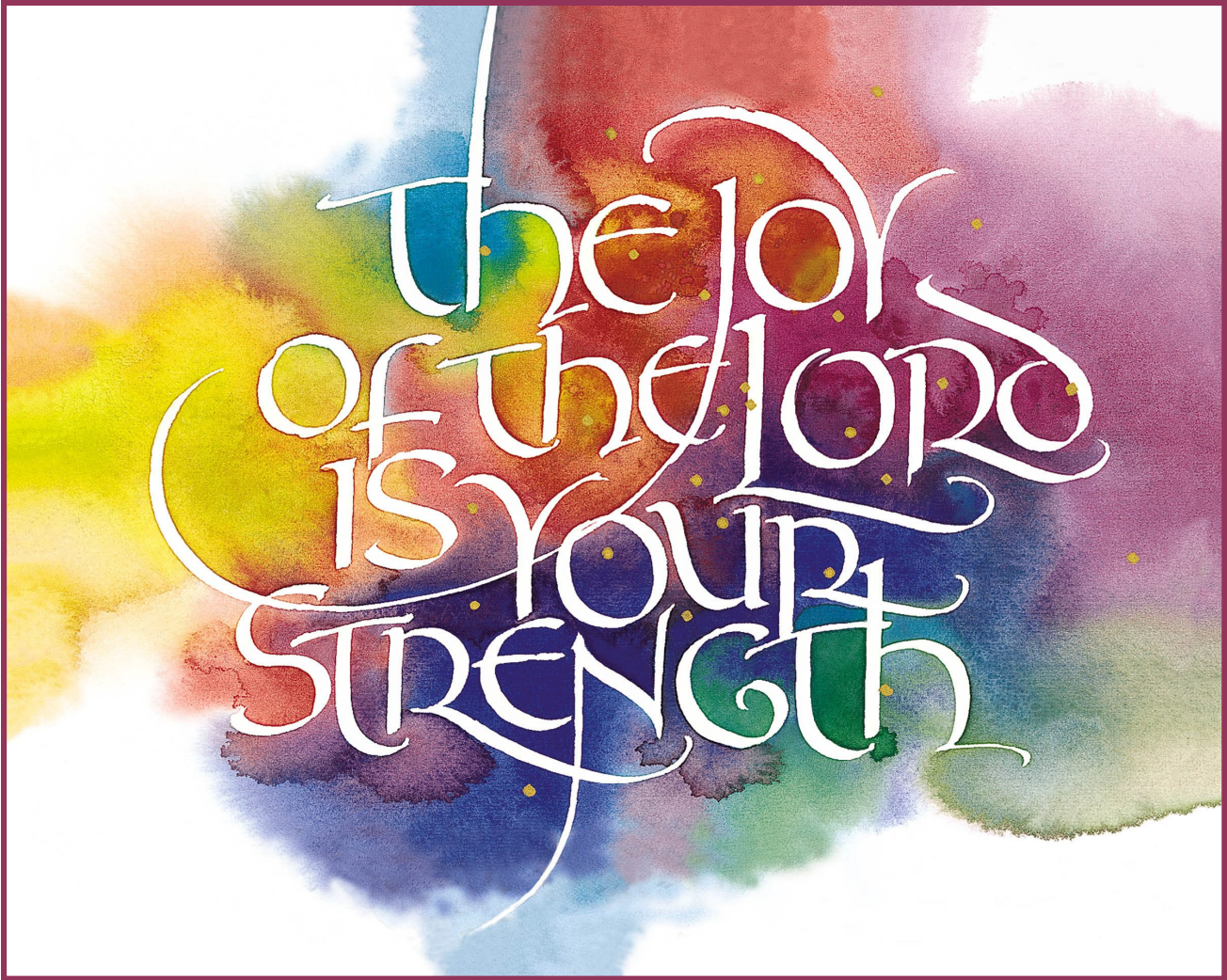


KIRK IN THE HILLS  
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH (U.S.A.)  
TWELFTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST  
AUGUST 28, 2022



**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 4 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](mailto:sterlingdesigns@yahoo.com).



Pilgrimage to  
**Egypt**

Kirk in the Hills

**4 SPOTS LEFT**

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# 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

#### **I Love to Tell the Story**

*William Fischer*

I love to tell the story of unseen things above,  
Of Jesus and his glory, of Jesus and his love.  
I love to tell the story because I know it's true;  
It satisfies my longings as nothing else can do.  
*I love to tell the story; 'twill be my theme in glory  
to tell the old, old story of Jesus and his love.*

I love to tell the story; 'tis pleasant to repeat  
What seems, each time I tell it, more wonderfully sweet!  
I love to tell the story, for some have never heard  
The message of salvation from God's own holy Word.  
*I love to tell the story; 'twill be my theme in glory  
to tell the old, old story of Jesus and his love.*

I love to tell the story, for those who know it best  
Seem hungering and thirsting to hear it, like the rest.  
And when in scenes of glory I sing the new, new song,  
'twill be the old, old story that I have loved so long.

*Dalas Armand Stewart, tenor*

## WELCOME, ANNOUNCEMENTS AND PASTORAL CONCERNS

### \* CALL TO WORSHIP

*from the Confession of 1967*

The one sufficient revelation of God is Jesus Christ,  
The Word of God incarnate,  
To whom the Holy Spirit bears unique and authoritative witness  
Through the Holy Scriptures,  
Which are received and obeyed as the word of God written.  
The Scriptures are not a witness among others,  
But the witness without parallel.

### \* HYMN

#### **God of the Ages, Whose Almighty Hand**

*National Hymn*

**God of the ages, whose almighty hand  
Leads forth in beauty all the starry band  
Of shining worlds in splendor through the skies,  
Our grateful songs before thy throne arise.**

**Thy love divine hath led us in the past.  
In this free land with thee our lot is cast.  
Be thou our ruler, guardian, guide, and stay:  
Thy Word our law, thy paths our chosen way.**

Refresh thy people on their toilsome way.  
Lead us from night to never-ending day.  
Fill all our lives with love and grace divine,  
And glory, laud, and praise be ever thine.

\* PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Lord we have neglected the study of your word,  
And closed our hearts to the voice of your Word, Jesus Christ.  
Forgive us. Help us to be disciplined disciples.  
Open our ears and our hearts  
That we may receive the illumination of your Holy Spirit. Amen.

\* ASSURANCE OF PARDON

If God is for us, who or what can stand against us?  
Nothing can separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus.  
Believe and share the good news!

**In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven!**  
**In Jesus Christ, we are a new creation!**

## 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

**I Am His, and He Is Mine**

*James Mountain*

Oh, this full and perfect peace!  
Oh, this transport all divine!  
In a love which cannot cease,  
I am His, and He is mine.

Things that once were wild alarms  
Cannot now disturb my rest;  
Closed in everlasting arms,  
Pillowed on the loving breast.  
Oh, to lie forever here,  
Doubt and care and self resign,  
While He whispers in my ear,  
I am His, and He is mine.  
While He whispers in my ear,  
I am His, and He is mine.

His forever, only His;  
Who the Lord and me shall part?  
Ah, with what a rest of bliss  
Christ can fill the loving heart!  
Heav'n and earth may fade and flee,  
Firstborn light in gloom decline;  
But while God and I shall be,  
I am His, and He is mine.  
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## WORD

### SCRIPTURE READING

**Luke 4: 14-21**

**Nehemiah 8: 1-3, 6-10**

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

### SERMON

**The Bible: Thick or Thin?**

Rev. Dr. Andrew McDonald

## SENDING

### \* HYMN

**Blessed Assurance, Jesus Is Mine!**

*Assurance*

**Blessed assurance, Jesus is mine!  
Oh, what a foretaste of glory divine!  
Heir of salvation, purchase of God,  
Born of his Spirit, washed in His blood.  
*This is my story; this is my song,  
Praising my Savior all the day long;  
This is my story; this is my song,  
Praising my Savior all the day long.***

**Perfect submission, perfect delight,  
Visions of rapture now burst on my sight;  
Angels descending bring from above  
Echoes of mercy, whispers of love.  
*This is my story; this is my song...***

**Perfect submission, all is at rest;  
I in my Savior am happy and blest,  
Watching and waiting, looking above,  
Filled with his goodness, lost in his love.  
*This is my story; this is my song...***

### CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

### POSTLUDE

*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 VOLUNTARY

**Variations on *If You But Trust in God to Guide You***

*Wim van der Panne*

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

### \* INTROIT

*Liebster Jesu*

Blessed Jesus, at your word  
we have come again to hear you;  
let our thoughts and hearts be stirred  
and in glowing faith be near you.  
By your gospel true and holy,  
teach us, Lord, to love you solely.

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### \* PROCESSIONAL HYMN 331

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Forgive us. Help us to be disciplined disciples.  
Open our ears and our hearts  
That we may receive the illumination of your Holy Spirit. Amen.**

### \* KYRIE ELEISON

*John Merbecke*

Lord, have mercy upon us.  
Christ, have mercy upon us.  
Lord, have mercy upon us.

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### \* 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.**

*Greatorex*

## WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

### PRAYER

#### CHORAL PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

**Where Cross the Crowded Ways of Life** *arr. William Whitehead*

Where cross the crowded ways of life,  
Where sound the cries of race and clan,  
Above the noise of selfish strife,  
We hear Thy voice, O Son of man!

In haunts of wretchedness and need,  
On shadowed thresholds dark with fears,  
From paths where hide the lures of greed,  
We catch the vision of Thy tears.

The cup of water giv'n for Thee  
Still holds the freshness of Thy grace;  
Yet long these multitudes to see  
the sweet compassion of Thy face.

O Master, from the mountainside,  
Make haste to heal these hearts of pain;  
Among these restless throngs abide,  
O tread the city's streets again,

Till sons of men shall learn Thy love,  
And follow where Thy feet have trod;  
Till glorious from Thy heav'n above  
shall come the city of our God!

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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 462

**I Love to Tell the Story**

*Hankey*

#### 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

**I Am His, and He Is Mine**

*James Mountain*

Loved with everlasting love,  
Led by grace that love to know;  
Spirit, breathing from above,  
Thou hast taught me it is so!  
Oh, this full and perfect peace!  
Oh, this transport all divine!  
In a love which cannot cease,  
I am His, and He is mine.

Things that once were wild alarms  
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*Dalas Armand Stewart, tenor*

\* 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**

*Liebster Jesu*

Word that speaks your Father's love,  
One with him beyond all telling,  
Word that sends us from above  
God the Spirit, with us dwelling,  
Word of truth, to all truth lead us,  
Word of life, with one Bread feed us.

**SCRIPTURE READING**

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**SERMON**

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## SENDING

\* RECESSIONAL HYMN 839      **Blessed Assurance, Jesus Is Mine!**      *Assurance*

CHARGE AND BENEDICTION (*Seated*)

CHORAL AMEN

CLOSING VOLUNTARY      **Tuba Tune in D Major**      *C. S. Lang*

## Worship/Music Notes

In worship today we are focusing on the Bible, God's Word to us, and seeing God's love for us on every page. As we gather, we open with a prayer *Blessed Jesus, at Your Word*, for our "hearts and minds to be stirred" at the hearing of the Word. In our opening hymn *God of the Ages, Whose Almighty Hand*, we bestow adoration and praise on God whose word is our law, and fills "all our lives with love and grace divine."

As we come to a time of prayer, we hear the choir sing, *Where Cross the Crowded Ways of Life* about hearing God's voice amidst the storms, despite our and humanity's failings. It is out of the grace we have received that we give of ourselves, and in preparation for the giving of our tithes and offerings, we sing together *I Love to Tell the Story*, sharing the "message of salvation from God's Word...of Jesus and his love." We then hear the soloist sing that very story in *I Am His and He Is Mine*, a hymn penned with an intimate knowledge of how God loves us with an "everlasting love."

In preparation to hear the word, the choir sings "Word that speaks your Father's love" and we again hear the tune of *Liebster Jesu (Dearest Jesus)*, an often sung choral prayer for illumination. After the Word is proclaimed, we respond by singing *Blessed Assurance, Jesus Is Mine*, a long-cherished hymn of comfort. We know that in spite of all the trials that may come, we serve a Savior who has come to bring God's Kingdom on earth. As we strive each day to follow him, "filled with his goodness, lost in his love," we can say that salvation in Christ and our relationship with him *is* our story and our song!

**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!

**A garden memorial** is presented to the glory of God in loving memory of

### About today's cover art

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Timothy Botts is an artist who has a focus of calligraphy. He was born in Pennsylvania and currently resides in Glen Ellyn, Illinois. He is well known for his transformation of bible verses into pieces 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 parents of two grown and married children, and now enjoy life as "empty nesters" in Troy.

### About today's Organ music

Today's organ music showcases the various and remarkable solo stops on our Moeller pipe organ. Dutch composer Wim van der Panne wrote seven creative sketches (variations) on the beloved hymn "If You But Trust," each with a unique sound pallet that leads to the final variation, the chorale on full organ. The postlude *Tuba Tune* features the high-pressure tuba stop.



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

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