

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



FIRST SUNDAY IN LENT
MARCH 6, 2022



*"It is in that inner peace and stillness that things begin to happen,
and it was in that peace and stillness that I began to hear God's voice."*

— Eileen Caddy



Lent is my favorite season of the year. Not only is it a time when hints of spring reenergize me and make me feel more hopeful, but it is a season filled with deeply meaningful Holy Days and practices. Unlike at Christmastime, I feel much more encouraged to focus primarily on my relationship with God without the added stress of buying presents and attending functions. I'm sure many of you have asked yourself or someone else how they plan to participate in this season with the question, "what are you giving up for Lent?"

For many consecutive years growing up I gave up all sweets and junk food for Lent. This meant no Girl Scout cookies, no after-school snack, and often no birthday cake. It was challenging at first, but got easier and easier as the years went on. Eventually, I had to ask myself, "why am I giving this up for Lent? What is it doing for my faith?"

Lent is more than a glorified New Year's resolution. It is more than a faith-based weight-loss program or an opportunity to prove yourself to your friends. It is an opportunity for us as humans to recognize that we can't do life on our own, that we are truly dependent on the living God to fill us up and show us the path towards righteousness.

What is it for you that reminds you of your need for God?

Perhaps it is eating less chocolate. The desire to give in to the simple pleasures of the flesh can sometimes be enough to remind us of our weakness.

Perhaps it is a new spiritual practice. Practicing new ways to connect with God can often bring healing in ways that we can't find in our own day-to-day lives.

Perhaps it is limiting screen time to be more intentional about relationships, reminding us that we weren't created to do this life on our own.

Each of us is on a different journey with God right now. I hope that you will find a way to recognize your shortcomings and connect deeper with God this season as we make our way to the cross. For we have all come from dust and to dust we shall return. But God makes beautiful things out of dust.

THE SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

9:00 & 10:30 a.m., Sanctuary

"...and after the fire came a gentle whisper" — 1 Kings 19: 12

THE GATHERING

THE CARILLON VOLUNTARIES

Triptych on *Adoro te devote*

Charles Callahan

A Grateful Heart

Mary Plumstead

Thou that hast given so much to me
Give one thing more, a grateful heart.
Not thankful when it pleaseth me,
As if Thy blessings had spare days:
But such a heart, whose pulse may be Thy praise.
Thou that hast given so much to me
Give one thing more, a grateful heart.
Treble Boys' Choir

* *Please rise in body or spirit at the ringing of the tower bell.*

* CALL TO WORSHIP

In the goodness of God
We are travelling home.

In the justice of Jesus
We are travelling home.

In the song of the Spirit
We are travelling home.

In the worship of the Living God,
God makes home with us.

* INTROIT

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.

Lemmel

* PROCESSIONAL HYMN 166

Lord, Who Throughout These Forty Days

St. Flavian

* CALL TO CONFESSION

The sacrifice of God is a broken spirit;
a broken and contrite heart God will not despise.
Let us come to the Lord, who is full of compassion,
and acknowledge our transgressions in penitence and faith.

* PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Merciful God,
We confess that we have not loved you with our whole heart.
We have failed to be an obedient church.
We have not done your will,
We have broken your law,
We have rebelled against your love.
We have not loved our neighbors,
And we have refused to hear the cry of the needy.

**Forgive us, we pray.
Free us for joyful obedience;
Through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

* KYRIE ELEISON

Lord, have mercy.
Christ, have mercy.
Lord, have mercy.

Sanders

* ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Oh, for the wonderful love He has promised,
Promised for you and for me.
Though we have sinned, He has mercy and pardon,
Pardon for you and for me.
Come home,
You who are weary, come home;
Earnestly, tenderly, Jesus is calling,
Calling, O sinner, come home!
In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.
Thanks be to God.

* 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.**

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WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

ANTHEM (9:00 a.m.)

Prayer Litany

Helen Kemp

Lord, make me an instrument
Of thy peace, day by day.
Where there is hatred, let me sow love,
And where there is despair, may I sow hope.
Where there is darkness, let me sow light,
And where there is sadness, may I sow joy!
And Lord, of thee three things I pray,
To see thee more clearly, love thee more dearly,
And follow thee more nearly day by day.
Senior Boys' and Girls' Choirs

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

**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.**

Following the Word with the Children, children and youth ages 4 through grade 8 will be dismissed

for Sunday School.

WORD

CHORAL PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION (10:30am)

Uffingham

Teach us to know and love you, Lord,
And humbly follow in your way.
Speak to our souls the quickening word,
And turn our darkness into day.

SCRIPTURE READING

1 Kings 19:7-13; Mark 1:35-39 (NIV)
The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

SERMON

Inward Journey Home: Meditation

Rev. Kelsey Sorge

THANKSGIVING

* HYMN 410

God Is Calling through the Whisper
Stanzas 1 and 2

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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

OFFERTORY

Silent Devotion and Response
O Lord, may the words of my mouth
and the meditations of my heart
be acceptable before Thee,
Adonai, my Rock and Redeemer. Amen.
--Psalm 19:14

Ernest Bloch

THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

INVITATION TO THE LORD'S TABLE

GREAT THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you.
And also with you.
Lift up your hearts.
We lift them to the Lord.
Let us give thanks to up to the Lord.
It is right to give our thanks and praise.

SANCTUS

Holy, Holy, Holy, Lord God of hosts,
Heaven and earth are full of thy glory:
Glory be to thee, O Lord Most High. Amen.

Healey Willan

THE LORD'S PRAYER (10:30 a.m.)

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 WORDS OF INSTITUTION

AGNUS DEI

Healey Willan

O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world,
Have mercy upon us.
O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world,
Have mercy upon us.
O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world,
Grant us thy peace.

BREAKING OF THE BREAD, SHARING OF THE CUP

This morning the congregation is served in procession. Those seated in the pews at the rear of the sanctuary begin the procession. For those unable to process forward, stay seated and a server will bring the sacrament to you. Gluten-free bread is available in the center of the bread trays. Empty glasses are placed in the baskets provided near the communion servers.

COMMUNION MUSIC

O Taste and See

Ralph Vaughan Williams

O taste and see how gracious the Lord is:
Blest is the man that trusteth in him.

At this Table

Allen Pote

In the singing, in the silence,	In the question, in the answer,
In the hands expectant, open,	In the moment of acceptance,
In the blessing, in the breaking,	In the heart's cry, in the healing,
In the Presence at this table,	In the circle of your people,
Jesus Christ, be the wine of grace:	Jesus Christ, be the wine of grace:
Jesus Christ, be the bread of peace.	Jesus Christ, be the bread of peace.

In the singing, in the silence...

Panis Angelicus

César Franck

<i>Panis angelicus</i>	<i>May the Bread of Angels</i>
<i>Fit panis hominum;</i>	<i>Become bread for mankind;</i>
<i>Dat panis coelicus</i>	<i>The Bread of Heaven puts</i>
<i>Figuris terminum;</i>	<i>All foreshadowings to an end;</i>
<i>O res mirabilis!</i>	<i>Oh, thing miraculous!</i>
<i>Manducat dominum</i>	<i>The body of the Lord will nourish</i>
<i>Pauper, pauper,</i>	<i>the poor, the poor,</i>
<i>Servus et humilis.</i>	<i>The servile, and the humble.</i>

Joslyn Phillips, soloist

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Eternal God,
as you fed your people in the wilderness with unexpected food,
so you feed us at this table with a simple loaf and cup.

Here you transform us, by the working of your wondrous love.
Now send us out to be Christ's body
in your broken and beautiful world
to bear your good news of hope and joy for all. Amen.

SENDING

* HYMN 824

Near to the Heart of God

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CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

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.



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 10:30 a.m. service. See an usher for direction or further details.

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Join us for coffee and fellowship in Heritage Hall after the 9:00 a.m. worship service!

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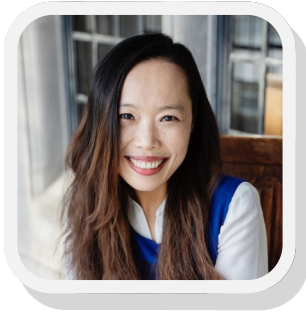
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