

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



LIVESTREAM & 10:00 A.M. SANCTUARY WORSHIP
MAY 30, 2021



*In the whole round of human affairs,
little is so fatal to peace as misunderstanding.*

— Margaret Elizabeth Sangster

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

Present your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to God. —Romans 12:1

THE GATHERING

THE CARILLON

OPENING VOLUNTARIES

(10:00 a.m. Sanctuary Service)

A Memorial Piece

Nimrod

Hubert Parry

Edward Elgar

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

America

Our father's God, to Thee,
Author of liberty,
To Thee we sing.
Long May our land be bright
With Freedom's holy light;
Protect us by Thy might,
Great God, our King.

* CALL TO WORSHIP

Rev. Kelsey Sorge

Loving God, call us together as your people;
Transform us with your love.
Transform our hearts,
that we may love generously.
Transform our eyes,
that we may see your grace.
Transform our hands,
that we may serve others.
Transform our spirits,
that we may be the body of Christ,
gathered to worship
and sent out to serve. Amen.

* PROCESSIONAL HYMN 331

God of the Ages, Whose Almighty Hand

National Hymn

God of the ages, whose almighty hand,
Leads forth in beauty all the story band
Of shining worlds in plunder through the skies,
Our grateful songs before Thy throne arise.

From war's alarms, from deadly pestilence,
Be Thy strong arm our ever sure defense.
Thy true religion in our hearts increase.
Thy bounteous goodness nourish us in peace.

Thy love divine hath led us in the past.
In this free land by Thee our lot is cast.
Be Thou our ruler, guardian, guide, and stay;
Thy Word our law, Thy paths our chosen way.

Refresh Thy people on their toilsome way.
Lead us from night to never-ending day.
Fill all our lives with love and grace divine,
And glory, laud, and praise be ever Thine.

* PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Rev. Kelsey Sorge

**Holy Jesus,
you call us into a life that others have told us is easy, but it is not.
You challenge us to forgive, to love our enemies,
to bless those who curse us.
We want the easy way,
but You have given us the hard path.
Grant us the patience and endurance to journey with You,
to allow ourselves at time to stumble,
to live into the hard way
so that we might fully experience
your love, grace and peace in this world,
by becoming a people full of love and grace and forgiving others.
In your name we pray. Amen.**

* KYRIE ELEISON

Lord, have mercy upon us;
Christ, have mercy upon us;
Lord have mercy upon us.

Christopher Pardini

* ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Rev. Kelsey Sorge

The Lord is on our side,
offering words of forgiveness,
protecting us from danger.
**We are a forgiven people,
bound together in God’s love.
We are the body of Christ, forgiven and free.**

* 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.**

Greatorax

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

Dr. Nate Phillips

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

Nate and Lucy

THE DAVID LAU ACCOLYTE AWARD PRESENTATION *(10:00 a.m. Sanctuary Service)*

Rev. Kelsey Sorge

The 2021 Award recipient is Grace Phillips

THE WORD

ANTHEM

For the Fallen

Douglas Guest

They shall grow not old as we that are left grow old,
Age shall not weary the nor the years condemn.
At the going down of the sun and in the morning

We will remember them. We will remember them.
The songs of liberty.

SCRIPTURE READING

Romans 12:1-8

Rev. Kelsey Sorge

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

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Rev. Kelsey Sorge

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

It Is God Who Holds the Nations

Henry Walford Davies, arr. John Wilson

It is God who hold the nations in the hollow of his hand;
It is God whose light is shining in the darkness of the land;
It is God who builds his City on the Rock and not on sand:
May the living God be praised!

It is God whose purpose summons us to use the present hour;
Who recalls us to our senses when a nation's life turns sour;
In the discipline of freedom we shall know his saving power:
May the living God be praised!

When a thankful nation, looking back, has cause to celebrate
Those who win our admiration by their service to the state;
When self-giving is a measure of the greatness of the great:
May the living God be praised!

God reminds us every sunrise that the world is ours on lease -
For the sake of life tomorrow, may our love for it increase;
May all races live together, share its riches, be at peace:
May the living God be praised!

SERMON

Going Out Ahead

Dr. Nate Phillips

THE SENDING

* RECESSIONAL HYMN 338

O Beautiful for Spacious Skies

Materna

O beautiful for spacious skies,
For amber waves of grain,
For purple mountain majesties
Above the fruited plain!
America! America!
God shed His grace on thee,
And crown thy good with brotherhood
From sea to shining sea!

O beautiful for heroes proved
In liberating strife,
Who more than self their country loved,
And mercy more than life!
America! America!
God mend thine every flaw;
Confirm thy soul in self-control,
Thy liberty in law!

O beautiful for part dream
That sees beyond the years
Thine alabaster cities gleam,
Undimmed by human tears!
America! America!
May God thy gold refine
Till all success be nobleness
And every gain divine!

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)

John Rutter

CLOSING VOLUNTARY

March from Scipio

George Frideric Handel

(10:00 a.m. Sanctuary Service)

THE CARILLON (livestream)

About today's hymns

God of the Ages, Whose Almighty Hand was written in 1876 for the Centennial Fourth of July; its author, Daniel Crane Roberts, was a priest in the Protestant Episcopal Church.

O Beautiful for Spacious Skies was written by Katharine Lee Bates in 1893. Bates was a graduate of Wellesley College in Massachusetts and stayed on there as professor of English literature until her death. She wrote this hymn in 1893, precipitated by her visit to the World's Columbian Exposition at Chicago, followed by a visit to Pike's Peak, Colorado, where she recounts that "it was there as I was looking out over the amber skies, that the opening lines of this text formed themselves in her mind."

About today's choral music

For the Fallen is a setting by Douglas Guest, organist and master of the choristers of Westminster Abbey from 1963 to 1981, of verses from a poem by Lawrence Binyon. This piece was composed in 1971 for the annual Remembrance Day service in Westminster Abbey.

It Is God Who Holds the Nations was written by English Methodist pastor and hymn writer Fred Pratt Green in 1976 for Norwich Cathedral for the Silver Jubilee of Queen Elizabeth II.

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.

The flowers on the altar are presented to the glory of God by Mr. and Mrs. Bruce W. Miller in memory of those who served and saved the Union during the War of the Rebellion, 1861-1865.

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Timothy R. Botts is a master calligrapher. Tim says of his own work, "I aim to make the words look like what they mean, always trying to strike a balance between legibility and expression. Making these word pictures is, for me as a visual person, the strongest way to reflect on God's word. To share them with others is an additional joy."



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