

KIRK IN THE HILLS  
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH (U.S.A.)  
TENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST  
OCTOBER 23, 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. Thank you to our members who make consistent financial contributions to Kirk in the Hills.



# THE SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

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

## GATHERING

### THE CARILLON

#### OPENING VOLUNTARY

**Menuet; Sicilienne**

*David Evan Thomas*

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

#### \* INTROIT

**For the Fruit of All Creation**

*Welsh Melody*

*For the fruit of all creation, thanks be to God.*

*For the gifts to every nation, thanks be to God.*

*For the plowing, sowing, reaping, silent growth while we are sleeping,  
future needs in earth's safekeeping, thanks be to God.*

#### \* CALL TO WORSHIP

Rev. Kelsey Sorge

In Jesus Christ, the Kingdom of God has  
broken into our troubled world,  
With God's love which transforms us all.

**Praise be to God, the fountain of life to a  
parched and dry humanity.**

**You offer the living water of grace which springs up**

**From the rock, our Savior, Jesus Christ.**

**Praise be to God!**

#### \* PROCESSIONAL HYMN 35

**Praise Ye the Lord, the Almighty**

*Lobe Den Herren*

#### \* PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Rev. Kelsey Sorge

The proof of God's amazing love is this:

While we were sinners Christ died for us.

Because we have faith in him, we dare to approach God

In confidence and in confession. Let us pray together.

**Holy and merciful God, in your presence we confess**

**Our sinfulness, our shortcomings and our offenses**

**against our brothers and sisters, and against you.**

**You alone know how we have sinned,**

**In wandering from your ways,**

**In wasting your gifts,**

**In forgetting your love.**

**Do not cast us from your presence.**

**Create in us a clean heart and renew a right spirit within us.**

**Restore us to the joy of your salvation, through Jesus Christ.**

#### \* KYRIE ELEISON (*Hymn 551*)

*Land of Rest*

Lord, have mercy upon us.

Christ, have mercy upon us.

Lord, have mercy upon us.

**\* ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

Rev. Kelsey Sorge

The mercy of the Lord is from everlasting to everlasting.  
I declare to you in the name of Jesus Christ,  
you are forgiven.  
In the peace of God, 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.**

*Greatorrex*

**WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Rev. Edwin Estevez

**OUR FAITH IN ACTION**

**Annual Giving**

Bob Beck

**THE SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM**

Rev. Dr. Andrew McDonald

**CHORAL ORISON**

*Liebster Jesu*

*Dearest Jesus, we are here,  
Gladly your command obeying.  
With this child we now draw near  
In response to your own saying  
That to you it shall be given  
As a child and heir of heaven.*

**INTRODUCTION OF PARENTS**     *Stephen and Lisa McNerney*

Elder Kay Maxwell

**PRESENTATION**

**THE BAPTISM**

*George Henry McNerney*

**BAPTISMAL HYMN 295**

**Go to the World**  
*(verses 1 & 2)*

*Sine Nomine*

**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.**

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

## ANTHEM

### Grant Us Thy Peace

Felix Mendelssohn

*Grant us thy peace, almighty Lord, thou source of every blessing!  
Feeble and frail, trust we thy word, all things in thee possessing.  
In thee is our hope and safety.*

## THANKSGIVING

### 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

### It Is Well with My Soul

P. P. Bliss, arr. J. Biery

*When peace, like a river, attendeth my way,  
when sorrows like sea billows roll;  
Whatever my lot, thou hast taught me to say,  
It is well, it is well with my soul.  
It is well with my soul, it is well, it is well with my soul.  
My sin—oh, the bliss of this glorious thought—My sin  
not in part but the whole,  
Is nailed to the cross, and I bear it no more, Praise the Lord,  
praise the Lord, O my soul!  
It is well...  
And Lord, haste the day when my faith shall be sight,  
the clouds be rolled back as a scroll;  
The trumpet shall sound, and the Lord shall descend, "Even so"  
it is well with my soul.  
It is well...*

### \* DOXOLOGY (Hymn 606)

## WORD

### SCRIPTURE READING

**Genesis 4:1-16** (OT, page 3)

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

### SERMON

**Am I My Bubba's Keeper?**

Rev. Dr. Andrew McDonald

## PRAYER

\* HYMN 306

**Blest Be the Tie That Binds**

*Dennis*

### PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

Rev. Dr. Andrew McDonald

Lord Jesus, remember us when you come into your kingdom.

You created us for life together.

We pray for our brothers and sisters.

**Bless your beloved people around the globe.**

For your church universal,

**We ask new life.**

For all who are stewards of your church,

**We ask grace and wisdom.**

For people who practice spiritual disciplines,

**We ask inspired discipleship.**

For Christians of every land,

**We ask new unity in your name.**

For Jews and Muslims and people of other faiths,

**We ask your divine blessing.**

For those who do not believe,

**We ask your faithful love.**

For the President, Congress and all those in authority,

**We ask your wisdom and guidance.**

For people who suffer and sorrow,

**We ask your healing and peace.**

### 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 756

**O God of Every Nation**

*Llangloffan*

### CHARGE AND BENEDICTION (*Seated*)

### CHORAL AMEN

### CLOSING VOLUNTARY

**Fugue in D Minor**

*Felix Mendelssohn*

### Worship/Music Notes

The offering anthem is based on a hymn text written by Horatio Gates Spafford, a Chicago lawyer and elder at Fullerton Avenue Presbyterian Church. Philip Bliss composed the melody. *"It is Well"* was written after several traumatic events in Spafford's life. The first was the death of his only son in 1871 at the age of four, shortly followed by the great Chicago Fire which ruined him financially (he had been a successful lawyer). Then in 1873, he had planned to travel to Europe with his wife and four daughters on the Ville du Havre, but sent the family ahead while he was delayed on business concerning zoning problems following the Great Chicago Fire. While crossing the Atlantic, the ship sank rapidly after a collision with a sailing ship, the Loch Earn. All four of Spafford's daughters perished. His wife Anna survived and sent him a telegram saying, "Saved alone." Shortly afterwards, as Spafford traveled to meet his grieving wife, he was inspired to write the hymn as his ship passed near where his daughters had died.

Martin Luther made a significant contribution to church music with his hymns in the language of the people, and the text of today's anthem, *"Grant Us Thy Peace"* (Verleih uns Frieden,) comes from his writings. These words have been set to music by various composers over the centuries, and Mendelssohn's composition is one of the most sublime.

**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!

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