

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

10:15 A.M. SANCTUARY WORSHIP  
SEPTEMBER 5, 2021



*The final word is never that of warning, of judgment, of punishment, of a barrier erected, of a grave opened. We cannot speak of it without mentioning all these things.*

*The "Yes" cannot be heard unless the "No" is also heard.*

*But the "No" is said for the sake of the "Yes" and not for its own sake.*

*In substance, therefore, the first and last word is "Yes"...*

— Karl Barth, *Church Dogmatics* 11:2

## 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.



**Sunday, September 12 is Homecoming. There will be one service in the garden at 10:00 a.m.**

### Service schedule beginning September 19:

**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.)

**10:30 a.m.** - Sanctuary, with organ, Chancel Choir, congregational singing, and sermon.

**Both the 9:00 a.m. and the 10:30 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

*But as surely as God is faithful, our message to you is not "Yes" and "No." —2 Corinthians 1:18*

## THE GATHERING

### OPENING VOLUNTARY

**Praise Ye the Lord, the Almighty**

*Charles Callahan*

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

### \* INTROIT

**Spirit of the Living God**

*Living God*

Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me.

Melt me, mold me, fill me, use me.

### \* CALL TO WORSHIP

*from 103:1-2*

Bless the Lord, O my soul,

**and all that is within me, bless God's holy name.**

Bless the Lord, O my soul,

**and forget not all God's benefits.**

Come, let us worship God!

### \* PROCESSIONAL HYMN 35

**Praise Ye the Lord, the Almighty**

*Lobe den Herren*

### \* 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**

*Leo Sowerby*

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

*Greatorrex*

**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**

**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**

**2 Corinthians 1:18-22 & Revelation 3:14-15**

*(New International Version)*

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

**PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER**

*The Lord's Prayer chanted in Aramaic by Dr. Candice Nofar Yousif*

\* **HYMN 838** (*Stanzas 1-2*)

**Standing on the Promises**

*Promises*

**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**

**Awake, My Heart**

*Jane Marshall*

Awake, my heart, and render to God thy sure defender,  
thy Maker, thy Preserver, a song of love and fervor.  
Confirm my deeds and guide me: my day, with thee beside me,  
beginning, middle, ending, will all be upward tending.  
My heart shall be thy dwelling, with joy and gladness swelling;  
thy word my nurture, giv'n to bring me on toward heaven.

**\* 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: Amen**

Rev. Edwin Estevez

**THE SENDING**

**\* RECESSIONAL HYMN 295**

**Go to the World**

*Sine Nomine*

**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**

**Amen from Total Praise**

*Richard Smallwood*

**CLOSING VOLUNTARY**

**Go to the World**

*Paul Manz*

## WORSHIP NOTES

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## About today's music

Worship leadership includes the following musicians: ensemble from the Chancel Choir; Merideth Estevez, oboe; Nicole Joseph, Interim Director of Music; and Tom Granum, Interim Chancel Choir Director and Organist.

- "Praise Ye the Lord, the Almighty," our processional hymn, is also used as the opening voluntary. On Stanza 3 we sing "Let the AMEN," the theme of today's sermon and service.
- Daniel Iverson was a Presbyterian minister from Georgia who wrote the words and music for "Spirit of the Living God" for an evangelistic revival in Orlando, Florida, in 1926. The original text for the third phrase was "break me, melt me, mold me, fill me."
- As is the case of many gospel songs, "Standing on the Promises" revolves around its refrain. The stanzas, rather than serving to develop a sequential train of thought, are more like the spokes of a bicycle—all serving as an entry point to the refrain from various perspectives. One could reorder the stanzas and not lose any train of thought. (Michael Hawn, History of Hymns)
- The text for "Go to the World" was written by the late United Church of Canada prison chaplain Sylvia Dunstan, who also wrote the text to last week's "You, Lord, Are Both Lamb and Shepherd." Stanza 4 concludes, "when all the hosts of glory cry 'AMEN!'"

Anthem: "Awake, My Heart" Jane Marshall, text by Paul Gerhardt

Jane Marshall was a well-known composer and music minister in the United Methodist tradition. Her anthem our choir offers today, "Awake My Heart," won the American Guild of Organists' 1957 anthem prize. Marshall, in an essay titled "The Passionate Church Musician," directly addressed the place of music in the Christian life. "Much is said, and rightly so, about necessary faith in God — a given we all accept," she wrote. "What can be added is that music itself, when it is the real thing and not a cheap imitation, is worth having faith in, too. It is no exaggeration to say that music, a large mystery within the larger mystery of the Deity itself, is always there to heal and inspire when everything else on earth falls short." Marshall died in 2019 at the age of 94. Her anthem today reminds us of this role of music in our lives, as a vehicle to offer our own joyful amen to God!

The chanting of the Lord's Prayer is performed in Aramaic, the language of Jesus. Traditionally, it is chanted by Chaldean deacons and priests during the liturgy. Inherent to the chanting of this prayer, and most others within Middle Eastern faiths, is the usage of dissonant tones.

Candice Yousif is the wife of Matthew Yousif, whose parents are active members Neal and Hana Yousif. She is mother to Lily (3) and Ivy (3 months). She is a Glaucoma specialist and Assistant Program Director within the Department of Ophthalmology at Henry Ford Health System. She plays piano, organ and sings, and previously directed music within the Chaldean Catholic Church prior to her practice of Medicine.

## 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 their beloved, Samantha Christine Reynolds by Robert and Christy Reynolds, and brother and sister, Ryan and Stephanie.

**Coffee Hour** - Fellowship time with coffee 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 Baptistery, to the right of the Chancel, after the 10:15 a.m. service ends. See an usher for direction or further details.



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



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