

KIRK IN THE HILLS
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH (U.S.A.)
ELEVENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
AUGUST 21, 2022



And God said, "Let the waters under the sky be gathered together into one place, and let the dry land appear." And it was so. God called the dry land Earth, and the waters that were gathered together he called Seas. And God saw that it was good. — Genesis 1: 9 10

Kirk in the Hills is planning a pilgrimage of spiritual growth and enrichment to Egypt. We will encounter the religious experiences of the ancient Egyptians and discover the roots of our own Biblical origins. This is a country that saved Jacob's family from starvation, educated Moses, and shielded Jesus from Herod's wrath.

We will have the opportunity to visit the monumental remains of Pharaonic Egypt with its magnificent historical treasures as well as modern Egypt's mosques, squares and the Nile. We will visit the cities of Cairo, Alexandria and Luxor.

We will meet members of the Coptic church, visit some of the oldest mosques and learn what it is like to live as a Christian in a predominantly Muslim country.

Our tour guide is the esteemed Old Testament scholar, Dr. Theodore Hiebert. He has a Ph.D. in Classical Hebrew and Hebrew Scriptures, a M.Div. from Princeton Theological Seminary and a B.A. in English Literature from Fresno Pacific University. Dr Hiebert's research has been primarily in the Pentateuch and the Prophets. (Information courtesy of McCormick Theological Seminary)

The cost of this trip including all airfares and five-star hotels is \$4,295 per person/double occupancy. Registration and further details can be viewed below. We have just more than 10 slots left to fill to reach our price threshold. **Register by August 31 to ensure pricing for our group stays low!**

If you have any questions, please contact Ruth Reading at 248-875-1371 or at sterlingdesigns@yahoo.com.

TODAY! Join us for a *Pilgrimage to Egypt* Q&A about the pilgrimage during *The Daily News & The Good News* class in the Upper Room. Our guide for this trip, Dr. Theodore Hiebert, will be with us. If you are considering attending the pilgrimage, this is a great opportunity to learn more!



THE SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

9:00 a.m. Outdoor Worship

GARDEN CLUB FOR CHILDREN

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

GATHERING

PRELUDE

Take Me to the Water

Take Me to the Water

Take me to the water,
Take me to the water.
Take me to the water to be baptized.

* CALL TO WORSHIP

In life and in death, we belong to God,
whom alone we worship and adore.
We trust in Jesus Christ, who proclaimed the reign of God;
**Bringing good news to the poor and release to the captives,
teaching by word and deed and blessing the children.**
We trust in the Holy Spirit,
everywhere the giver and renewer of life.
Glory to God, who created, redeems and sustains us all!

* HYMN

Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing

Nettleton

**Come, thou Fount of every blessing;
Tune my heart to sing thy grace;
Streams of mercy, never ceasing,
Call for songs of loudest praise.
Teach me some melodious sonnet,
Sung by flaming tongues above;
Praise the mount! I'm fixed upon it,
Mount of God's unchanging love!**

**Here I raise my Ebenezer;
Hither by thy help I'm come;
And I hope, by thy good pleasure,
Safely to arrive at home.
Jesus sought me when a stranger,
Wandering from the fold of God;
He, to rescue me from danger,
Interposed his precious blood.**

**O to grace how great a debtor
Daily I'm constrained to be!
Let that grace now, like a fetter,
Bind my wandering heart to thee.
Prone to wander, Lord, I feel it,
Prone to leave the God I love;
Here's my heart; o take and seal it;
Seal it for thy courts above.**

WELCOME, ANNOUNCEMENTS AND PASTORAL CONCERNS

* THE APOSTLES' CREED

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.
I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come to judge the living and the dead.
I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

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.

SOLO

At the River

Aaron Copland

Shall we gather at the river,
Where bright angel feet have trod,
With its crystal tide forever
Flowing by the throne of God.
Yes, we'll gather by the river,
The beautiful, the beautiful river.
Gather with the saints at the river
That flows by the throne of God.

Soon we'll reach the shining river,
Soon our pilgrimage will cease,
Soon our happy hearts will quiver
With the melody of peace.
Yes, we'll gather by the river,
The beautiful, the beautiful river,
Gather with the saints at the river
That flows by the throne of God.

Kurt Frank, bass

WORD

SCRIPTURE READING

Genesis 1:9-10 and Revelation 22:1-2

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

SENDING

*** HYMN**

I've Got Peace Like a River

I've Got Peace Like a River

**I've got peace like a river;
I've got peace like a river;
I've got peace like a river, in my soul.
I've got peace like a river;
I've got peace like a river;
I've got peace like a river, in my soul.

I've got joy like a fountain...

I've got love like an ocean...**

CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

CARILLON RECITAL

Dennis Curry, Bloomfield Hills, MI

Carillon programs are available from the ushers or in literature racks.

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.

WORSHIP NOTES

THE SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

11:00 a.m. Sanctuary Worship

THE CARILLON

OPENING VOLUNTARIES

Aria
Aria

Flor Peeters
Paul Manz

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

* INTROIT

Take Me to the Water

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Take me to the water.
Take me to the water to be baptized.

* CALL TO WORSHIP

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* PROCESSIONAL HYMN 475

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Nettleton

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conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered
under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; he
descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again; he
ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father,
and he will come to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church, the
communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of
the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.**

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

THE SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

*Christian and Heidi Allen, Mike and Erin Davidson,
Keith and Erin Hansen, Daniel and Kaitlin Maloziec,
Justin and Emily Reash, Oliver and Kailyn Stahl,
Mark and Abigail Steiner*

CHORAL ORISON

Liebster Jesu

Dearest Jesus, we are here,
Gladly Your command obeying.
With this child we now draw near
In response to Your own saying
That to You it shall be given
As a child and heir of heaven.

PRESENTATION

THE BAPTISM

*Charles Avery Allen, Parker John Davidson, Finley Violet Hansen,
Ethan Daniel Maloziec, Elizabeth Clare Reash, Kennedy Margot Stahl,
Emma Kate Steiner*

BAPTISMAL HYMN 482 (*seated*)

Baptized in Water

Bunessan

WORD

CHORAL PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Munich

O Word of God incarnate,
O Wisdom from on high,
O Truth unchanged, unchanging,
O Light of our dark sky,
we praise thee for the radiance
that from the hallowed page,
a lantern to our footsteps,
shines on from age to age.

SCRIPTURE READING

Genesis 1:9-10 and Revelation 22:1-2 (*OT, page 1; NT, page 260*)
The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

SERMON

Baptism from 20,000 Feet

Rev. Dr. Andrew McDonald

* HYMN 623

I've Got Peace Like a River

Peace Like a River

PRAYER

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hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come,
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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

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.

* PRAYER OF DEDICATION

SOLO

At the River

Aaron Copland

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Where bright angel feet have trod,
With its crystal tide forever
Flowing by the throne of God.
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The beautiful, the beautiful river.
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That flows by the throne of God.

Soon we'll reach the shining river,
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Soon our happy hearts will quiver
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Kurt Frank, bass

* 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

SENDING

* RECESSIONAL HYMN 295

Go to the World!

Sine Nomine

CHARGE AND BENEDICTION *(Seated)*

CHORAL ORISON

Ar Hyd Y Nos

Go my children, with my blessing, never alone.
Waking, sleeping, I am with you, you are my own.
In my love's baptismal river I have made you mine forever.
Go, my children, with my blessing, you are my own.

CLOSING VOLUNTARY

Holy God, We Praise Thy Name

Flor Peeters

CARILLON RECITAL

Dennis Curry, Bloomfield Hills, MI

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WORSHIP NOTES

Worship/Music Notes

Today we come to the water as we look at *Baptism from 20,000 feet* and celebrate the baptism of seven of our young ones. We open with the simple spiritual *Take Me to the Water*, and sing together the beloved hymn *Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing*. Written by a British Baptist pastor, this hymn text uses imagery of Christ as the giver of living water and the shepherd gathering his sheep back into the fold, reminding us of the ever-bountiful grace of God that we receive through baptism.

After the sacrament of baptism, we affirm the meaning of our baptism in singing *Baptized in Water*, a triumphant hymn that succinctly captures our need for salvation, and the promise of freedom we gain in becoming God's children through Christ. And after the Word proclaimed, we continue to wade in the waters of peace, joy and love, singing *I've Got Peace Like a River*.

During the offertory, our soloist sings *At the River*, the fourth song in Aaron Copland's Old American Songs, Volume 2. Based on this morning's text from Revelation 22:1–2, it invites us to gather at the "beautiful river flowing by the throne of God" – where we are made whole, and connected to those "saints" who, like us, have been marked as God's own. It is from this place of belonging and connectedness that we can *Go to the World*, sharing the good news with those around us and celebrating baptism "as a sign of our rebirth." And as we receive the benediction, we are assured that we are sealed in the baptismal river of God's love, and that he has made us his forever.

The organ's first voluntary is by the famous Belgian organist and composer Flor Peeters.

This aria was first intended as a middle movement for a trumpet sonata, but soon became an independent organ piece. The second aria is by Paul Manz, who studied with Dr. Peeters. Manz clearly took inspiration from his mentor, even as his aria explores more modern harmonies and form. The organ postlude, also by Peeters, treats the Trinitarian hymn "Holy God" by placing triplet chordal figures against the cantus firmus (melody) of the hymn.

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.

Join us for coffee and fellowship on the patio after the 9:00 a.m. worship service! In case of rain, join us in Heritage Hall.

The flowers on the altar are presented to the glory of God in loving memory of Jack C. Perrollaz by his wife and family.

About today's cover art

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About today's Organist

Our guest organist today is Dr. Randall D. Engle. Dr. Engle is Director of Christianity Studies at Oakland University, and an ordained minister in the Christian Reformed Church. He holds a PhD in historical theology from the University of Wales and, before that, earned music (organ performance) degrees at Calvin University and St. Olaf College. He and his wife, Kathy, are "empty nesters" and live in Troy, MI.



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