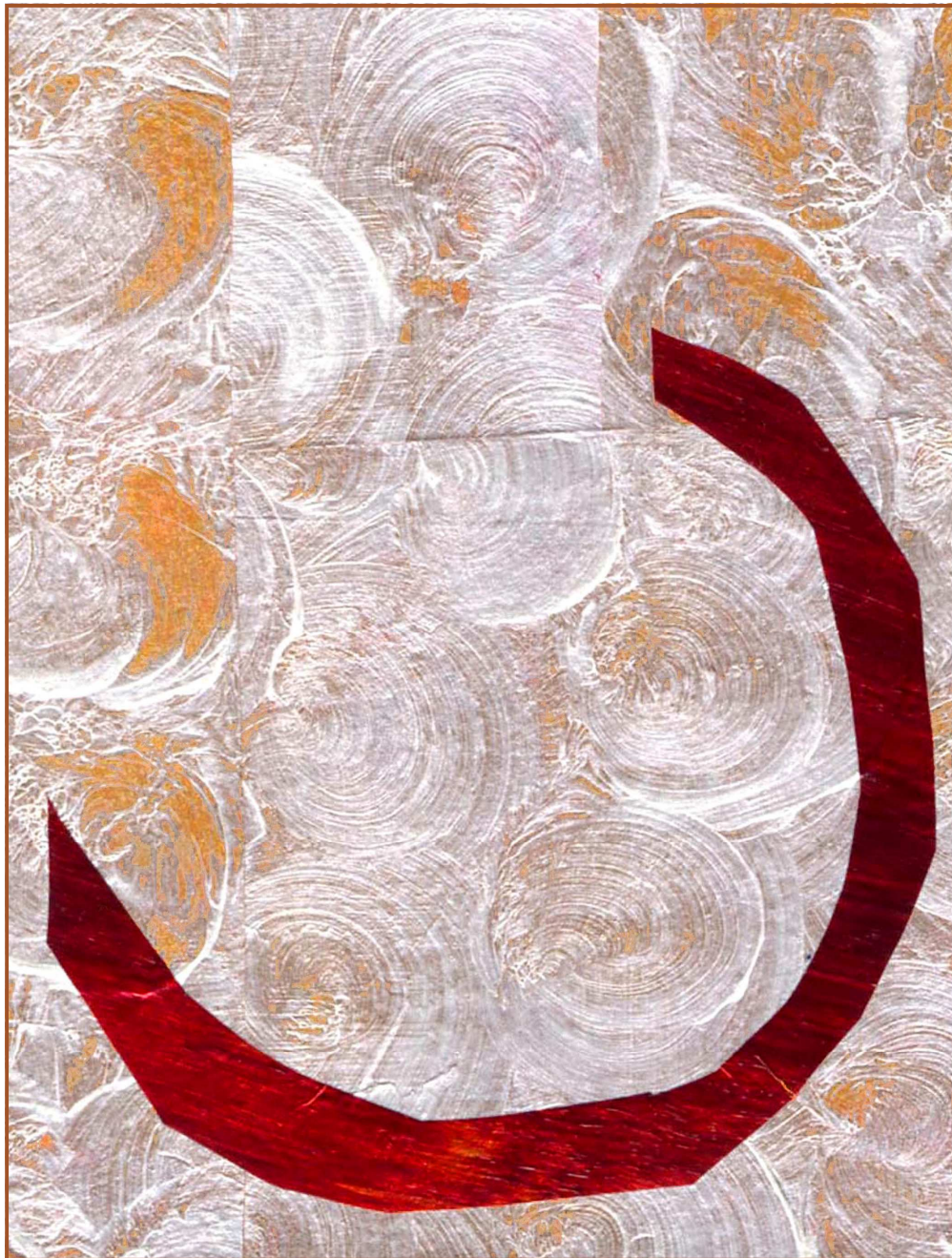


KIRK IN THE HILLS
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH (U.S.A.)

LIVESTREAM & 10:00 A.M. SANCTUARY WORSHIP
MAY 16, 2021



The Jedi are extinct. Their fire has gone out of the universe.
— Governor Tarkin, *Star Wars*

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 23:

8:00 a.m. - Cedarholm Chapel, with organ, congregational humming/light singing (masked), and sermon (50% capacity, 30 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 (50% capacity, 200 people) with no preregistration.

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

My God! My God! —Matthew 27:46

THE GATHERING

THE CARILLON

OPENING VOLUNTARIES

(10:00 a.m. Sanctuary Service)

Andante

Aria

George Frideric Handel

Flor Peeters

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

Dr. Nate Phillips

* *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. Edwin Estevez

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 409

God Is Here

Abbot's Leigh

God is here! As we your people
Meet to offer praise and prayer,
May we find in fuller measure
What it is in Christ we share.
Here, as in the world around us,
All our varied skills and arts
Wait the coming of the Spirit
Into open minds and hearts.

Here are symbols to remind us
Of our lifelong need of grace;
Here are table, font, and pulpit;
Here the cross has central place.
Here in honesty of preaching,
Here in silence, as in speech,
Here, in newness and renewal,
God the Spirit comes to each.

Lord of all, of Church and kingdom
In an age of change and doubt
Keep us faithful to the Gospel;
Help us work Your purpose out.
Here, in this day's dedication,
All we have to give, receive:
We, who cannot live without You,
We adore You! We believe!

* 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. Edwin Estevez

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

THE WORD

CHORAL PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Daniel Iverson

Spirit of the living God,
Fall a-fresh on me;
Spirit of the living God,
Fall a-fresh on me.

Melt me, mold me,
Fill me, use me.
Spirit of the living God,
Fall a-fresh on me.

SCRIPTURE READING

Rev. Edwin Estevez

Genesis 22:11, Genesis 46:2, Exodus 3:4

1 Samuel 3:10, Luke 10:41-42

Acts 9:4, Matthew 27:46

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

ANTHEM

This Little Light of Mine

Spiritual, arr. John Work

This little light of mine,
I'm going to let it shine.
Let it shine, let it shine, let it shine.

Everywhere I go,
I'm going to let it shine.
Let it shine, let it shine, let it shine.

All through the night,
I'm going to let it shine.
Let it shine, let it shine, let it shine.

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

My Song Shall Be Always of the Loving-kindness

Godfrey Sampson

My song shall be always of the loving-kindness of the Lord:
With my mouth will I ever be shewing forth thy truth
From one generation to another.

SERMON

Coming Back: Called Twice

Dr. Nate Phillips

THE SENDING

* RECESSIONAL HYMN 310

I Love Thy Kingdom, Lord

St. Thomas

I love thy kingdom, Lord,
The house of thine abode,
The Church our blest Redeemer saved
With his own precious blood.

I love thy Church, O God,
Her walls before thee stand,
Dear as the apple of thine eye,
And graven on thy hand.

Beyond my highest joy
I prize her heavenly ways:
Her sweet communion, solemn vows,
Her hymns of love and praise.

Sure as thy truth shall last,
To Zion shall be given
The brightest glories earth can yield,
And brighter bliss of heaven.

CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

Dr. Nate Phillips

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

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

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

Festal Voluntary

Gordon Jacob

(10:00 a.m. Sanctuary Service)

THE CARILLON

About today's hymns

God Is Here was written for the closing service of an eight-month long festival centering on the themes of worship, music, and the arts at University United Methodist Church, Austin, Texas. The tune, *Abbot's Leigh*, was composed during World War II when its composer was working for the British Broadcasting Company located in the village of Abbot's Leigh.

I Love Thy Kingdom, Lord was written by Timothy Dwight while he was president of Yale University, and is from his paraphrase of Psalm 137. Dwight was a Congregational minister and a chaplain during the Revolutionary War. The tune was originally composed as the setting for a metrical version of Psalm 48.

About today's choral music

This Little Light of Mine is a traditional African-American spiritual. The origin of the song is unclear, though it appears published in poetry in 1925. Some claim the song takes its theme from some of Jesus's remarks to his followers as found in Matthew 5:14-16: "You are the light of the world. A city that is set on a hill cannot be hid. Neither does one light a candle and put it under a bushel, but on a candlestick; and it gives light unto all that are in the house. Let your light shine before all people, that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father who is in heaven."

My Song Shall Be Alway of the Loving-kindness is a setting of Psalm 89: 1. The composer was a professor of composition at the Royal Academy of Music, London.

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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The flowers on the altar are presented to the glory of God in loving memory of Thatcher W. Root by his family.

The flowers in Cedarholm Chapel are presented to the glory of God in loving memory of Dr. and Mrs. Leslie A. Bechtel and their daughter, Gertrude M. Bechtel by their children and grandchildren.

Dr. Bechtel was the Kirk's first pastor and Gertrude was the first director of religious education at the Kirk.



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