



Make it simple, but significant. — Don Draper, Mad Men

Cover Art Designed by: Lizzie Eriksen The scripture reading for today is a lesson on commitment and letting go at the same time. The scripture begins by insisting that we let go of the earthly possessions that tie us down and instead replacing them with more spiritual treasures, which can be anything from a positive attitude to an enlightened view of the world around you, whatever that may be. I think this sentiment can be considered in both the spiritual sense and the literal one both equally productive. For example when I was younger all I wanted for Christmas was mountains of toys and some candy in my stocking, but as I got older and I stopped playing with the toys, I started to ask myself, "What do I need most when gift-giving seasons come around for me?" This is an important ideology I still hold to this day that has kept me from getting a bunch of unnecessary things for Christmas and birthdays as well as when I'm out at the store now that I can buy presents for myself. I'm not perfect, though, seeing as I still love some good candy in my stocking and maybe a bit too much in my shopping bag.

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Anna Bickersteth Preaching at 9:00 a.m. Service



Melanie Costello Preaching at 10:30 a.m. Service

# THE SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

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

When they looked up they saw no one but Jesus. - Matthew 17:8

## Supporting the Usher Corps: Hannah Jakubiak, Sadie Douglass, James Blair, Jon Sliwinski (9:00 a.m.) Will Smith, Isabelle Smith, Conor Field (10:30 a.m.)

# THE GATHERING

### THE CARILLON

ORGAN PRELUDE	Cathédrales	Louis Vierne
OPENING VOLUNTARIES	<b>Solfeggio in C Minor</b> (10:30 a.m.) Adam Fischer, piano	Carl Philipp Emanuel Bach
	<b>Sonata in D Major, No. 4, Allegro</b> Julia Yousif, violin	George Friedrich Handel
	My Voice Shalt Thou Hear	Joseph Corfe
	My voice shalt thou hear betimes, O Lord: My voice shalt thou hear betimes, O Lord: Early in the morning will I direct my praye	r <i>,</i>
	My prayer unto thee, and will look up. I will also come unto thine house,	
	And I will worship, towards thy holy temp My shalt thou hear	le.
	Treble Boys' Choir	
	He's Got The Whole World in His Hands	
	He's got the whole world in His hand	
	He's got the high mountains in His hand, He's got the low valleys in His hand, He's got the high mountains in His hand, He's got the whole world in His hand.	
	He's got the little bitsy babies in His hand, He's got the tiny little babies in His hand, He's got the little bitsy babies in His hand, He's got the whole world in His hand.	
	Oh, sister, He's got you in His hand, Oh, brother, He's got you in His hand, Oh, sister, He's got you in His hand, He's got the whole world in His hand.	
	Senior Boys' and Girls' Choir	

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

* CALL TO WORSHIP	Joe Jakubiak (9:00 <i>a.m.</i> ), Joslyn Phillips (10:30 <i>a.n</i> With one heart and one voice		
	We will glorify the Lord		
	Help us to love one another		
	And show the world his Spirit	of grace	
	Let us worship God!	0. <u>0</u>	
* INTROIT	Turn your eyes upon Jesus,	Lemmel	
	Look full in his wonderful face.		
	And the things of earth will gro	w strangely dim	
	In the light of his glory and grad	ce.	
* PROCESSIONAL HYMN 821	My Life Flows On	How Can I Keep From Singing	
* CALL TO CONFESSION If you did not receive a sugar cube provide one for you.	upon entering the sanctuary please r	aise your hand and an usher will	
* PRAYER OF CONFESSION	Annie Weaver	(9:00 a.m.), Daniel Ludden (10:30 a.m.)	
	We have not shown love to our neighbors.		
	We have been silent bystanders in times we should have stood		
	We have not been helping others who are in need. We have talked when we should have been listening to others. We have been selfish without putting others first . We have been jealous of others instead of having a grateful hea		
	Lord, have mercy on us and for	rgive us our sins.	
* KYRIE ELEISON		John Sanders	
	Lord, have mercy.		
	Christ, have mercy.		
	Lord, have mercy.		

### **ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

Please come forward with your sugar cube to one of the stations at the front of the church, as directed by an usher.

#### **A Lenten Prayer**

Lord, I ask a blessing for my soul today; Give me peace from heaven as I kneel and pray. Forty days did Jesus face temptation strong; Give me strength to conquer, knowing right from wrong.

Lord, I ask a blessing for my soul today; Give me peace from heaven as I kneel and pray. I would be like Jesus, turning from all sin, With His love to keep me true and faithful within.

Lord, I ask a blessing for my soul today; Give me peace from heaven as I kneel and pray. When I look to Jesus, He will show the way; Help me come to meet him, pure on Easter Day.

Junior Girls' Choir: Carole Beth Litkouhi, flute

Hear the good news! 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. Amen.

### WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Stephen Tortora (9:00 a.m.), Steven Ragan (10:30 a.m.)

#### **OUR FAITH IN ACTION**

Jack Belcher (9:00 a.m.)

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#### ADMISSION OF NEW MEMBERS (10:30 a.m.)

Natalie Lockwood Dan and Kim McGlynn Jackey Harleaux \* Sarah Sese

\* Accepted into membership virtually on Tuesday, March 15, 2022.

#### WELCOME TO OUR NEW MEMBERS

With joy and thanksgiving we welcome you into Christ's church to share with us in his ministry, for we are all one in Christ.

### WORD

#### WORD WITH THE CHILDREN

Joslyn Phillips, Ellie Faglie (9:00 a.m.)

**CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE** (*this response is Hymn 452; 9:00 a.m.*)

Open the Eyes

Open the eyes of my heart, Lord. Open the eyes of my heart; I want to see you; I want to see you;

To see you high and lifted up, Shining in the light of your glory. Pour out your power and love As we sing "Holy, holy, holy."

CHORAL PRA	<b>AYER FOR</b>	ILLUMIN	ATION	(10:30am)
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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
 Ryan Gleason (9:00 a.m.), Clare Llope (10:30 a.m.)

 Matthew 17:1-8 (9:00 a.m.), Matthew 6:19-21 (10:30 a.m.)
 The Word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.

ANTHEMSimple SongLeonard BernsteinSing God a simple song:<br/>Lauda, LaudēLauda, LaudēMake it up as you go along:<br/>Lauda, LaudēLauda, LaudēSing like you like to sing.Sing like you like to sing.

God loves all simple things, For God is the simplest of all, For God is the simplest of all. I will sing the Lord a new song To praise Him, to bless Him, to bless the Lord. I will sing His praises while I live All of my days. Blessed is the man who loves the Lord, Blessed is the man who praises Him. Lauda, Lauda, Laudē And walks in His ways. I will lift up my eyes To the hills from whence comes my help. I will lift up my voice to the Lord Singing Lauda, Laudē. For the Lord is my shade, Is the shade upon my right hand, And the sun shall not smite me by day Nor the moon by night. Blessed is the man who loves the Lord, Lauda, Lauda, Laudē, And walks in His ways. Lauda, Lauda, Laudē, Lauda, Lauda di da di day. All of my days.

Senior Girls' Choir: Carol Beth Litkouhi, flute

**SERMON** 

Inward Journey Home: Simplicity

Anna Bickersteth (9:00 *a.m.*) Melanie Costello (10:30 *a.m.*)

### THANKSGIVING

\* HYMN 188

Jesus Loves Me!

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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.

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* PRAYER OF DEDICATION	Jon Fletcher (9:00 <i>a.m.</i> ), Evan Sheard (10:30 <i>p.m.</i> )		
ANTHEM	Kyrie Eleison		Louis Vierne
	Kyrie eleison, Christ eleison, Kyrie eleison.	Lord, have mercy; Christ, have mercy; Lord, have mercy.	
* DOXOLOGY	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.		Old Hundredth

Julia Yousif ( 9:00 a.m.) Adam Fisher (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.

## SENDING

HYMN 157	I Danced in the Morning	Lord of the Dance
CHARGE AND BENEDICTIO	Ν	
CHORAL AMEN		Rutter
CLOSING VOLUNTARY	Carillon	Louis Vierne

### Worship/Music Notes

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Welcome to Youth Sunday where our children and youth lead us in worship! With today's spiritual discipline, you will hear the power of *simplicity* with music that echoes a time of childhood. Before we begin worship, we can center ourselves during the extended prelude, CPE Bach's *Solfeggio in C Minor* and Handel's *Violin Sonata No 4*, played by Adam Fischer and Julia Yousif. The Treble Boys then sing an exuberant song of adoration in *My Voice Shalt Thou Hear* as we are reminded to "early in the morning direct our prayer" to God. The Senior Boys and Girls then remind us that God holds each one of us in his hands. As the service begins, we *Turn [Our] Eyes Upon Jesus*, and sing together *My Life Flows On*, knowing that "Christ is Lord of heaven and earth."

As we hear the Assurance of Pardon, the Junior Girls first sing *A Lenten Prayer*, asking God to help us follow Jesus and make us "pure on Easter Day." Following the Word with Children, we will join them in the congregational response of *Open the Eyes of My Heart*, which they have been learning in Sunday School. The Senior Girls then sing to God a *Simple Song*, and after the word is proclaimed, we proclaim the simple statement that "Jesus loves us," in singing Hymn 188. The offertory anthem is the thrilling and powerful *Kyrie* by Louis Vierne. After collective prayer, we sing *I Danced in the Morning* to the tune *Simple Gifts*.

**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.

**Easter Flowers will be used to adorn the Kirk on Easter Sunday.** If you would like to donate memorial flowers to the display, send a check payable to "Kirk in the Hills" for \$25 along with your name and the person or persons you are memorializing or honoring. Send requests to Kirk in the Hills, Attn: Marsha Rogers, 1340 W. Long Lake Rd., Bloomfield Hills, MI 48302. You can also donate online at kirkinthehills.org/events+list.

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









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