

KIRK IN THE HILLS  
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH (U.S.A.)  
NINETEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST  
OCTOBER 16, 2022





## Stewardship 2023

It wasn't raining when Noah Built the Ark. The theme for this years annual giving campaign is very appropriate. It's not raining today at the Kirk but we need to prepare for when it does .

The founders of the Kirk established a substantial endowment which pays for a significant portion of the facilities upkeep. However, the rest of the Kirk's operating costs are funded by the annual pledges. All of the ministers salaries, funds to support our wonderful music program, the outreach done in Pontiac and throughout the world are just a couple of examples of what your annual pledges support.

By now you should have received our program materials and a letter from Dr. McDonald. If you haven't pledged in the past this would be a great time to start and if you have pledged in the past, thank you so much but this year we are asking for you to prayerfully consider at least a 10% increase.



# THE SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

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

## GATHERING

### THE CARILLON

#### OPENING VOLUNTARY

**Larghetto from Concerto for Oboe**  
*Merideth Estevez, oboe*

*Domenico Cimarosa*

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

#### \* INTROIT

**Brethren, We Have Met to Worship**

*Columbian Harmony*

*Brethren, we have met to worship and adore the Lord our God. Will you pray with all your power while we try to preach the word? All is vain unless the Spirit of the holy One comes down. Brethren, pray, and holy manna will be showered all around.*

#### \* CALL TO WORSHIP

Rev. Edwin Estevez

*(Psalm 139)*

Lord, you have searched me and known me!

You know when I sit down and rise up;

You know my thoughts from far away.

**Even the darkness is not dark to you.**

**You are fearful and wonderful.**

**Lead me in the way everlasting!**

#### \* PROCESSIONAL HYMN 32

**I Sing the Mighty Power of God**

*Ellacombe*

#### \* PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Rev. Dr. Andrew McDonald

**Lord, your thoughts are not our thoughts,**

**Your ways are not our ways;**

**Speak to us anew and help us to learn.**

**We sing praises to you with our voices,**

**But have not let your praise shape our hearts.**

**We pray and expect easy answers,**

**Forgetting that you work through our commitments.**

**We think only of our waiting on you,**

**And never ponder how you wait on us.**

**Forgive us and help us to find new life in Jesus Christ.**

#### \* CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE HYMN 288

**Spirit of the Living God**

*Living God*

#### \* ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Rev. Dr. Andrew McDonald

With believers in every time and place,

We rejoice that nothing in life or in death can separate us

From the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.

Believe and share the good news!

**In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven!**

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

\* 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.**

*Greatorex*

**WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Rev. Dr. Andrew McDonald

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

Rev. Edwin Estevez

**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.**

*Following the Word with the Children, children and youth ages 4 through grade 8 will be dismissed for Sunday School.*

**ANTHEM**

**O Bless the Lord, O My Soul**

*Ippolitov-Ivanoff*

*O bless the Lord, O my soul; and all within me bless his (holy) name.  
O bless the Lord, O my soul; and forget not all his benefits.  
He is gracious and plenteous in mercy,  
slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love.  
As the heavens are high above the earth,  
so great his love toward those who bless his name.  
(from Psalm 103)*

**THANKSGIVING**

\* HYMN 612

**We Praise You, O God**

*Kremser*

*We praise you, O God, our Redeemer, Creator;  
in grateful devotion our tribute we bring.  
We lay it before you; we kneel and adore you;  
we bless your holy name; glad praises we sing.*

**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. Edwin Estevez

**ANTHEM**

**My Eyes for Beauty Pine**

*Herbert Howells*

*My eyes for beauty pine, my soul for God's grace;  
No other care nor hope is mine, to heaven I turn my face.  
One splendor thence is shed from all the stars above:  
'Tis named when God's name is said, 'Tis Love, 'tis heavenly Love.  
And every gentle heart that burns with true desire,*

*Is lit from eyes that mirror part of that celestial fire.*  
(Robert Bridges)

\* DOXOLOGY (Hymn 606)

## WORD

SCRIPTURE READING

Genesis 2:15-17, 3:1-13 (OT, page 2)

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

SERMON

**Don't Leave It to the Snake!**

Rev. Dr. Andrew McDonald

## PRAYER

\* HYMN

God, You Spin the Whirling Planets

*Austrian Hymn*



1. God, you spin the whirl-ing plan-ets, fill the seas and spread the plain,  
2. You have called us to be faith-ful in our life and min - is - try.  
3. God, your word is still cre - at - ing, call - ing us to life made new.



mold the moun-tains, fash - ion blos-soms, call forth sun - shine, wind, and rain.  
We re-spond in grate - ful wor-ship joined in one com - mu - ni - ty.  
Now re - veal to us fresh vis - tas where there's work to dare and do.



We, cre - at - ed in your im - age would a true re - flec - tion be  
When we blur your gra-cious im - age, fo - cus us and make us whole.  
Keep us clear of all dis - tor - tion. Pol - ish us with lov - ing care.



of your jus - tice, grace, and mer - cy and the truth that — makes us — free.  
Healed and strengthened as your peo - ple, we move on - ward toward your goal.  
Thus, new crea - tures in your im - age, we'll pro - claim Christ ev - ery - where.

THE LORD'S 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.

SENDING

\* RECESSIONAL HYMN 826      **Lift High the Cross**      *Crucifer*

CHARGE AND BENEDICTION (*Seated*)

CHORAL AMEN

CLOSING VOLUNTARY      **Allegro from Concerto for Organ in F Major**      *J.G. Walther*  
*(after Tomaso Albinoni)*

## Worship/Music Notes

The opening voluntary is by the Italian composer Domenico Cimarosa (1749-1801), in an arrangement from his Concerto for Oboe and String Orchestra. Cimarosa wrote more than 80 operas as well as music for the church. The closing voluntary is by Johann Gottfried Walther (1684-1748), a German music theorist, organist, and composer who was also a cousin of J.S. Bach. Mikhail Ippolitov-Ivanoff (1859-1935) was a Russian conductor, teacher and composer, whose style is similar to his teacher, Nikolai Rimsky-Korsakov. Herbert Howells (1892-1983) was an English composer and organist who is well known for his Anglican church music.

**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** in Heritage Hall after the 9:00 a.m. worship service!

**The flowers on the altar** are presented to the glory of God in loving memory of Lisa Marquardt by her mother, Diana Marquardt and Jerry Craig.

## About today's cover art

**Apple | Scott Laumann | eyekons.com**

Illustrator Scott Laumann is a master of reinvention and a bit of a nomad. Over the past decade he has lived and worked in Spain, Germany, Philadelphia, Minnesota, Orange County and San Diego. His career path changes along with his peripatetic life as he redefines for himself what it means to be an artist. "I think I'm always trying to find my identity in a place. I like new experiences, I like the challenge of new experiences, but I think there's still a deep-seated desire to be rooted somewhere at the same time," he says.

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**The music department** is looking for instrumentalists (youth and adults) to offer their gifts of music during worship. If you would like to play your instrument, please contact Merideth Estevez (mestevez@kirkinthehills.org) or Marilyn Biery mbiery@kirkinthehills.org

The Choir is looking for new members, especially tenors and altos. To learn more about the Chancel Choir, contact Marilyn Biery.





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