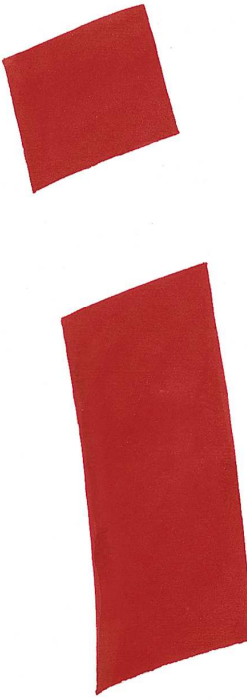


KIRK IN THE HILLS  
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH (U.S.A.)

FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER  
MAY 2, 2021



WHATEVER YOU DO OR SAY  
LET IT BE AS A REPRESENTATIVE  
OF THE LORD JESUS  
WORK HARD AND CHEERFULLY  
AT WHATEVER YOU DO  
AS THOUGH YOU WERE WORKING  
FOR THE LORD  
RATHER THAN FOR PEOPLE

*...tell the truth, have you ever found God in church? I never did.*

*I just found a bunch of folks hoping for him to show.*

*Any God I ever felt in church I brought in with me.*

*And I think all the other folks did too.*

*They come to church to share God, not find God.*

*— Alice Walker, The Color Purple*

## 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 beginning May 9:

**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

**9:00 a.m.** - Garden Worship with no preregistration. Bring your own chair and self social distance.

**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

*...clothe yourselves with compassion, kindness, humility, meekness, and patience. —Colossians 3:12*

### THE GATHERING

#### THE CARILLON

##### OPENING VOLUNTARIES

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

**Adagio**

**Prelude on *Bunessan***

*Charles-Marie Widor*

*Paul Manz*

##### WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS *(9:00 a.m. Livestream)*

Rev. Angela Ryo

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

##### \* INTROIT

*Harold Friedell*

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.

##### \* CALL TO WORSHIP

God has gathered us to this place,  
**where we hear those stories which show us  
what the kingdom of God is like.**

Rev. Marjorie Wilhelmi

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 664

**Morning Has Broken**

*Bunessan*

**Morning has broken like the first morning;  
Blackbird has spoken like the first bird.  
Praise for the singing! Praise for the morning!  
Praise for them, springing fresh from the Word!**

**Sweet the rain's new fall sunlit from heaven,  
Like the first dewfall on the first grass.  
Praise for the sweetness of the wet garden,  
Sprung in completeness where God's feet pass.**

**Mine is the sunlight! Mine is the morning,  
Born of the one light Eden saw play!  
Praise with elation; praise every morning,  
God's re-creation of the new day!**

##### \* PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Rev. Marjorie Wilhelmi

**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 Sumsion*

**\* ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

Rev. Marjorie Wilhelmi

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:  
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. Angela Ryo

**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. Angela Ryo

**Colossians 3:12-17**

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

Let us with a gladsome mind,  
Praise the Lord for he is kind:  
For his mercies shall endure,  
Ever faithful, ever sure.

Let us blaze his name abroad,  
For of gods he is the God:  
For his mercies shall endure,  
Ever faithful, ever sure.

He with all commanding might,  
Filled the new-made world with light:  
For his mercies shall endure,  
Ever faithful, ever sure.

He the golden tressed sun  
Caused all day his course to run:  
For his mercies shall endure,  
Ever faithful, ever sure.

The horned moon to shine by night,  
Mid her spangled sisters bright:  
For his mercies shall endure,  
Ever faithful, ever sure.

All things living he doth feed,  
His full hand supplies their need:  
For his mercies shall endure,  
Ever faithful, ever sure.

## THE THANKSGIVING

### THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

Rev. Marjorie Wilhelmi

#### 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

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

*Harold Friedell*

##### 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 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**

#### **The Eyes of All Wait Upon Thee**

*Jean Berger*

*Sung by the choir.*

The eyes of all wait upon thee;  
And thou givest them their meat in due season.  
Thou openest thine hand,  
And satisfiest the desire of every living thing.  
The eyes of all wait upon thee.

### **PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION**

**In gratitude, in deep gratitude for this moment, this meal, these people, we give ourselves to you. Take us out to live as changed people because we have shared the Living Bread and cannot remain the same. Ask much of us, expect much from us, encourage many through us. So Lord, may we live to your glory, both as inhabitants of earth and citizens of the commonwealth of heaven. Amen.**

## **THE SENDING**

### **\* RECESSIONAL HYMN**

#### **Sent Forth by God's Blessing**

*The Ash Grove*

Sent forth by God's blessing our true faith confessing,  
The people of God from this dwelling take leave.  
The service is ended, O now be extended  
The fruits of our worship in all who believe.  
The seed of the teaching, receptive souls reaching,  
Shall blossom in action for God and for all.  
God's grace did invite us, and love shall unite us  
To work for God's kingdom and answer the call.  
  
With praise and thanksgiving to God ever living,  
The tasks of our everyday life we will face.  
Our faith ever sharing, in love ever caring,  
Embracing God's children of each tribe and race.  
With your grace you feed us, with your light now lead us,  
Unite us as one in this life that we share.  
Then may all the living with praise and thanksgiving  
Give honor to Christ and that name which we bear.

### **CHARGE AND BENEDICTION**

*Rev. Edwin Estevez*

*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**

#### **Fanfare**

*Richard Proulx*

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

### **THE CARILLON**

## About today's hymns

**Morning Has Broken** was written by Eleanor Farjeon, an English author of children's stories and plays as well as poetry, biography, history, and satire during the first half of the twentieth century. When this text was first published it was titled, "Thanks for a Day." Scriptural references include Genesis 1: 3; 2: 8, 10, 15; and 3: 8. The tune is a nineteenth century Gaelic melody and is named after a village on the southwest corner of the Isle of Mull in the Scottish Hebrides.

**Sent Forth by God's Blessing** was written by Omer Westendorf, a twentieth century author and publisher of liturgical texts in English. Westendorf emigrated to the United States from his native Holland after World War II, bringing with him many liturgical texts which he introduced to his parish in Cincinnati. Interest in this music led to him forming his own publishing company in his garage which grew over time to be a leading publisher of hymnals in the liturgical tradition. The tune, *The Ash Grove*, is a Welsh folk melody.

## About today's choral music

**Let Us with a Gladsome Mind** is a paraphrase of Psalm 136, and was written by English poet and author John Milton in 1623 at the age of fifteen when he was a student at St. Paul's Cathedral School, London. Milton was a Puritan, and as an adult opened a school in London and later was appointed Latin Secretary to the Council of State of Oliver Cromwell. At the age of forty-four he became totally blind, and dictated to others his greatest literary works, including *Paradise Lost* (1667), *Paradise Regained* and *Samson Agonistes* (both 1671.) The arranger of this anthem, Alan Ridout, was a twentieth century English composer and teacher.

**The Eyes of All Wait Upon Thee** is a setting of Psalm 145: 15, 16 by Jean Berger, a German born American pianist, composer, and educator. Born Arthur Schlossberg into a Jewish family, after the Nazi Party seized power in 1933 he moved to Paris, where he took the name Jean Berger and toured widely as a pianist and accompanist. In 1941 he moved to the United States and served in the U. S. Army starting in 1941, working in the Office of War Information Department producing foreign language broadcasts. After the war he worked as an arranger for CBS and NBC, and then in 1948 began his career as an educator, taking a faculty position at Middlebury College, followed by appointments at the University of Illinois and the University of Colorado.

## 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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**The flowers on the altar** are presented to the glory of God in loving memory of Curtis G. Rundell by his wife, Yvonne and sons.





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