Daughters is a traditional French carol which dates from the late fifteenth century. The text is based on John 20: 19-29. The opening voluntary is a setting of this carol.

This Joyful Eastertide is a traditional Dutch carol with a text by George Woodward, a priest in the Church of England whose is best known for his many translations of Latin, Greek, and German hymn texts. The composer of this arrangement, Philip Ledger, had a wide-ranging career in the mid-twentieth century as a choir master and organist, most notably at King's College Chapel, Cambridge University, followed by a tenure as principal of the Royal Scottish Academy of Music and Drama, in addition to composing many carol arrangements.

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 the Baptistry (*to the right, when facing forward in the sanctuary*) 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 - *Vocation of the Apostles*, Sistene Chapel | Domenico Ghirlandaio | public domain
Vocation of the Apostles is a fresco by the Italian Renaissance painter Domenico Ghirlandaio. It is located in the Sistine Chapel, Rome. This work tells a story beginning with the calling of fishermen, Peter, Andrew, James and John (in background) and carries on in the foreground with Peter and Andrew kneeling and being blessed by Christ. Interestingly, many in the crowd are Florentine contemporaries of the artist.

The flowers on the altar are presented to the glory of God in loving memory of Kenneth and Martha Gardhouse by Ron and Chris Gardhouse and family.



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