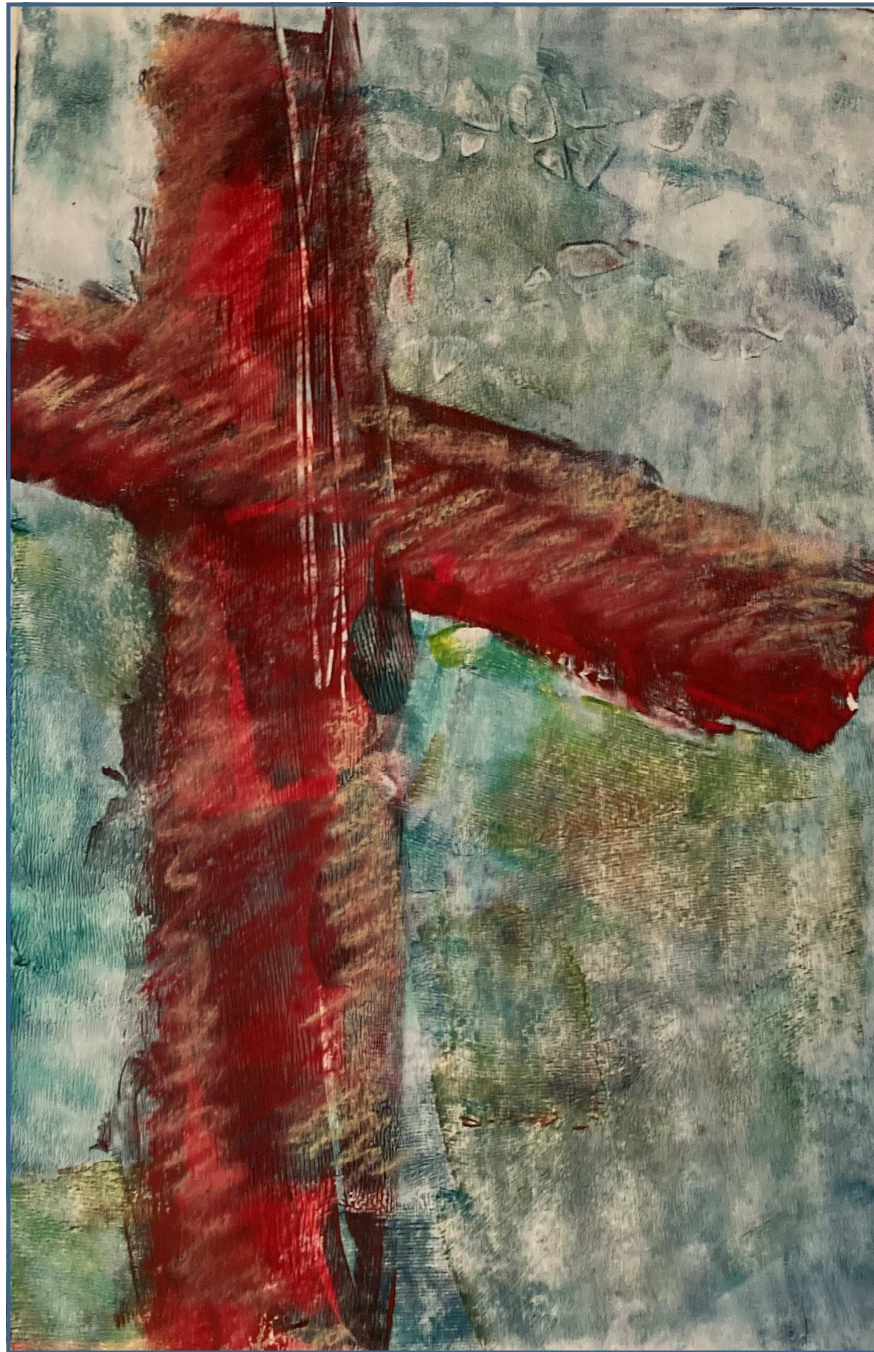


KIRK IN THE HILLS
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH (U.S.A.)

LIVESTREAM & 10:00 A.M. SANCTUARY WORSHIP
MAY 9, 2021



*We gotta love like crazy—
The way He loves you and me.
'Cause if the world's ever gonna change—
We gotta love like crazy.
— Chris Rice*

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.

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

*For the message of the cross is foolishness to those who are perishing,
but to us who are being saved it is the power of God. —1 Corinthians 1:18*

THE GATHERING

THE CARILLON

OPENING VOLUNTARIES
(10:00 a.m. Sanctuary Service)

Chorale prelude on *Nun danket alle Gott*
Chorale prelude on *Dix*

J. S. Bach
Flor Peeters

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**

Christopher Tye

Praise ye the Lord, ye children:
Praise ye the Name of the Lord.
Blessed be the Name of the Lord forevermore.

* **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.**
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.**

Rev. Edwin Estevez

* **PROCESSIONAL HYMN 14**

For the Beauty of the Earth

Dix

**For the beauty of the earth,
For the glory of the skies,
For the love which from our birth
Over and around us lies:
*Lord of all, to Thee we raise
This our hymn of grateful praise.***

**For the joy of ear and eye,
For the hear and mind's delights,
For the mystic harmony
Linking sense to sound and sight:
*Lord of all, to Thee we raise
This our hymn of grateful praise.***

**For the wonder of each hour
Of the day and of the night,
Hill and vale, and tree and flower,
Sun and moon, and stars of light:
*Lord of all, to Thee we raise
This our hymn of grateful praise.***

**For the joy of human love,
Brother, sister, parent, child,
Friends on earth, and friends above,
For all gentle thoughts and mild:
*Lord of all, to Thee we raise
This our hymn of grateful praise.***

**For Thyself, best gift divine
To the world so freely given;
For the great, great love of Thin,
Peace on earth and joy in heaven:
*Lord of all, to Thee we raise
This our hymn of grateful praise.***

* PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Rev. Edwin Estevez

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.

William Smith

* ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Rev. Edwin Estevez

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.

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

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

Frederick L. Marriott

O Lord, open thou our eyes
That we may behold wondrous things
Out of Thy word. Amen.

SCRIPTURE READING

Rev. Kelsey Sorge

1 Corinthians 1:18-25

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

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

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John Rutter

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For each perfect gift of Thine
To our race so freely given,
Graces human and divine,
Flowers of earth and buds of heaven:
*Lord of all, to Thee we raise
This our hymn of grateful praise.*

SERMON

Coming Back: Church is Some Kind of Crazy

Rev. Marjorie Wilhelmi

THE SENDING

*** RECESSIONAL HYMN 643**

Now Thank We All Our God

Nun danket alle Gott

**Now thank we all our God
With heart and hands and voices,
Who wondrous things hath done,
In whom this world rejoices;
Who, from our mothers' arms
Hath blessed us on our way
With countless gifts of love,
And still is ours today.**

**O may this bounteous God
Through all our life be near us,
With ever joyful hearts
And blessed peace to cheer us;
And keep us in God's grace,
And guide us when perplexed,
And free us from all ills
In this world and the next.**

**All praise and thanks to God,
Who reigns in highest heaven,
To Father and to Son
And Spirit now be given:
The one eternal God,
Whom heaven and earth adore,
The God who was, and is,
And shall be evermore.**

CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

Rev. Marjorie Wilhelmi

In the interest of everyone's health, please remain seated until your row is dismissed by an usher.

CHORAL ORISON (10:00 a.m. Sanctuary)

A Clare Benediction

John Rutter

May the Lord show his mercy upon you;
May the light of his presence be your guide:
May he guard you and uphold you;
May his spirit be ever by your side.
When you sleep, may his angels watch over you,
When you wake, may he fill you with his grace:
May you love him and serve him all your days,
Then in heaven may you see his face.

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 Improvisation on *Nun danket alle Gott*

Sigfrid Karg Elert

(10:00 a.m. Sanctuary Service)

THE CARILLON

About today's hymns

For the Beauty of the Earth was inspired by a beautiful late spring day when its author, Folliott Sanford Pierpoint, stopped to rest while taking a walk up a hill near his native city of Bath, England, and viewed the panorama before him, with flowers in full bloom and all the earth seemed to rejoice. Pierpoint was a school headmaster and teacher of literature, but after receiving a small inheritance he spent the remainder of his life travelling and writing, resulting in numerous hymns and seven volumes of sacred poems, many of which dealt with his love of nature. This hymn was originally a Communion hymn, intended to infuse a note of joy into an otherwise solemn service.

Now Thank We All Our God was written about 1636 by Martin Rinkart, a pastor in Germany during the Thirty Years' War and also during a plague which ravished his community. Rinkart buried four thousand of the eight thousand in his community who died. He wrote the first two stanzas as a grace to be sung before meals at his family table.

About today's choral music

Everywhere I Go was written and composed by Natalie Sleeth, a leading composer in the latter part of the twentieth century of sacred songs for children.

For the Beauty of the Earth was composed by John Rutter for the Texas Choral Directors' Association in 1980 and is one of his most well known anthems. It is a setting of stanzas from Folliott Sanford Pierpoint's hymn.

A Clare Benediction was composed by Rutter for the Choir of Clare College, Cambridge University. Rutter had a long association with Clare College, having studied there in the 1960's and then returning as director of the chapel choir from 1975-79. He composed this anthem in 1998 in honor of his Alma mater.

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.

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On today's bulletin cover is "The Cross" a monotype by Kirk member Karen Benson. "In this piece, I chose to simplify the cross in a gestural manner while adding pastel highlights to emphasize dimensionality. I hope the texture and color speaks to you."

The flowers on the altar are presented to the glory of God in loving remembrance of Ray D. and Wayne Louise Eichler and Marilyn Eichler Dewar by James W. and Barbara Eichler Clark.



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