

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

FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER
APRIL 25, 2021



Inconceivable!

— Vizzini

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

Take heart, daughter. — Matthew 9:22

THE GATHERING

THE CARILLON

OPENING VOLUNTARIES

(10:00 a.m. Sanctuary Service)

Chorale prelude on *Laast ns erfreuen*

David Schack

The Peace May Be Exchanged

Dan Locklair

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. Angela Ryo

God has gathered us to this place,
**where we hear those stories which show us
what the kingdom of God is like.**
God summons us to this place,
**Where we can learn how to serve our God
without reservation, or hesitation.**
God will send us from this place,
**to tell others of God's hopes and dreams,
so they, too, can choose to follow God.**

* PROCESSIONAL HYMN 327

From All that Dwell Below the Skies

Lasst uns erfreuen

**From all that dwell below the skies
Let the Creator's praise arise:
Alleluia! Alleluia!
Let the Redeemer's Name be sung
Through every land, in every tongue.
Alleluia! Alleluia!
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!**

In every land begin the song,
To every land the strains belong:
Alleluia! Alleluia!
In cheerful sound all voices raise
And fill the world with joyful praise.
Alleluia! Alleluia!
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

Eternal are Thy mercies, Lord;
Eternal truth attends Thy Word:
Alleluia! Alleluia!
Thy praise shall sound from shore to shore,
Till suns shall rise and set no more.
Alleluia! Alleluia!
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

*** PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

Rev. Angela Ryo

O Lord, you have searched me and known me.
You know when I sit down and rise up;
You discern my thoughts from far away.
You search out my path and my lying down,
And are acquainted with all my ways.
Such knowledge is too wonderful for me;
It is so high that I cannot attain it.
Where can I go from your Spirit?
Or where can I flee from your presence?
Even the darkness is not dark to you;
The night is as bright as the day,
For darkness is as light to you.

Search me, O God, and know my heart;
Test me and know my thoughts.
See if there is any wicked way in me,
And lead me in the way everlasting. 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 Sumson

*** ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

Rev. Angela Ryo

Hear the good news! The saying is sure and worthy of full
acceptance, that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners.
Hope in the name of Jesus Christ.

In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven. Alleluia! Amen!

*** GLORIA PATRI**

Glory be to the Father,
And to the Son,
and to the Holy Ghost:

Greatorrex

**As it was in the beginning,
Is now, and ever shall be,
World without end. Amen. Amen.**

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

Rev. Dr. Nate Phillips

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.

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

Matthew 9:18-26

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

ANTHEM

Day by Day

Martin How

Day by day, dear Lord, of Thee three things I pray:
To see Thee more clearly, love Thee more dearly,
Follow Thee more nearly, day by day.

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

With a Voice of Singing

Martin Shaw

With a voice of singing
Declare ye this and let it be heard,
Alleluia!
Utter it even unto the ends of the earth.
The Lord hath delivered His people.
Alleluia.

O be joyful in God, all ye lands,
O sing praises to the honor of His Name,
Make His praise to be glorious.
With a voice of singing
Declare ye this and let it be heard,
Alleluia.

SERMON

The Photo Directory

Rev. Dr. Nate Phillips

THE SENDING

* **RECESSIONAL HYMN 686**

God of Our Life

Sandon

**God of our life, through all the circling years,
We trust in Thee.
In all the past, through all our hopes and fears,
Thy Hand we see.
With each new day, when morning lifts the veil,
We own Thy mercies, Lord, which never fail.

God of the past, our times are in Thy hand,
With us abide.
Lead us by faith to hope's true promised land,
Be Thou our guide.
With Thee to bless, the darkness shines as light,
And faith's fair vision changes into sight.

God of the coming years, through paths unknown
We follow Thee.
When we are strong, Lord, leave us not alone,
Our refuge be.
Be Thou for us in life our daily bread,
Our heart's true home when all our years are sped.**

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

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

Carillon

Herbert Murrill

(10:00 a.m. Sanctuary Service)

THE CARILLON

About today's hymns

From All that Dwell Below the Skies is a metrical paraphrase of Psalm 117. The paraphrase was written by Isaac Watts, a pivotal figure in the history of hymnody in the Reformed (Presbyterian) tradition. Up until Watts hymnody in this tradition was strictly limited and restricted to the singing of the Psalms. What Watts did was to recast the language of the Psalms into the message of the New Testament.

God of Our Life was written by Hugh Thomson Kerr, senior pastor of Shadyside Presbyterian Church, Pittsburgh, for the fiftieth anniversary of the congregation. Kerr served Shadyside as senior pastor for thirty three years, and was a prominent leader in the national church, serving as President of the Board of Theological Education from 1923 to 1941.

About today's choral music

Day by Day is a setting of a prayer by St. Richard of Chichester, who lived during the eleventh century. As a bishop he was a man of great learning and intellect, lived very simply, and was devoted to the needs of the poor, reforming corruption amongst the clergy, and reverent worship and liturgy. A more complete version and accurate translation of this Latin text is as follows:

*Thanks be to Thee, my Lord Jesus Christ
For all the benefits Thou hast given me,
For all the pains and insults Thou hast borne for me.
O most merciful Redeemer, friend and brother,
May I know Thee more clearly,
Love Thee more dearly,
Follow Thee more nearly.*

With a Voice of Singing is a jubilant anthem for the post-Easter season and was originally composed for an annual church choir festival. The composer, Martin Shaw, was an English composer, conductor, and (in his early life) theatre producer. His over 300 published works include songs, hymn tunes, carols, oratorios, several instrumental works, a congregational mass setting, and four operas including a ballad opera. He was especially interested in folk songs and carols, and was one of the editors of *The Oxford Book of Carols*, a land mark work which compiled carols from many nationalities. He was also active as a church organist, serving a number of prominent churches in London, and also had a particular interest in cultivating congregational singing.

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 - *The Raising of Jarius's Daughter* | John Hoppner (1758 - 1810)| public domain
This copper-plate engraved piece is part of a collection in *The Macklin Bible*. *The Macklin Bible* is an enormous physical specimen of book art, comprising seven volumes two feet in height and over 130 pounds in weight. It is the apogee of the art of British copper-plate engraving, involving both painters and engravers. These renowned artists often selected scripture texts that featured women, who were the nurturers of religious education for the family in late 18th century England. *The Macklin Bible* was a gift to Vanderbilt University from John J. and Anne Czura.

The flowers on the altar are presented to the glory of God in loving memory of Jean Kallgren, the love of his life, by her husband, Rod Kallgren.



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