

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

10:15 A.M. SANCTUARY WORSHIP  
AUGUST 29, 2021



*I can be changed by what happens to me,  
but I refuse to be reduced by it.*

— Maya Angelou

## 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 singing, sermon and communion

**9:00 a.m.** - Garden Worship, bring your own chair and water bottle! (In case of rain, the service will be held in the Sanctuary.)

**10:15 a.m.** - Sanctuary, with organ, Chancel Choir, congregational singing, and sermon.

**Both the 9:00 a.m. and the 10:15 a.m. services are streamed on our website and on Facebook.**

**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

10:15 a.m. Live Sanctuary Service

*Let us run with perseverance the race marked out for us. —Hebrews 12:1*

## THE GATHERING

### THE CARILLON

*Dennis Curry, Kirk in the Hills Carillonneur*

### OPENING VOLUNTARY

**Our God, Our Help in Ages Past**

*Paul Manz*

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

### \* INTROIT

#### **Eternal Light**

*Leo Sowerby*

Eternal Light, shine into our hearts;  
Eternal Goodness, deliver us from evil;  
Eternal Power, be our support;  
Eternal Wisdom, scatter the darkness of our ignorance;  
Eternal Pity, have mercy upon us,  
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

### \* CALL TO WORSHIP

*from Psalm 90:1-5*

Our God, the Eternal One,  
you have been our dwelling place in all generations.

**Before the mountains were brought forth,  
or the land and the earth were born,  
from age to age you are God.**

You turn us back to the dust and say,  
"Turn back, O children of earth."

**For a thousand years in your sight  
are like yesterday when it is past  
and like a watch in the night;  
you sweep them away like a dream,  
they fade away suddenly like the grass...**

Come, let us worship our God, our help in ages past!

### \* PROCESSIONAL HYMN 687

**Our God, Our Help in Ages Past**

*St. Anne*

### \* PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Eternal God, in whom we live and move and have our being, whose face is hidden from us by our sins, and whose mercy we forget in the blindness of our hearts.

**Cleanse us from all our offenses, and deliver us from proud thoughts and vain desires, that with reverent and humble hearts we may draw near to you, confessing our faults, confiding in your grace, and finding in you our refuge and strength; through Jesus Christ your son who taught us to pray...**

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.

\* KYRIE ELEISON

*Land of Rest*

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

\* ASSURANCE OF PARDON

*from Psalm 108*

The Lord is compassionate and gracious, slow to anger, abounding in love. He will not always accuse, nor will he harbor his anger forever; he does not treat us as our sins deserve or repay us according to our iniquities. For as high as the heavens are above the earth, so great is his love for those who fear him; as far as the east is from the west, so far has he removed our transgressions from us. Believe the good news!  
**In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven!**

\* GLORIA PATRI

*Greatorex*

**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.**

**WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**MISSION TRIP SHARING**

**THE WORD**

**CHORAL PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION**

**Turn Your Eyes Upon Jesus**

*Helen Lemmel*

Turn your eyes upon Jesus,  
look full in His wonderful face,  
and the things of earth will grow strangely dim,  
in the light of His glory and grace.

**SCRIPTURE READING**

**Hebrews 12:1-3**

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

**CALL TO PRAYER**

**Meditation from *Thaïs***

*Jules Massenet*

*Tina Rowan, Violinist and Executive Director of Accent Pontiac*

**PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE**

**\* HYMN 274**

**You, Lord, Are Both Lamb and Shepherd**

*Picardy*

**THE THANKSGIVING**

**PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS**

*Our giving is an offering to God. All offerings, whether made in the worship service or outside of it, are part of our worship of God and are used to support the Kirk's ministry here and in other parts of the world.*

**\* PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

**ANTHEM**

**My Song Shall Be Alway of the Loving-Kindness**

*Godfrey Sampson*

My song shall be alway of the loving-kindness of the Lord:  
with my mouth will I ever be shewing  
thy truth from one generation to another. (*Psalms 89:1*)

*Nicole Joseph, Soprano*

**\* DOXOLOGY**

*Old Hundredth*

**Praise God from whom all blessings flow;  
praise God, all creatures here below;  
praise God, above ye heavenly host;  
praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

**SERMON**

**The Lord's Prayer: Forever**

*Dr. Nate Phillips*

**THE SENDING**

**\* RECESSIONAL HYMN 805**

**Come Sing to God**

*Ellacombe*

**CHARGE AND BENEDICTION**

*Please take your seats as the pastor gives the congregation a charge to live the life of faith and then speaks words of God's blessing on all gathered.*

**CHORAL AMEN**

*John Stainer*

**CLOSING VOLUNTARY**

**Come Sing to God**

*Michael Burkhardt*

## WORSHIP NOTES

### 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 Melrose Chapel  
(to the left, when facing forward in the sanctuary) immediately following Service each Sunday.



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 in loving memory of Philip M. and Eloys R. Rothwell by Brian and Laura Ambrose.

**Coffee Hour** - Fellowship time with coffee and treats takes place after worship on the patio.  
Please join us!

**Tour Kirk in the Hills each Sunday!** Those interested in a brief tour are asked to meet in the Baptistry, to the right of the Chancel, after the 10:15 a.m. service ends. See an usher for direction or further details.

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## About today's music

**Tina Rowan, Executive Director for Accent Pontiac**, is our guest instrumentalist today. Accent Pontiac, a non-profit formed by the Kirk to educate children through music in Pontiac as key part of social transformation. We believe this transformation happens through relationship. If you'd like to learn more, Board members and volunteers for Accent Pontiac are available during coffee hour.

Today's worship theme is FOREVER from the Lord's Prayer. As you listen and sing, you may note frequent use of similar words: forever, always, and eternal/eternity.

- With this theme in mind, worship begins with several settings of the hymn "Our God, Our Help in Ages Past" set by the late Minneapolis organist, director, and composer Paul Manz. Do you hear different senses of time in the settings?
- Grand Rapids native Leo Sowerby (1895-1968) served Fourth Presbyterian Church of Chicago, St. James's Church of Chicago, and Washington National Cathedral before his death in Port Clinton, Ohio. As you listen to and read the text, note the variety of "eternals" used to name God.
- God calls us to worship with a spoken setting of Psalm 90, and we respond with the powerful hymn "Our God, Our Help in Ages Past" by Isaac Watts, considered by many to be the parent of hymns in the English language.
- Today's Kyrie Eleison is found at Hymn 551 and uses an American folk melody. Later this fall you will be invited to sing it with the choir.
- Hymn 274, "You, Lord, Are Both Lamp and Shepherd," was written by the late Rev. Sylvia Dunstan, a United Church of Christ pastor who died of liver cancer at the age of 38. A prison chaplain, she wrote many of her texts as she rode the bus to work at the prison. Dunstan titled this text Christus Paradox because so many attributes of Christ stand in tension with each other. One paradox especially appropriate for today's worship is "the everlasting instant."
- The first stanza of our recessional hymn, "Come Sing to God," paraphrases Psalm 30; the phrase "yet joy comes with the morning sun, a peace that is not vain" is a great promise to us from God. Stanzas 2-4 state the general truth that has been learned from personal experience. A graduate with all three degrees from Princeton Theological Seminary, the Reverend Dr. Fred Anderson, author of the text, served Madison Avenue Presbyterian Church in New York City before retiring in 2015.

Anthem: My Song Shall Be Alway of the Loving-Kindness    Godfrey Sampson

Godfrey Sampson was professor of music composition at the Royal Academy of music in London. He composed numerous works for organ, orchestra, and chamber ensembles. This beautiful choral offering is a setting of Psalm 89:1, which reads: "I will sing of the Lord's great love forever; with my mouth I will make your faithfulness known through all generations." The work's folk-like melody spins with simplicity and grace, reminding us indeed of God's faithfulness and loving-kindness through the gift of music.

Solo: Meditation from *Thaïs*    Jules Massenet

Jules Massenet, a French Romantic composer, wrote more than 30 operas. The Meditation offered today in worship is from the second act of the 1874 opera, *Thaïs*. Set in fourth-century Alexandria, the story centers around the attempts of a pious young monk Athanael to convert a proud courtesan, Thaïs. During this lengthy violin solo (rarely found in opera), Thaïs reflects and considers turning towards God's salvation. The gorgeous, soaring melodies and exquisite harmonies make it a popular stand-alone favorite amongst violinists and audiences everywhere.



From left to right: Rev. Kelsey Sorge, Rev. Dr. Nate Phillips, Rev. Angela Ryo, Rev. Edwin Estevez



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