

KIRK IN THE HILLS
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH (U.S.A.)
HOMECOMING
SEPTEMBER 11, 2022



DEAR BROTHERS AND SISTERS
I PLEAD WITH YOU TO
GIVE YOUR BODIES TO GOD
LET THEM BE A LIVING AND HOLY SACRIFICE
THE KIND HE WILL ACCEPT
WHEN YOU THINK OF WHAT HE HAS DONE FOR YOU
IS THIS TOO MUCH TO ASK?
DON'T COPY THE BEHAVIOR AND
CUSTOMS OF THIS WORLD BUT

Let God
transform
you
into a
new person
by changing the way
you think

THEN YOU WILL KNOW
WHAT GOD WANTS YOU TO DO
AND YOU WILL KNOW
HOW GOOD AND PLEASING AND PERFECT
HIS WILL REALLY IS

Help Us Fight World Hunger!

CROP Hunger Walks are community-based walk fundraising events held across the United States to support the global mission of Church World Service, a faith-based organization transforming communities around the globe through responses to hunger, poverty, displacement, and disaster. 75% of the funds raised are sent globally and 25% are returned to the host community to support local hunger-fighting efforts.

Hunger is one of the greatest issues facing our world, but it doesn't have to be this way. Ending hunger is possible in our lifetime. You can help by joining us - with your steps and your donations - to fight food insecurity for the growing number of people in our community who need them and provide disaster relief, refugee resettlement, and other short- and long term missions in communities around the world.

On Sunday, September 25, we walk through Birmingham, beginning at 1:30 p.m. at First United Methodist Church. Every year, the Bloomfield-Birmingham participants hold a fun competition to see which local church can raise the most money; last year the Kirk came through with flying colors! The Heart and Sole golden "shoe" trophy is sitting in the Kirk house. We're hoping to keep The Shoe and make a HUGE contribution, so that everyone has food to eat!



THE SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

10:00 a.m. Sanctuary Service

THE CARILLON

OPENING VOLUNTARIES

Fugue in C (Jig)
Siciliano from Sonata in E-Flat Major, H-545
Merideth Estevez, Oboe

Dietrich Buxtehude
C.P.E. Bach

9/11 REMEMBRANCE

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

* INTROIT

This Is the Day the Lord Hath Made *Nun danket all' und bringet Ehr'*

This is the day the Lord hath made;
the hours are all God's own.
Let heaven rejoice; let earth be glad,
and praise surround the throne.

* CALL TO WORSHIP

Praise the Lord! Praise God's mighty deeds!
Praise God in the sanctuary; praise God throughout all the earth!

Praise the Lord with every instrument;
Praise the Lord with every voice!
Let everything that lives and breathes praise the Lord!

* PROCESSIONAL HYMN 1

Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty

Nicaea

* PRAYER OF CONFESSION

from Proverbs 12

Lord God, with the words of Proverbs,
help us to examine ourselves.
Whoever loves correction loves knowledge;
Whoever hates correction is a brute.
Whoever is rooted in wickedness will fall;
Those rooted in righteousness shall not be shaken.
The designs of the wicked are deceit;
The plans of the righteous are justice.
The way of the foolish seems right in their own eyes;
The way of the wise is to listen to others.
The way of mischief leads to death;
The path of the righteous leads to life.
Lord, lead us in your ways of wisdom.

* KYRIE ELEISON (*Hymn 551*)

Land of Rest

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

* ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Christ is the Light of the world. The one who is for us the wisdom from God is the source of our life. He has come to save us and to transform us. Believe and share the good news.

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

* GLORIA PATRI (*Hymn 581*)

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

COVENANT RELATIONSHIP Our Bridge Director of Music Ministry Marilyn Biery

OUR FAITH IN ACTION CROP Walk Bobi Tallinger and Bob Heuer

WORD

CHORAL PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Break Thou the Bread of Life *Bread of Life*

Break thou the bread of life, dear Lord, to me,
As though didst break the loaves beside the sea.
Beyond the sacred page I seek thee, Lord.
My spirit pants for thee, O living Word!

SCRIPTURE READING **Romans 12:1-5** (*NT, page 161*)
The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

SERMON **The Sacrament of Education?** Rev. Dr. Andrew McDonald

THANKSGIVING

* HYMN 26 **Earth and All Stars!** *Earth and All Stars*

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 **With a Voice of Singing** *Martin Shaw*

With a voice of singing declare ye this, and let it be heard, Alleluia!
Utter it even unto the ends of the earth.
The Lord hath delivered his people, Alleluia!
O be joyful in God, all ye lands.
O sing praises to the honor of his name,
make his praise to be glorious.
With a voice of singing, declare ye this, and let it be heard, Alleluia!

THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

INVITATION TO THE LORD'S TABLE

GREAT THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you.
And also with you.
Lift up your hearts.
We lift them up to the Lord.
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
It is right to give our thanks and praise.

SANCTUS (*Hymn 552*)

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.**

THE WORDS OF INSTITUTION

AGNUS DEI (*Hymn 555*)

SHARING IN THE SACRAMENT OF COMMUNION

This morning the congregation is served in procession. Please remain seated until you are prompted by an usher to be served. For those unable to process forward, stay seated and a server will bring the sacrament to you.

Gluten-free bread is available in the center of the bread trays. Empty glasses are placed in the baskets provided near the communion servers.

We receive the bread with "Amen" after the server says, "This is the body of Christ."

We receive the cup with "Thanks be to God" after the server says, "This is the cup of the new covenant"

COMMUNION MUSIC

The Peace of Christ

James Biery

May peace from Christ come dwell in you,
May love from God envelop you
And bind you close in harmony,
True meekness and humility.

For you are called God's chosen ones,
God's holy and beloved ones.
Be clothed anew in loveliness,
Compassion, patience, gentleness.

The peace of Christ which dwells in you
Will perfectly be seen through you.
So let your hearts and voices ring –
Let grateful songs to God take wing.

HYMN 500

Be Known to Us in Breaking Bread

St. Flavian

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

**In your body broken and in your blood shed for all of us,
Lord, we have tasted and seen that you are good.
In this meal, we have experienced again your deep love
for your world. May the sweet taste of this meal strengthen
us for living for you and remind us that we are called to live
according to your will and to love as you love. Help us to
yearn for your coming again, we pray in Jesus' name. Amen.**

SENDING

* RECESSIONAL HYMN 267 **Come, Christians, Join to Sing**

Madrid

CHARGE AND BENEDICTION (*Seated*)

CHORAL AMEN

CLOSING VOLUNTARY Toccata in Seven

John Rutter

Worship/Music Notes

Today's organ voluntary is a joyful dance-fugue by Dietrich Buxtehude (c. 1637-1707), a Danish/German organist who was a substantial influence on J.S. Bach. The instrumental voluntary was long attributed to J.S. Bach and is now believed to have been written by his son, Carl Philipp Emanuel Bach (1714–1788). (Merideth Estevez is the oboist.) The Chancel Choir is back from their summer schedule, and they sing two anthems today: the familiar "With a Voice of Singing" by the English composer Martin Shaw (1875-1958) that dates to 1923 and has been a staple of church choirs for decades, and "The Peace of Christ" by James Biery with words by Marilyn Biery.

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!

About today's cover art

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Today's Musicians

Randall Engle, *guest organist*

We are grateful for our guest organist, Dr. Randall Engle, who will continue with us through September. He and Marilyn Biery will both play the organ for services as she transitions into her role here at the Kirk.

Merideth Estevez, *oboe*

Marilyn Biery, *organist and conductor*



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

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