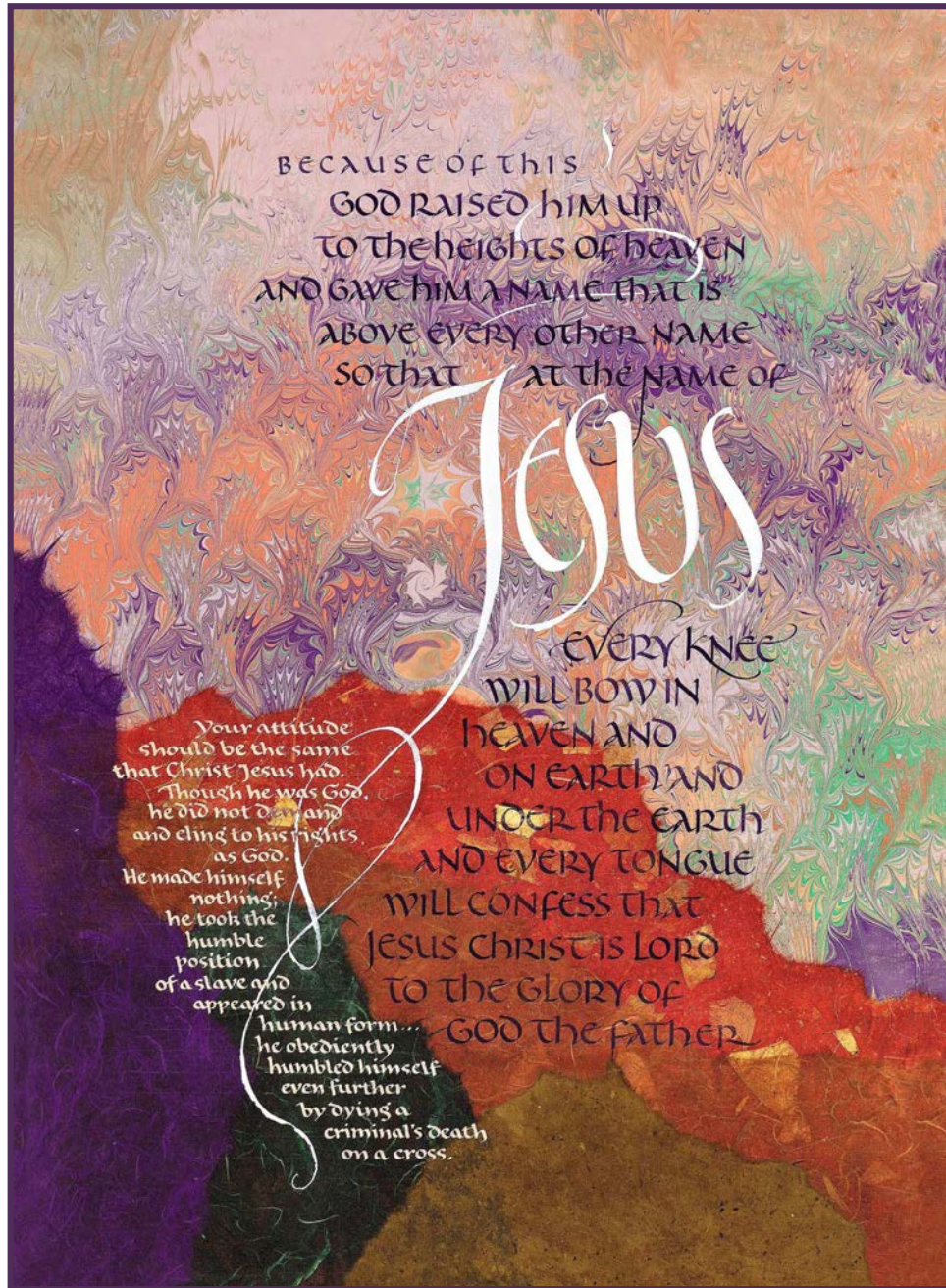


KIRK IN THE HILLS
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH (U.S.A.)
FOURTH SUNDAY IN LENT
MARCH 27, 2022



It is a challenge to live out our faith in very real, tangible, and sacrificial ways.

Doing so day in and day out can feel like a taste of hell.

Yet when we do, those we serve get a taste of heaven.

We do this in remembrance of Jesus.

— *Crossbound*, by Charles B. Hardwick



My weekly rhythms feel a lot like a ride down a river lately. (Think less *lazy river* and more *white water rafting*.) I spend the first few days of each week with my lists and goals and apps– all of it to track baby sleep, task lists, and plans, plans, plans. I ride that schedule like a raft. The water is rising a bit; it isn't smooth sailing but I've got a grip, I'm managing... and it's only Monday, for goodness' sake! On Monday, I usually believe (the lie) that I have a pretty good handle on my life. And down the river we go, like it or not. Monday waits for no one.

And then it happens. I realize the bread I was going to eat is moldy or the baby's head feels warm. We can't find the backpack, I've double booked myself, and the babysitter is sick. I am literally supposed to be in three places at once if you were counting. My raft is nowhere in sight, the water is now up to my neck, and my legs are tired. I can't even find my task list much less check things off of it. I go into survival mode– what needs to be done now? What can I hold onto just to catch my breath for a moment? By Friday, the rapids have engulfed me and I realize I have completely lost control. But did I ever have it?

One of my favorite preachers used to use this common refrain in his sermons– “Take your hands off your life.” That adage summarizes the spiritual practice of surrender pretty well, I'd say. Each week my hands tend to be taken off my life by the rushing river of parenting small children and running my own business. What do the rushing rapids represent for you? What toll does it take to live life in survival mode?

Over two different Sundays this month here at the Kirk, I led the Lenten Arts Workshop around Creativity as a Spiritual Practice. We discussed how our impulse to create can lead us to God, how art and artists can remind us of the ways we were crafted in God's image and connect us to the Divine. Many writers throughout time have described the creative process as a river too; they talk about finding “flow” in their artistic work. So, what if surrender doesn't mean expecting the waters to be smooth but surrendering to the God of rivers and raging seas? (See Exodus 14 and Matthew 4:35-41.) What if we believed our God knows something about flow? Here's to fewer white-knuckle weeks, taking your hands off your life, and surrendering to the river of God's grace, rapids and all.

–Merideth Hite Estevez

P.S. There are many more opportunities coming up to explore creativity as a spiritual practice during this season. Begin Holy Week by viewing the Lenten Arts Exhibition featuring Kirk community artists which opens on Palm Sunday, April 10. On Good Friday evening, we are planning a very special meditation service at 7:00 PM with musical guests. Lastly, speaking of Fridays, I publish a new episode of my podcast, *Artists for Joy*, where I dive into all things creative and spiritual, every week on Friday. (You can stream it everywhere you find podcasts.) I don't know about you, but I'm looking forward to seizing these opportunities to surrender, to seek God, and find it was God that has been seeking me all along.

THE SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

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

*Don't look out only for your own interests, but take an interest in others, too.
You must have the same attitude that Christ Jesus had. — Philippians 2:4-5*

THE GATHERING

THE CARILLON

OPENING VOLUNTARY

Adagio in E Major

Frank Bridge

* *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 (10:30 a.m.)

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.

* PROCESSIONAL HYMN 263

All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name!

Coronation

* 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.

* *Please rise in body or spirit*

* **KYRIE ELEISON** (10:30 a.m.)

John Sanders

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

* **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,
O sinner, come home!
In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.
Thanks be to God.

* **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.

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

OUR FAITH IN ACTION

Stewardship

Suzie Artzberger, Henry Hoot

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.

PRAYER

CHORAL CALL TO PRAYER

Wondrous Love

Traditional

arr. By Alice Parker and Robert Shaw

What wondrous love is this, O my soul,
What wondrous love is this, O my soul,
What wondrous love is this, that caused the Lord of bliss
To bear the dreadful curse for my soul.

When I was sinking down, O my soul,
When I was sinking down, O my soul,
Beneath God's righteous frown,
Christ laid aside His crown for my soul.

To God and to the Lamb I will sing, I will sing,
To God and to the Lamb I will sing,
To God and to the Lamb who is the great 'I am',
While millions join the theme, I will sing.

And when from death I'm free I'll sing on,
And when from death I'm free, I'll sing on,
And when death I'm free, I'll sing and joyful be,
And thro' eternity, I'll sing on,

What wondrous love is this, O my soul,
What wondrous love is this, O my soul,
And through eternity I'll sing on.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

THANKSGIVING

* HYMN 735

I Need Thee Every Hour
Stanzas 1 & 2

Need

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

Dear Lord and Father

Charles Hubert Hastings Parry

Dear Lord and Father of mankind,
forgive our foolish ways;
re clothe us in our rightful mind,
in purer lives thy service find,
in deeper reverence, praise.

In simple trust like theirs who heard
beside the Syrian sea
the gracious calling of the Lord,
let us, like them, without a word
rise up and follow thee.

Drop thy still dews of quietness,
till all our strivings cease;
take from our souls the strain and stress,
and let our ordered lives confess
the beauty of thy peace.

Breathe through the heats of our desire
thy coolness and thy balm;
let sense be dumb, let flesh retire;
speak through the earthquake, wind, and fire,
O still, small voice of calm!

**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.**

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

Epistle: Philippians 2:1-11

New Testament, Page 197

Psalter: Psalm 37:7-13

Old Testament, Page 510

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

SERMON

Inward Journey Home: Surrender

Rev. Chip Hardwick

SENDING

* **RECESSIONAL HYMN**

All to Jesus I Surrender

Surrender

**All to Jesus I surrender,
All to Him I freely give;
I will ever love and trust Him,
In His presence daily live.
*I surrender all, I surrender all;
All to Thee, my blessed Savior,
I surrender all.***

**All to Jesus I surrender,
Humbly at his feet I bow,
Worldly pleasure all forsaken:
Take me, Jesus, take me now.
*I surrender all...***

**All to Jesus I surrender,
Make me, Savior, wholly Thine;
Let me feel Thy Holy Spirit,
Truly know that Thou art mine.
*I surrender all...***

**All to Jesus I surrender,
Lord, I give myself to Thee;
Fill me with Thy love and power,
Let Thy blessing fall on me.
*I surrender all...***

CHARGE AND BENEDICTION (*Seated*)

CHORAL AMEN

Adrian Batten

CLOSING VOLUNTARY

Grand Jeu

Philippe Du Mage

Worship/Music Notes

During this season of Lent, we continue to take an “Inward Journey Home” to Christ as we follow the spiritual disciplines outlined in Richard Foster’s book, *Celebration of Discipline*. Throughout Lent, we will seek to “turn our eyes upon Jesus,” who is our beacon and guide during these forty days in the wilderness and who is calling us home. As we explore today’s discipline of *Surrender*, we “hail the power of Jesus’ name” with our opening hymn as we submit ourselves to worshipping his majesty and confirm that “every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord” (Philippians 2:11).

We continue with our call to prayer with *Wondrous Love*, arranged by Alice Parker and Robert Shaw. This expressive arrangement of an early American hymn tune is a much-needed reminder of Christ’s wondrous love is shown in his journey to the cross. After prayer and in preparation to receive the offering, we plead Christ’s mercy and presence as we sing together *I Need Thee Every Hour*. In C. H. Parry’s arrangement of *Dear Lord and Father*, we ask God to “forgive our foolish ways” and “take from our souls the strain and stress”, as we surrender to his will for our lives and listen to God’s “still, small voice of calm.”

After hearing the word proclaimed, we are sent out by grace to love and serve the Lord by singing *All to Jesus I Surrender*. Let it be our prayer this week that through the challenges and difficulties in our lives and our world, we say to Christ over and over: “I surrender all.”

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!

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.

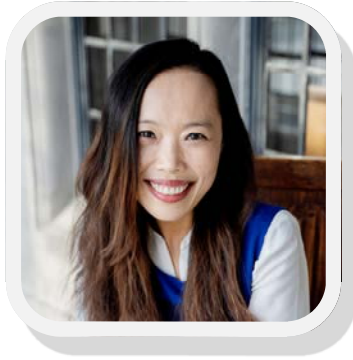
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