

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

THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER  
APRIL 18, 2021



*It is no use walking anywhere to preach  
unless our walking is our preaching.*

— St. Francis of Assisi

## 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](http://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 23<sup>rd</sup> Psalm and the 100<sup>th</sup> 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](http://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... — Mark 8:29*

## THE GATHERING

### THE CARILLON

#### OPENING VOLUNTARIES

*(10:00 a.m. Sanctuary Service)*

**Chorale Prelude on *Lobe den Herren***

*Johann Sebastian Bach*

**Musette**

*Ralph Vaughan Williams, arr. Herbert Sumsion*

#### 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

*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.

#### \* CALL TO WORSHIP

Rev. Edwin Estevez

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 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 all 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.**

**\* PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

Rev. Edwin Estevez

It seems so hard to be a follower of Jesus, to believe in the Living God so completely that our lives change and confirm to his way and his plan. There is much in our lives that keeps us from full discipleship, so we come before our God with a humble prayer of confession.

**Lord Jesus, we confess that although we proclaim with our words that you are the Son of the Living God, our lives do not always reflect that faith. We do things we know you do not want us to do. And we fail to do things that we are sure your are calling us to do. We sometimes act as if we were something other than your servants. Help us Lord. Forgive us. Renew us. Grant us your strength that we may live so as to honor your name among the people around us.**

*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. Edwin Estevez

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!"

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.**

*Greatorrex*

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

Rev. Dr. Nate Phillips

**WELCOME REV. EDWIN ESTEVEZ** (10:00 a.m. Sanctuary)

Ruth Reading

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

Rev. Kelsey Sorge

*You'll find resources for children on our Worship from Home webpage at [kirkinthehills.org](http://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. Kelsey Sorge

#### **Mark 8:27-30**

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

### ANTHEM

#### **The Apple Tree**

*arr. K. Lee Scott*

The tree of life my soul hath seen,  
Laden with fruit and always green:  
The trees of nature fruitless be  
Compared with Christ, the Apple Tree.

His beauty doth all things excel:  
By faith I know, but ne'er can tell  
The glory which I now can see  
In Jesus Christ, the Apple Tree.

For happiness I long have sought,  
And pleasure dearly I have bought:  
I missed of all, but now I see  
'Tis found in Christ, the Apple Tree.

I'm weary with my former toil,  
Here I will sit and rest awhile:  
Under the shadow I will be,  
Of Jesus Christ, the Apple Tree.

This fruit doth make my soul to thrive,  
It keeps my dying faith alive;  
Which makes my soul in haste to be  
With Jesus Christ, the Apple Tree.

### PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Rev. Marjorie Wilhelmi

#### 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

#### **Jubilate Deo**

*Malcolm Archer*

O be joyful in the Lord, all ye lands:  
Serve the Lord with gladness  
And come before His presence with a song.  
Be ye sure that the Lord He is God.  
It is He that hath made us and not we ourselves.

We are His people and the sheep of His pasture.  
O go your way into His gates with thanksgiving  
And into His courts with praise.  
Be thankful unto Him and speak good of His Name.  
For the Lord is gracious, His mercy is everlasting,  
And His truth endureth from generation to generation.  
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.

**SERMON**

**The Worst Sermon**

Rev. Dr. Nate Phillips

## **THE SENDING**

\* **RECESSIONAL HYMN 725**

**O Jesus, I Have Promised**

*Nyland*

O Jesus, I have promised  
To serve Thee to the end;  
Be now and ever near me,  
My Master and my Friend;  
I shall not fear the battle  
If Thou art by my side,  
Nor wander from the pathway  
If Thou wilt be my guide.

O let me hear Thee speaking  
In accents clear and still,  
Above the storms of passion,  
The murmurs of self-will;  
O speak to reassure me,  
To hasten or control;  
O speak, and make me listen,  
Thou guardian of my soul.

O Jesus, Thou hast promised  
To all who follow Thee,  
That where Thou art in glory  
There shall Thy servant be;  
And, Jesus, I have promised  
To serve Thee to the end;  
O give me grace to follow,  
My Master and my Friend.

**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**

*John Stainer*

**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**

**Hymn prelude on *Lobe den Herren***

*Paul Manz*

(10:00 a.m. Sanctuary Service)

**THE CARILLON**



## About today's hymns

**Praise Ye the Lord, the Almighty** is based on Psalm 103: 1-6 and Psalm 150. Its author, Joachim Neander, wrote approximately sixty hymns. As a youth he took the Calvinist faith very seriously though he lived a rather unruly existence. Under the guidance of his pastor he nonetheless amended his ways, and eventually became a teacher and school headmaster.

**O Jesus, I Have Promised** was written by John Ernest Bode, and Anglican priest, for his children's confirmation. The tune is a Finnish folk melody and is named after a province in this Baltic country.

## About today's choral music

**The Apple Tree** is a setting of an eighteenth century American poem. The song may be an allusion to both the apple tree as described in the Song of Solomon, 2:3, which has been interpreted as a metaphor representing Jesus, and also to his description of his life as being the Tree of Life (Luke 13: 18-19) and elsewhere in the New Testament, including Revelation 22: 1-2 and in the Old Testament in the book of Genesis. Apple trees were commonly grown in England, where there was a tradition of wishing health to apple trees on Christmas Eve. K. Lee Scott is active today as a composer, having composed over 300 hymns, anthems, and works for solo voice as well as larger scale choral works. Based in Birmingham, Alabama, he has served on the faculties of the University of Alabama School of Music and the Sanford University School of Music.

**Jubilate Deo** is a setting of Psalm 100. The composer, Malcolm Archer, served as Director of Music and Organist at Wells Cathedral, ST. Paul's Cathedral (London), and Winchester College. The title, "Jubilate Deo," is Latin for "sing joyfully to God."

## If you are in need of prayer

You may submit prayer requests online at [kirkinthehills.org](http://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.

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