

KIRK IN THE HILLS  
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH (U.S.A.)  
FIFTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST  
SEPTEMBER 18, 2022



## Kirk in the Hills 75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration

Only nine weeks remain until we celebrate the founding of our beloved Kirk and there are exciting things to do between now and then.

By now, you should have received your invitation package to the special celebration weekend of Scottish-themed dinners on Friday, November 18 and Saturday, November 19 in the Refectory. Both evenings will highlight our Scottish heritage with bagpipers, the Ruffwater String Band, Highland dancers and festive music and activities. Seating is limited, so please respond ASAP.

Our anniversary celebration will conclude on Sunday, November 20 with a special worship service that will include the Kirkin O' the Tartan ceremony and the Alma College Pipe Band. The Rev. Dr. Norman M. Pritchard, Pastor Emeritus, will be our guest preacher. Included in the service will be unique commissioned music pieces for the choir and for the carillon. After the worship service, everyone will be invited to a festive brunch in the Refectory.



As a commemorative of our anniversary, we have created a very beautiful book featuring the Art and Architecture of our magnificent gothic-style cathedral. In its 40 pages, you will find things you recognize and many you may never have noticed that make the Kirk so unique. Every family receives a FREE copy and you can pick it up after each service today in Heritage Hall or at the Welcome Center in the future. Additional copies are available at a nominal price.



# THE SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

9:00 a.m. & 11:00 a.m. Sanctuary Service

## THE CARILLON

**OPENING VOLUNTARY**      **Prelude and Fugue in D Minor "Fiddle," BWV 539**      *J.S. Bach*

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

\* **INTROIT**      **How Firm a Foundation**      *American Folk Melody*

*How firm a foundation, ye saints of the Lord,  
is laid for your faith in God's excellent Word!  
What more can be said than to you God hath said,  
to you who for refuge to Jesus have fled?*

\* **CALL TO WORSHIP**      To you, O Lord, I life up my soul.      Rev. Edwin Estevez  
God of love, we trust in you.

**Lord, help us to know your ways;  
Show of your paths of life,  
Guide us into the fullness of grace,  
For you are our light and salvation.**

\* **PROCESSIONAL HYMN 265**      **Jesus Shall Reign Where'er the Sun**      *Duke Street*

\* **PRAYER OF CONFESSION**      **Creator God, you reveal your mystery**      Rev. Edwin Estevez  
**and wisdom in the life of Jesus Christ.**  
**His enemies mocked, tortured and killed him.**  
**And Jesus rose up and loved them.**  
**People through the centuries have tried to**  
**Limit him, dilute him, drown him out,**  
**Push him away, put him in a box.**  
**And Jesus surprised them all.**  
**We confess we have been those people.**  
**May the living Christ surprise us,**  
**And break into our existence with grace, forgiveness,**  
**And transforming life.**

\* **KYRIE ELEISON** (*Hymn 551*)      *Land of Rest*

\* **ASSURANCE OF PARDON**      Hear the good news!      Rev. Edwin Estevez  
In Jesus Christ, the past is finished and gone.  
Everything has become fresh and new!  
Anyone who is in Christ is a new person altogether.  
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

OUR FAITH IN ACTION

75th Anniversary  
From Flight to Famine

Glenda Herb  
Bob Beck

WORD WITH THE CHILDREN (*9:00 a.m.*)

Rev. Kelsey Sorge

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.

PRAYER

CHORAL CALL TO PRAYER

Hush! Somebody's Callin' My Name

*arr. Dennard*

Hush! Somebody's callin' my name...  
O my Lord, O my Lord, what shall I do?  
I'm so glad that trouble don't last always...  
I'm so glad I got my 'ligion in time....  
Soon one mornin' death come creepin' in my room....  
Hush!

*Nicole Joseph, soloist*

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Rev. Edwin Estevez

THE LORDS PRAYER (*11:00 a.m.*)

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.

THANKSGIVING

\* HYMN 14

For the Beauty of the Earth

*Dix*

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

Rev. Kelsey Sorge

ANTHEM

**Hallelujah, Amen (from Judas Maccabaeus)**

*G.F. Handel*

Hallelujah, Amen, O Judah, rejoice in songs divine,  
with cherubim and seraphim harmonious join,  
and in songs divine harmonious join, Hallelujah, Amen.

\* DOXOLOGY (*Hymn 606*)

## WORD

CHORAL PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

**O Lord, Hear My Prayer**

*Berthier*

Oh Lord, hear my prayer. When I call, answer me.  
O Lord, hear my prayer, Come and listen to me.

SCRIPTURE READING

**Luke 8:1-8** (*NT, page 67*)

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

SERMON

**Growing Expectations**

Rev. Dr. Andrew McDonald

## SENDING

\* RECESSIONAL HYMN 246

**Christ Is Alive!**

*Truro*

CHARGE AND BENEDICTION (*Seated*)

CHORAL AMEN

**Christ Is Alive!**

CLOSING VOLUNTARY

**The Emperor's Fanfare**

*Antonio Soler*

## WORSHIP NOTES

## Worship/Music Notes

The opening voluntary features a fugue for organ which is nicknamed the Fiddle Fugue. It is based on the second movement of J.S. Bach's Sonata for violin solo, BWV 1001. While scholars doubt that Bach was responsible for transcribing the piece from violin to organ, there is no doubt that the original violin work is Bach's composition. The Chancel Choir leads us into prayer by singing an arrangement of an African American spiritual by Detroit-native Brazeal Dennard (1929-2010). Dennard was an American singer, educator, choral conductor and arranger. His arrangements of spirituals are sung by choirs all over the world.

**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 David F. Lau by the Lau family.

## About today's cover art

**The Sower III** (version 2) | Vincent van Gogh, 1853-1890 | from *Art in the Christian Tradition*, a project of the Vanderbilt Divinity Library, Nashville, TN

Vincent van Gogh was obsessed with the image of the sower, returning to it time and again. This work from November 1888 trialed in a smaller canvas painted shortly before, owes much to Van Gogh's engagement with Japanese prints. It was, he said, "a canvas that makes a picture." The intense incandescent colors are meant to communicate the intensity of the moment, as the sower, with the sun forming a halo behind his head, bends to his holy task.

**The music department** is looking for instrumentalists to offer their gifts of music during worship. If you are a student, amateur, or professional, and would like to play your instrument, please contact Merideth Estevez ([mestevez@kirkinthehills.org](mailto:mestevez@kirkinthehills.org)) or Marilyn Biery ([mbiery@kirkinthehills.org](mailto:mbiery@kirkinthehills.org).)

## 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.

Marilyn Biery, *organist and conductor*



Rev. Dr. Andrew McDonald • Interim Senior Pastor  
Rev. Edwin Estevez • Associate Pastor for Mission  
Rev. Kelsey Sorge • Associate Pastor for Youth  
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