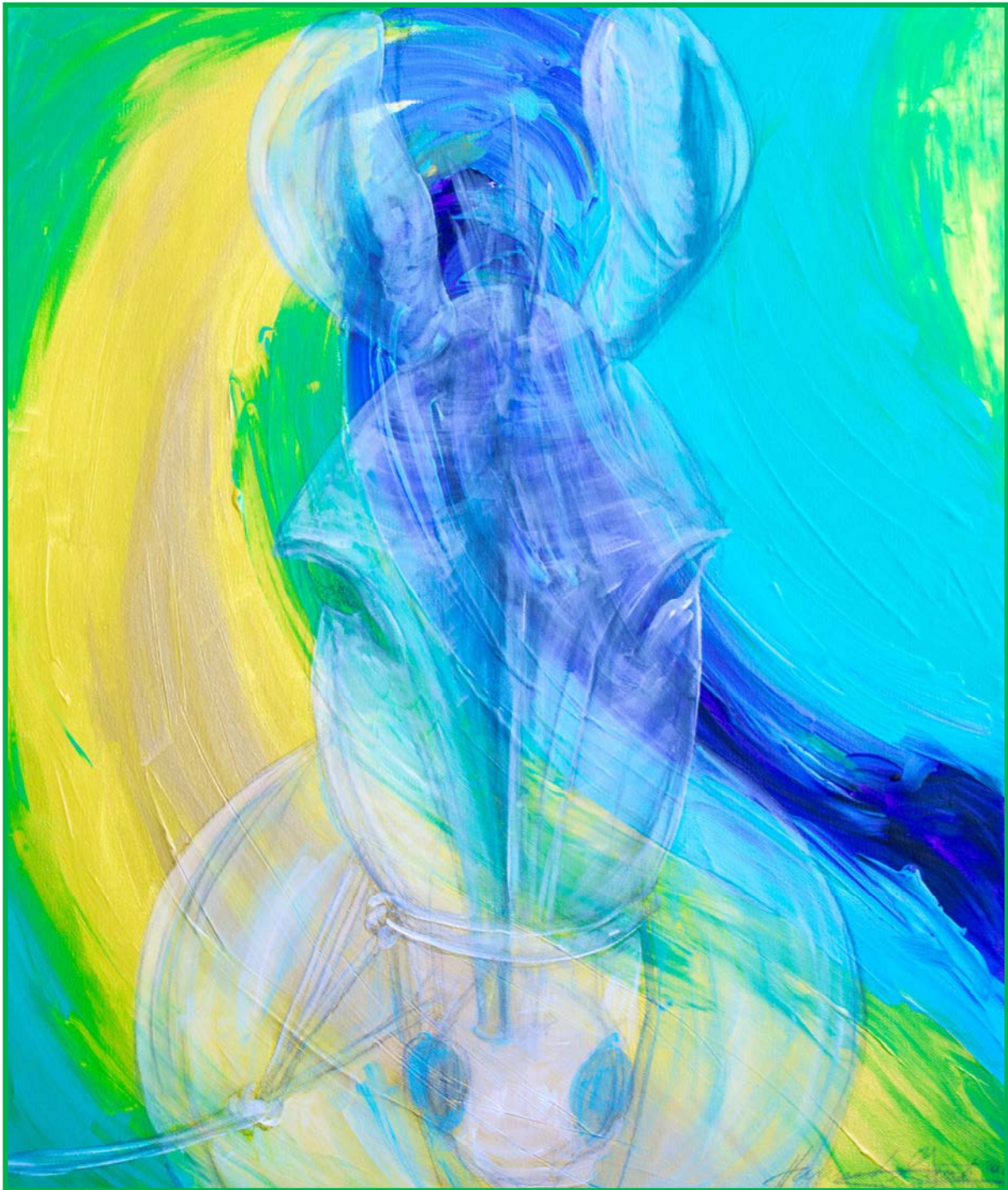


KIRK IN THE HILLS
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH (U.S.A.)



PALM SUNDAY
APRIL 10, 2022



*Ride on, ride on in majesty!
In lowly pomp ride on to die;
O Christ, thy triumphs now begin
O'er captive death and conquered sin.*

—Henry Hart Milman



This last weekend, I traveled to Lansing to see the award-winning Broadway show, "Hamilton." The songs have been dancing in my head ever since, but one of my favorite songs is called "The Room Where it Happened." Aaron Burr, the frenemy of Alexander Hamilton, is amazed that his rival somehow got Thomas Jefferson and James Madison together in a room and came up with a compromise, despite their opposing political objectives. Burr is jealous and wishes he was in the room too.

As we experience Holy Week and travel alongside Jesus in his final days, we remember that fateful meal in the Upper Room, and maybe we wish we had been in the room with Jesus' closest friends. Thankfully, storytellers were in the room where it happened, and tell us how Jesus sat at the table with his disciples, and gave them hope and unity in the midst of a difficult time. Jesus even included Judas, the one who was going to betray him, in the room where it happened— where grace was extended to all.

I serve The Kirk West community at Fox Run, and I have been so impressed by the amazing flexibility they've shown this season, despite technology and logistical problems. They have partnered with mission agencies and done amazing work, donating clothing and furniture to Oakland Hope, holding paper bags drives for Lighthouse, and engaging in 40 days of Lent at \$1/day and raised \$1380 for Lighthouse. Internationally, they also have come together to donate finances to the Ukrainian refugee crisis.

Kirk West has done all this even though due to construction, they had to worship in two separate locations across the campus at Fox Run. But they are gratefully looking forward to a big homecoming service for April 23 where they can all be together again, in the room where it happens-- where God is worshiped and praised.

This year my hope for all of us at the Kirk is to come together in unity this season and beyond. Despite the difficulties we're facing, I hope we can remember we are impacting the world around us and leaving a legacy for future generations. May our worship be energizing and emboldening this Easter season!

Pastor Jasmine Smart
Parish Associate

THE SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

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

I tell you, if these were silent, the stones would shout out. —Luke 19:40

GATHERING

THE CARILLON

OPENING VOLUNTARY

Incantation for a Holy Day

Jean Langlais

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

* CALL TO WORSHIP

Give thanks to the Lord, who is good;

God's steadfast love endures forever!

Open to me the gates of righteousness,

That I may enter through them and give thanks to the Lord.

This is the gate of the Lord;

Let the faithful come and worship God!

* INTROIT

George Malcolm

Ingrediente Domino in sanctam civitatem,

When the Lord Jesus entered the holy city,

Hebraeorum pueri resurrectionem

All the Hebrew children

Vitae pronuntiantes,

Declared the resurrection of life

Cum ramis palmarum,

With branches and palm leaves,

Hosanna clamabant in excelsis.

Crying Hosanna in the highest.

* PROCESSIONAL HYMNS 196 **All Glory, Laud, and Honor**

Valet will ich dir geben

197 **Hosanna, Laud Hosanna**

Ellacombe

* INVITATION TO CONFESSION

Let us wave our palms before the King, with contrite hearts:

* PRAYER OF CONFESSION

O, King of Glory, Merciful God,

Save us from lukewarm faith.

Hosanna. Save us.

Save us from compassion fatigue and indifference.

Hosanna. Save us.

Save us from pettiness and judgmentalism.

Hosanna. Save us.

Save us from our greed.

Hosanna. Save us.

Save us from lazy habits and faithless commitments.

Hosanna. Save us.

Save us from naivete as well as stone hearts.

Hosanna. Save us.

We cry from the depth of our hearts, the very pit of our souls.

Hosanna! Save us!

Silence is kept for personal confession.

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

* ASSURANCE OF PARDON

from Psalm 32:5

‘Then I acknowledged my sin to you
And did not cover up my iniquity.
I said, “ I will confess my transgressions to the Lord” -
And you forgave the guilt of my sin.’

Friends, believe 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.**

Greatorax

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

OUR FAITH IN ACTION

Holy Week Music

Merideth Estevez

ANTHEM (9:00 a.m.)

Ride On Now, O King!

Helen Kemp

Christ Jesus entered Jerusalem;
Not proudly but humbly rode He.
Upon a brown donkey, a lowly beast,
Christ rode in humility.

Ride on now, O King, without scepter or crown,
Ride into the hearts of mankind!
Rule Thou our hearts of mankind!
Ride on now, O King divine!

Hosanna we sing to Christ our King!

Hosanna we sing to our Lord!

Hosanna we sing to Christ our King!

Hosanna we sing to our Lord!

Junior Girls' Choir

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

**Lord I lift Your name on high.
Lord I love to sing Your praises.
I'm so glad You're in my life.
I'm so glad You came to save us.**

**You came from heaven to earth to show the way;
From the earth to the cross, my debt to pay;
From the cross to the grave, from the grave to the sky;
Lord I lift Your name on high.**

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

ANTHEM**My Song Is Love Unknown***Malcolm Archer*

My song is love unknown,
 My Saviour's love to me,
 Love to the loveless shown
 That they might lovely be.
 O who am I, that for my sake
 My Lord should take frail flesh and die.

Sometimes they strew His way
 And His sweet praises sing;
 Resounding all the day
 Hosannas to their King.
 Then "Crucify" is all their breath,
 And for His death they thirst and cry.

He came from His blest throne
 Salvation to bestow;
 But men made strange,
 And none the longed-for Christ would know.
 But O my friend, my friend indeed
 Who at my need His life did spend!

Here might I stay and sing,
 No story so divine;
 Never was love, dear King,
 Never was grief like thine!
 This is my Friend, in whose sweet praise
 I all my days could gladly spend.

*The Chancel Choir Women & Senior Girls' Choir***PRAYER****PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER**

**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.**

THANKSGIVING

* HYMN 209

My Song Is Love Unknown*Love Unknown**Stanzas 1 & 3***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****Lift Up Your Heads***William Mathias*

Lift up your heads, O ye gates,
 And be ye lift up ye everlasting doors,
 And the King of glory shall come in.
 Who is this King of glory?
 The Lord strong and mighty,
 The Lord mighty in battle.

Lift up your heads, O ye gates,
 Even lift them up, ye everlasting doors,
 And the King of glory shall come in.
 Who is this King of glory?
 The Lord of hosts,
 He is the King of glory.

WORD

CHORAL PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Cheshire

O grant us, Lord, this week to trace
Thy passion and thy love,
And by thine all-inspiring grace
Uplift our heart above.

SCRIPTURE READING

Psalter: **Psalm 118:1-2, 19-29**

Gospel: **Luke 19:28-40**

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

SERMON

Palm Sunday Meditation

Rev. Edwin Estevez

SENDING

* RECESSIONAL HYMN 189

Ride On, Ride On in Majesty!

Winchester New

CHARGE AND BENEDICTION *(Seated)*

CHORAL AMEN

CLOSING VOLUNTARY

Lord Jesus, Thou Art Going Forth

Camil van Hulse

Worship/ Music Notes

As we celebrate Palm Sunday the service is ushered in by the choirs singing *Ingrediente Domino*, the Latin text of the story of Jesus' triumphal entry into Jerusalem. We are then led by our children in the Processional of Palms, singing the hymns *All Glory, Laud and Honor* and *Hosanna, Loud Hosanna!*

In our time with children, the Junior Girls sing first *Ride On Now, O King!* by Helen Kemp, in which you can hear the sound of the donkey riding along the road to Jerusalem, and the exuberant melody of "Hosanna". Continuing with praise, we will hear from our Sunday School Music class, as they lead us in the song they have been learning, *Lord, I Lift Your Name on High*.

Before and after prayer, we hear *My Song Is Love Unknown*, first as an anthem set by Malcom Archer, sung by the Chancel Choir women and Senior Girls' Choir, and then as a congregational hymn. This vivid and poignant reflection on Christ's Passion is powerful in how it depicts Christ's love shown to us, "the loveless, that we might lovely be." We joy in Christ's love for us, yet feel it wrapped together with the pain of his betrayal, as we cry "Crucify!...and for his death we thirst and cry."

As we give thanks by the giving of our tithes and offerings, the choirs sing *Lift Up Your Heads*, a joyful and vibrant anthem by William Mathias, that encourages us to look and see that Jesus, the King of Glory has come in! After the word proclaimed we are sent out declaring Christ's majesty, and look ahead to his Passion as we sing the hymn *Ride on! Ride On in Majesty!*

If you are in need of prayer

You may submit prayer requests online at kirkinthehills.org under Connect/Prayer.

The flowers on the altar on April 3 were presented to the glory of God in loving memory of Kenneth and Martha Gardhouse by Ron and Chris Gardhouse and family.

The flowers on the altar today were presented to the glory of God by Kathleen Block in loving memory of her husband, Dr. Duane L. Block, their daughter, Susan Rupe, her sister, Marian Kline and her niece, Beth Kline.

Stephen Ministers are available for personal, confidential prayer in Melrose Chapel immediately following Service each Sunday. If you or someone you know is in need of prayer please contact Nancy Lau at 248-835-6691.



Today's Cover Art - Colt | Hannah Garrity | image right purchased by A Sanctified Art
Colt, is a colorful, yet subtle expression of Jesus entering Jerusalem on the back of a donkey. Artist Hannah Garrity used the scripture, Luke 19: 28-40 as her inspiration for this acrylic on canvas artwork.

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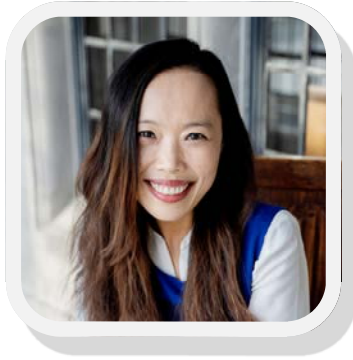
Easter flowers will be used to adorn the Kirk on Easter Sunday.

Easter flower memorials are **due today**. Please make a check payable to "Kirk in the Hills" for \$25.00 along with your name and the person or persons you are memorializing/honoring and drop in the Welcome Center.

The Kirk Music Committee is a committee sanctioned by, and reporting to, Session to support the Director of Music and the Kirk Music Ministry. Additionally, the KMC acts as the representative of the congregation in all matters relating to the Music Ministry and is guided by foundational principles of collaboration, kindness and the example of God's love. We're looking for committee members of all ages and stages, so if you'd like to volunteer your time to help Kirk Music "be all that it can be," please scan the QR code for consideration! If you have any questions please email MusicCmte@kirkinthehills.org.



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



We envision a world where every heart experiences God's transforming love.



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