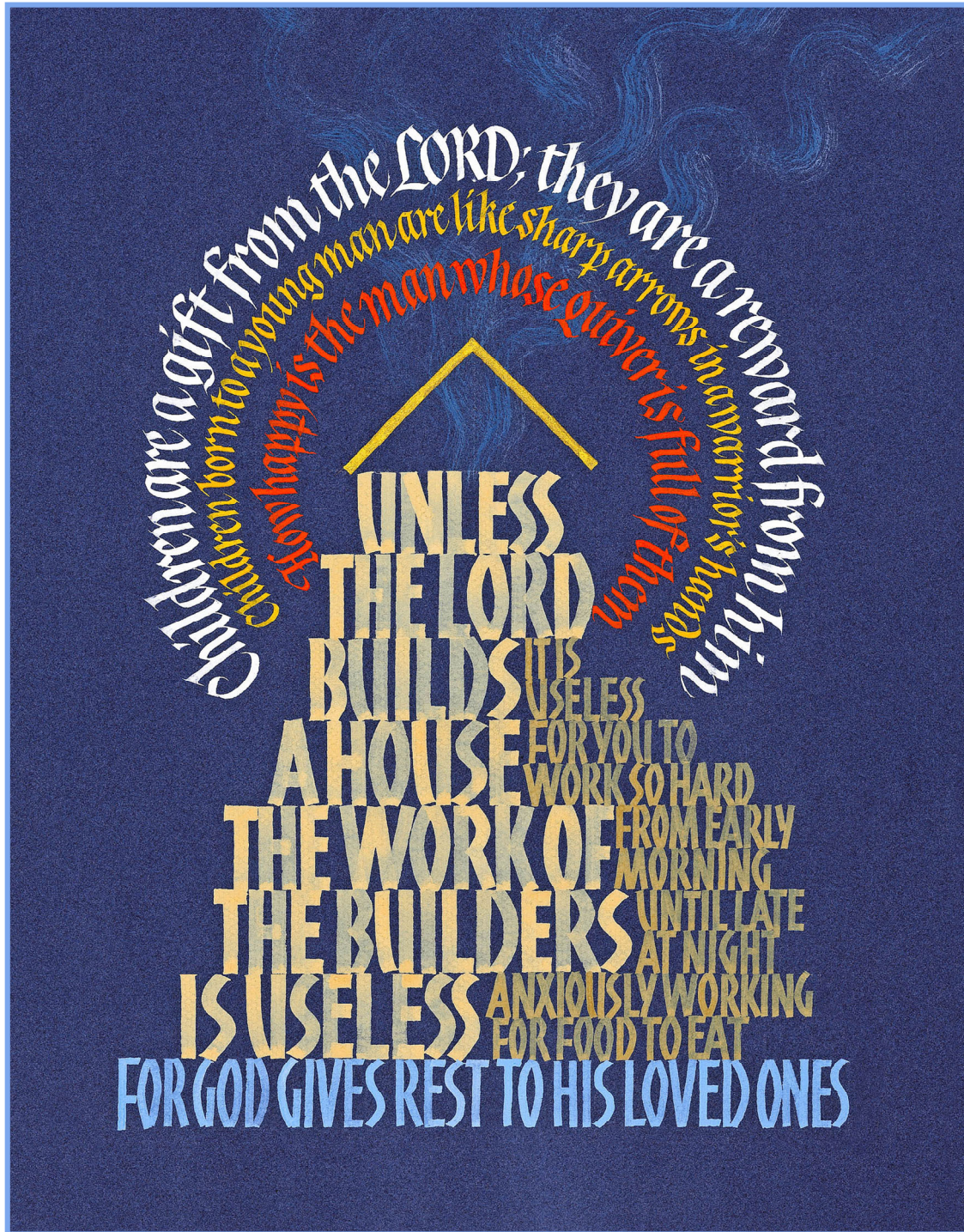


KIRK IN THE HILLS
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH (U.S.A.)
THIRTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
SEPTEMBER 4, 2022



Welcome to our Bridge Director of Music Ministry!

We are pleased to announce that a highly qualified Bridge Director of Music Ministry will join the Kirk to provide departmental leadership and ensure a robust music program for our church. Marilyn Biery was selected as the Bridge Director of Music Ministry and will start on September 1, 2022. We know you'll enjoy meeting and getting to know her as much as we have! A decision regarding the restart of the permanent director search will be made by Dr. McDonald and Session. Given the close working relationship required between the Sr. Pastor and the Director of Music, this decision may wait for the arrival of the next installed Senior Pastor and Head of Staff.



About Marilyn Biery

Marilyn Perkins Biery is an organist, conductor, composer, hymn writer, and keyboard acquisitions editor for Augsburg Fortress of Minneapolis, Minnesota. She has served as music director for several downtown Detroit churches, most recently at Fort Street Presbyterian Church.

Before moving to Michigan with her husband, James Biery, in 2010, Marilyn was Associate Director of Music at the Cathedral of St. Paul in St. Paul, Minnesota. The Bierys also lived in Connecticut, where Marilyn was Director of Music Ministries at First Church of Christ (Center Church) in downtown Hartford.

Marilyn holds Bachelor and Master of Music degrees in organ performance from Northwestern University—she entered the doctoral program in choral conducting at the University of Connecticut before they moved to Minnesota, and she finished her Doctor of Musical Arts degree in organ performance from the University of Minnesota (the University of Minnesota didn't offer a doctorate in conducting at the time).

Her hymn texts, choral and organ compositions are published by GIA, MorningStar, Augsburg Fortress, and Concordia. Her organ performances have been broadcast numerous times over the syndicated organ program from Minnesota, Pipedreams.

She and Jim live in Grosse Pointe Farms—Jim is Minister of Music and Organist at Grosse Pointe Memorial Church. Their daughter, Laura, lives in Royal Oak and is a litigation attorney at Honigman in Detroit. The Bierys have a Jack Russell/Dachshund mix dog that they got as a rescue last year. Marilyn loves to cook and bake bread.

THE SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

9:00 a.m. Garden Service

GARDEN CLUB FOR CHILDREN

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

GATHERING

PRELUDE

WELCOME, ANNOUNCEMENTS AND PASTORAL CONCERNS

* CALL TO WORSHIP

Psalm 100

Make a joyful noise to the Lord, all the earth!
Serve the Lord with gladness!
Come into his presence with singing!
Know that the Lord, he is God!
It is he who made us, and we are his;
We are his people, and the sheep of his pasture.
Enter his gates with thanksgiving,
And his courts with praise!
Give thanks to him; bless his name!
For the Lord is good;
His steadfast love endures forever,
And his faithfulness to all generations.

OPENING HYMN

O Day of Rest and Gladness

Es Flog Ein Kleins Waldvögelein

O day of rest and gladness,
O day of joy and light,
O balm for care and sadness,
Most beautiful, most bright;
On you, the high and lowly,
Through ages joined in tune,
Sing "Holy, holy, holy"
To the great God Triune.

On you, at earth's creation,
The light first had its birth;
On you, for our salvation,
Christ rose from depths of earth;
On you, our Lord victorious,
Sent Spirit sent from heaven.
And thus on you most glorious,
A triple light was given.

On you, God's people, meeting,
The Holy Scripture hear,
Christ's living presence greeting,
Through bread and wine made near.
New graces ever gaining
From this our day of rest,
We reach the rest remaining
To spirits of the blest.

* DUET

Come Unto Him

arr. Lee Dengler

Come unto him, all you that labor,
Bring to him your heavy burdens.
Come unto him, you who are weary;
And He will give you rest.
Bring your cares to Jesus.

Remember this, that He is with you.
He'll bear your heavy burdens.
He'll stay with you now and forever;
And He will give you rest.
Bring your cares to Jesus.
Come unto him and rest.

Lauren Greco, soprano; Chantel Woodard, mezzo-soprano

* PRAYER OF CONFESSION

adapted from Psalm 130

Out of the depths I cry to you, O Lord.
Lord hear my voice!
Let your ears be attentive to the voice of my supplications!
If you, O Lord, should mark iniquities,
Lord, who could stand?
But there is forgiveness with you,
so that you may be revered.
I wait for the Lord, my soul waits,
and in his word I hope;
my soul waits for the Lord
more than those who watch for the morning.

Silence is held.

Lord, have mercy.

Christ have mercy.

Lord, Have mercy.

* ASSURANCE OF PARDON

People of God, hope in the Lord!
For with the Lord there is steadfast love,
And with him is great power to redeem.
It is he who will redeem us from all our iniquities.

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 127:1-2 and Luke 13:10-17
The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

SERMON

Unless the Lord Builds the House

Rev. Tyler Brinks

SENDING

* HYMN

God, Whose Giving Knows No Ending

Beach Spring

God, whose giving knows no ending,
From your rich and endless store,
Nature's wonder, Jesus' wisdom,
Costly cross, grave's shattered door:
Gifted by you, we turn to you,
Offering up ourselves in praise;
Thankful song shall rise forever,
Gracious donor of our days.

Skills and time are ours for pressing
Toward the goals of Christ, your Son:
All at peace in health and freedom,
Races joined, the church made one.
Now direct our daily labor,
Lest we strive for self alone.
Born with talents, make us servants
Fit to answer at your throne.

Treasure, too, you have entrusted,
Gain through powers your grace conferred:
Ours to use for home and kindred,
And to spread the gospel word.
Open wide our hands in sharing,
As we heed Christ's ageless call,
Healing, teaching, and reclaiming,
Serving you by loving all.

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 Service

THE CARILLON

OPENING VOLUNTARIES

A Suite of Chorale Preludes

Paul Manz

I. Praise to the Lord, the Almighty

II. If You But Trust in God to Guide You

III. Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing

IV. Open Now Thy Gates of Beauty

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

* INTROIT

Bourbon

Unless the Lord the house shall build,
The weary builders toil in vain;
Unless the Lord the city shield,
The guards a useless watch maintain.

In vain you rise at morning break,
and late your nightly vigils keep,
And weary days of toil partake;
For God's beloved there is sleep.

* CALL TO WORSHIP

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And his faithfulness to all generations.

* PROCESSIONAL HYMN 393

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Christ have mercy.

Lord, Have mercy.

*** KYRIE ELEISON**

Healey Willan

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Christ, have mercy upon us.

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*** GLORIA PATRI (HYMN 581)**

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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WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRAYER

CHORAL CALL TO PRAYER

Come Unto Him

arr. Lee Dengler

Come unto him, all you that labor,

Bring to him your heavy burdens.

Come unto him, you who are weary;

And He will give you rest.

Bring your cares to Jesus.

He shall feed his flock like a shepherd;

And he shall gather the lambs with his arm.

So do not let your hearts be troubled.

Give to him your heavy burdens.

Through darkest night, He will go with you;

And He will give you rest.

Bring your cares to Jesus.

Remember this, that He is with you.

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He'll stay with you now and forever;

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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 716

God Whose Giving Knows No Ending

Beach Spring

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

ANTHEM

All Our Work and All Our Being

Thurlow Weed

All our work and all our being
Come from you, most gracious Lord.
Ev'ry task which lies before us
Is Creator's will outpoured.
Help us as we build your kingdom
Know we labor not in vain;
Give us sure and deep conviction
For the tasks that you ordain.

Some may nurture those who hunger,
Tend and heal the broken heart;
Set our flagging spirits dancing,
Spark our vision through their art.
Others teach and offer counsel,
Bear life's burdens, ease its care;
Strive for justice, peace, and freedom
For all people ev'rywhere.

Let us labor in the knowledge
That no task can be too small;
That the God who stretched the heavens
No less shaped the least of all.
Give us strength, Lord, to accomplish
What you set our hands to do,
That by serving those around us,
We return the gift to you.

* DOXOLOGY (HYMN 606)

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

Following the Doxology, the congregation will remain standing to sing the last stanza of America in recognition of Labor Day.

(HYMN 337)

Our fathers' God, to thee, Author of liberty, to thee we sing;
Long may our land be bright, with freedom's holy light;
Protect us by thy might, great God, our King. Amen.

WORD

CHORAL PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Gibbons

Holy Spirit, Truth divine,
dawn upon this soul of mine.
Word of God, and inward Light,
wake my spirit, clear my sight.

SCRIPTURE READING

Psalm 127:1-2 (*OT, page 573*)
Luke 13:10-17 (*NT, page 77*)
The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

SERMON

Unless the Lord Builds the House

Rev. Tyler Brinks

SENDING

* RECESSIONAL HYMN 432

How Clear Is Our Vocation Lord

Repton

CHARGE AND BENEDICTION (*Seated*)

CHORAL ORISON

Junkanoo

Now go in joy to spread the Word
till all people have heard:
God embraces all!
Follow, then, the disciples' call:
tend your neighbors with loving care
in daily work and prayer.
God's own grace empower your spirit. Amen!

CLOSING VOLUNTARY

God of Grace

Paul Manz

Worship/Music Notes

In worship today we are exploring Sabbath, and how rest and work can co-exist on the Sabbath day. We open with a setting of our scripture passage Psalm 127: 1-2, *Unless the Lord the House Shall Build*, recognizing that our human labors are in vain without God's help. Together we sing our opening hymn, *O Day of Rest and Gladness*, a celebration of the Sabbath and the joy that comes in remembering our creation, salvation in Christ, and the Holy Spirit's descending upon us.

We enter into a time of prayer as the choir sings *Come Unto Him*, an arrangement by Lee Dengler that combines two familiar melodies, the folk tune Shenandoah and He Shall Feed His Flock from Handel's "Messiah." This meaningful text by Susan Naus Dengler is a reminder that Christ is with us in our labors and has come to give rest to the weary.

As we prepare to receive the offering, we sing together *God, Whose Giving Knows No Ending*, "offering ourselves in praise," asking God to "direct our daily labor" and committing ourselves to "serving [God] by loving all." The offertory anthem is *Hymn for Labor Day*, by Thurlow Weed. This newly composed traditional hymn gives thanks for the gift of work and vocation, and tells us that we do not "labor in vain" because we know that we are doing the work of building God's kingdom, and we return that gift to God "by serving those around us."

After hearing the word proclaimed we sing *How Clear Is Our Vocation, Lord*. In this hymn is illustrated God's promise to sustain and even "refresh" us in our daily work and as we live according to his word. We then go out in joy, knowing that our daily work is to love our neighbor with God's grace to empower us!

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!

The flowers on the altar are presented to the glory of God in loving memory of their beloved, Samantha Christine Reynolds by Robert and Christy Reynolds, and brother and sister, Ryan and Stephanie.

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.



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

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