

KIRK IN THE HILLS
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH (U.S.A.)
TRINITY SUNDAY
JUNE 12, 2022



O LORD OUR LORD

*When I look at the night sky and see the work of your fingers in
the moon and the stars you have set in place
what are mortals that you should think of us,
mere humans that you should care for us?
For you made us only a little lower than God
and you crowned us with glory and honor
and you put us in charge of everything you made
giving us authority over all things.*

THE MAJESTY OF
YOUR NAME

*the sheep and the cattle
and all the wild animals
the birds in the sky
the fish in the sea
and everything that swims
the ocean currents*

FILLS THE EARTH

*The nitrogen in our DNA, the calcium in our teeth, the iron in our blood, the carbon in our apple pies
were made in the interiors of collapsing stars. We are made of star stuff.*

— Carl Sagan, *Cosmos*



We have lots to celebrate today. We're dedicating our terrace as part of our 75th Anniversary Campaign, we're honoring Bill Robinson at the First Annual Bill Robinson Memorial Car Show, and our loose offerings will go to support healthcare ministries for children and the elderly. And every Sunday, we celebrate the goodness of God. The Book of Psalms, with its range of human expression, its ancient wisdom for modern challenges, and its poetry, also have lots to celebrate, centered on the goodness of God. As we begin our new sermon series today, Summer in the Psalms, we hope to explore the breadth of the most well-known Psalms and be reminded of the poetic power and practical wisdom for us today, and most of all, of God's grace. Today's Psalm

8 asks the question "what are human beings that you are mindful of them...?" The rest of the text suggests that at the heart of being truly human is being a good steward of God's resources to serve God's creation.

This is fitting as June's loose offering focus is on children and elderly healthcare ministries that support places like Presbyterian Villages which provides senior housing for those who are low-income and need quality care, as well as children's hospitals like St. Jude's that walk alongside parents and their children as they treat diseases of all kinds. It's also fitting as we commission our youth as they go to serve in Kentucky in tornado-torn communities and gather in devotionals and worship, "out of the mouth of babes." It's fitting as we dedicate the terrace after the 9:00 a.m. service, allowing the Refectory to reopen and be used for worship, fellowship, and outreach. We're also celebrating the life of Bill Robinson with a Memorial Car Show, following the 11:00 a.m. service. We celebrate, remember, and trust in the goodness of God, and with the Psalmist exclaim, "Lord, our Sovereign, how majestic is your name in all the earth!"

Rev. Edwin Estevez
Associate Pastor, Outreach & Mission

THE SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

9:00 a.m. Outdoor Worship

What are humans that You are mindful of them, mortals that You care for them? — Psalm 8:4

GARDEN CLUB FOR CHILDREN

(parents may drop their children, ages 3 to grade 5, at the garden upon arrival to outdoor worship.)

GATHERING

PRELUDE

Living God

Spirit of the living God fall afresh on me;
Spirit of the living God fall afresh on me.
Melt me, mold me, fill me, use me.
Spirit of the living God fall afresh on me.

WELCOME, ANNOUNCEMENTS AND PASTORAL CONCERNS

SUMMER MISSION TRIPS COMMISSIONING

OUR FAITH IN ACTION

Church Officer Nominations

Jim Devlin

* CALL TO WORSHIP

Psalm 24:7-10

Lift up your heads, O gates!
and be lifted up, O ancient doors!
that the King of glory may come in.

Who is the King of glory?

**The Lord, strong and mighty,
the Lord, mighty in battle.**

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and be lifted up, O ancient doors!
that the King of glory may come in.

Who is the King of glory?

**The Lord of hosts,
He is the King of glory.**

* HYMN

O Lord, Our Lord (How Majestic Is Your Name)

Michael W. Smith

O Lord, our Lord, how majestic
is your name in all the earth.
O Lord, our Lord, how majestic
is your name in all the earth.
O Lord, we praise your name.
O Lord, we magnify your name:
Prince of Peace, mighty God;
O Lord God Almighty.

*** PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

Psalm 51

Have mercy on me, O God,
according to your steadfast love;
According to your abundant mercy
blot out my transgressions.

**Wash me thoroughly from my iniquity,
and cleanse me from my sin.**

**Create in me a clean heart, O God,
and put a new and right spirit within me.**

Do not cast me away from your presence,
and do not take your holy spirit from me.

**Restore to me the joy of your salvation,
and sustain in me a willing spirit.**

Silence is held.

Lord, have mercy.

Christ have mercy.

Lord, Have mercy.

*** ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

The sacrifice acceptable to God is a broken spirit;
a broken and contrite heart, God will not despise.

Friends, believe the Good News:

In Jesus Christ we are forgiven!

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.

WORD

SCRIPTURE READING

Psalm 8

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

ANTHEM

Ancient Word

Lynn DeShazo: arr.by Mary McDonald

Holy word long preserved
For our walk in this world,
They resound with God's own heart;
Oh, let the ancient words impart.

Words of life, words of hope
Give us strength, help us cope;
In this world where-e'er we roam,
The ancient words will guide us home.

*Ancient words ever true,
Changing me and changing you;
We have come with open hearts;
Oh, let the ancient words impart.*

Holy words of our faith,
Handed down to this age,
Came to us through sacrifice;
Oh, heed the faithful words of Christ.

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Kirk Singers: Anita Pinson, Director

SERMON

Summer of Psalms: Psalm 8

Rev. Edwin Estevez

SENDING

* HYMN

Fairest Lord Jesus

Crusaders' Hymn

Fairest Lord Jesus, Ruler of all nature,
O thou of God to earth come down,
Thee will I cherish, thee will I honor;
Thou, my soul's glory, joy, and crown.

Faire are the meadows, fairer still the woodlands,
Robed in the blooming garb of spring
Jesus is fairer; Jesus is purer;
Who makes the woeful heart to sing.

CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

Sicilian Mariners

Lord, dismiss us with your blessing;
Fill our hearts with joy and peace;
Let us each, your love possessing,
Triumph in redeeming grace.
O refresh us, O refresh us,
Traveling through this wilderness.

Garden worshippers are encouraged to drop off donations in the baskets located at the Celtic Cross near the exit as you depart.

Please see notes on page 11.

Join us for the Refectory Terrace Blessing immediately following service near the Refectory foyer entrance (exterior door #9).

WORSHIP NOTES

THE SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

11:00 a.m. Sanctuary Worship

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THE CARILLON

OPENING VOLUNTARY

**Prelude on Rockingham
Aria**

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

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* INTROIT

Living God

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* PROCESSIONAL HYMN 401

Here in This Place (Gather Us In)

Gather Us In

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and do not take your holy spirit from me.
**Restore to me the joy of your salvation,
and sustain in me a willing spirit.**

Silence is held.

* KYRIE ELEISON

Land of Rest

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a broken and contrite heart, God will not despise.
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.**

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PRAYER

CHORAL CALL TO PRAYER

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Amen.

THANKSGIVING

* HYMN 25

O Lord, Our God, How Excellent (Psalm 8)
Stanzas 1 & 2

Winchester Old

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. Today's loose offering will support health care ministries. (See note on page 11.)

* PRAYER OF DEDICATION

ANTHEM

Now the Green Blade Riseth

arr. by John Carter

Now the green glade riseth from the buried grain,
Wheat that I the dark earth many days has lain;
Love lives again, that with the dead has been:
Love is come again like wheat that springeth green.

In the grave they laid him, love whom hate has slain,
Thinking that never he would wake again;
Laid in the earth like grain that sleeps unseen:
Love is come again like wheat that springeth green.

Forth he came at Easter, like the risen grain,
He that for three days in the grave had lain;
Quick from the dead my risen Lord is seen:
Love is come again like wheat that springeth green.

When our hearts are wintry, grieving, or in pain,
Thy touch can call us back to life again;
Fields of our hearts that dead and bare have been:
Love is come again like wheat that springeth green.

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* 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

WORD

CHORAL PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Living God

Spirit of the Living God, guide us in your word.
Speak to us with holy fire, let your truth be heard.
Bless us, teach us, heal us, free us.
Spirit of the Living God, guide us in your word.

SCRIPTURE READING

Psalm 8 (*Pew Bible, OT. page 492*)

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

SERMON

Summer Psalms: Psalm 8

Rev. Edwin Estevez

SENDING

* RECESSIONAL HYMN 630

Fairest Lord Jesus

Crusaders' Hymn

CHARGE AND BENEDICTION (*Seated*)

CHORAL ORISON

Sicilian Mariners

Lord, dismiss us with your blessing;
Fill our hearts with joy and peace;
O refresh us, o refresh us,
Traveling through this wilderness.

CLOSING VOLUNTARY

Vestal March

William Lloyd Webber

Worship/Music Notes

On this first Sunday of the *Summer in the Psalms* series, we are grateful to have The Kirk Singers and their director, Anita Pinson, leading us in worship. In the garden, we are led into a spirit of worship with an echo from Pentecost of *Spirit of the Living God*. Our opening hymn, *O Lord, Our Lord* is a contemporary worship setting of the psalm for this Sunday, Psalm 8 by Michael W. Smith. The Kirk Singers' anthem, *Ancient Words*, emphasizes both the divine origin and the spiritual benefits of the word of God and is a reminder that the ancient texts of God's word, like the Psalms, are words to live by. They will encourage us, and if we "come with open hearts," will change us if we let them. The closing hymn, *Fairest Lord Jesus* speaks of the beauty of God's creation and how Jesus as our "beautiful Savior" is purer and fairer than all that God has created. We are dismissed by a prayer for God to fill us with His joy and peace and we travel through life's wilderness.

In the sanctuary, we open with Daniel Iverson's well-loved prayer *Spirit of the Living God*, and we will hear this repeated with additional lyrics during the choral prayer for illumination. We sing together our processional hymn *Here in This Place (Gather Us In)*, praying for God to join us together as a community. The choral call to prayer, *Ancient Words*, emphasizes both the divine origin and the spiritual benefits of the word of God and is a reminder that the ancient texts of God's word, like the Psalms, are words to live by. We then sing Hymn 25 *O Lord, Our God, How Excellent*, a setting of the psalm for this Sunday, Psalm 8.

The Kirk Singers' offertory selection *Now the Green Blade Riseth*, arranged by John Carter, are words that encourage fruitful reflection. This anthem encapsulates the implications of these words in its deceptively simple depiction of Jesus ("Love") in that dark hiatus between Good Friday and Easter morning: "laid in the earth like grain that sleeps unseen". Here, and throughout the hymn, lyrics of hope are present in all our Easter Saturdays of death and despair, ready to push through and grow once more in the shape of God's love. After the sermon, the closing hymn, *Fairest Lord Jesus* speaks of the beauty of God's creation and how Jesus as our "beautiful Savior" is purer and fairer than all that God has created. We are dismissed by a prayer for God to fill us with His joy and peace and we travel through life's wilderness.

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 11:00 a.m. service. See an usher for direction or further details.

Loose offerings collected today will support health care ministries. You can make note of that on your check, envelope, or online gift to show your support. For text to give information, please refer to the information card in the pew rack in front of you.

Join us for coffee and fellowship on the patio after the 9:00 a.m. worship service!

About todays cover art

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Timothy Botts is widely known for his expressive calligraphy. The book of Psalms lies at the very heart of the Bible—a most appropriate place, as it expresses a wealth of emotions in richly metaphorical language. For that reason, it's a favorite for many artists, such as Botts.

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Worship Times

8:00 a.m. - Cedarholm Chapel

9:00 a.m. - Outdoor Worship

11:00 a.m. - Sanctuary

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



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