



# **Welcome Back Pastor Kelsey!**



Kirk family, it is good to be back!

While I loved every minute being home getting to know my new daughter over the past two months, it is so good to be with you all again. I missed worshipping with you and being a part of Bible studies, service, and events throughout the week. I'm looking forward to reconnecting in the coming days and months!

I'd love to tell you a bit about the newest addition to our family.



Riley Iris Sorge entered this world early in the morning on January 28th weighing 7lbs 11oz. Her arrival was fairly smooth, and from the beginning she has been healthy and continues to grow strong. The three of us spent most of her first month sleeping and eating – with tremendous help from the meal train and other kirk visitors. Mike and I are thrilled with the newest development in her sleeping, as she is already sleeping through the night! We are overwhelmed with love for our daughter and are soaking in every snuggle, every huge smile, and every new development because you were all right. These moments are already going by too fast.

Many of you have asked where her name came from. Riley isn't much of a story: it is simply a name that Mike and I actually agreed on! It was our #1 choice for a girl's name since the very first trimester. Iris is the name of my dad's mother, whom he was very close with and who died much too young. We hope to keep her memory alive by passing on the name. The youth were disappointed that we didn't have George, the name we jokingly called her while I was pregnant (George Sorge would be a cruel name for a child!).

Our Riley girl has turned our world upside-down and I'm so grateful for the community of faith she



was born into. If you'd like to meet her, she will spend most Sunday mornings making new friends in the nursery and you are welcome to say "hi" before or after the 9:00 service.

Much love, Pastor Kelsey

## THE SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

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

## **GATHERING**

#### THE CARILLON

OPENING VOLUNTARIES We Walk by Faith

Hoyt Pascal

Cantabile; Reflection

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

\* INTROIT Day of Delight and Beauty Unbounded

In dir ist Freude

Day of delight and beauty unbounded, Tell the news, the gospel spread!

Day of all wonder, Day of all splendor,

Praise Christ risen from the dead! Sing of the sun from darkness appearing; Sing of the seed from barren earth greening'

Sing of creation, alleluia!

Sing of the stream from Jesus' side flowing; Sing of the saints in water made holy;

Sing of salvation, alleluia!

\* CALL TO WORSHIP Rev. Edwin Estevez

This is the day that the Lord has made;

Let us rejoice and be glad in it. Alleluia! The Lord is risen indeed!

\* PROCESSIONAL HYMN 248 Christ Is Risen! Shout Hosanna!

Hymn to Joy

\* PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Christ himself bore our sins in his body on the cross, So that, free from sin, we might live for righteousness. Trusting in God's grace, let us confess our sin.

Almighty God,

In raising Jesus from the grave,

You shattered the power of sin and death.

We confess that we remain captive to doubt and fear,

Bound by the ways that lead to death. We overlook the poor and hungry, And pass by those who mourn;

We turn our ears from the cries of the oppressed,

And are indifferent to calls for peace;

We despise the weak,

And abuse the earth you made.

Forgive us, God of mercy, Help us to trust your power

To change our lives and make us new, That we may know the joy of life abundant Given in Jesus Christ, the Risen Lord. **Christ Is Alive!** (verses 1 & 5)

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#### \* ASSURANCE OF PARDON

If we have died with Christ,

We believe that we will also live with him. Therefore, consider yourself dead to sin And alive to God in Christ Jesus!

Hear and proclaim 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,

Greatorex

And to the Holy Ghost. As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be. World without end. Amen.

#### WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Rev. Dr. Andrew McDonald

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

Sarah Ford

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.

SOLO The Call Ralph Vaughan Williams

Come, my Way, my Truth, my Life: such a way as gives us breath; such a truth as ends all strife; such a life as killeth death.

Come, my Light, my Feast, my Strength: such a light as shows a feast; such a feast as mends in length;

such a strength as makes a guest.

Come, my Joy, my Love, my Heart: such a joy as none can move: such a love as none can part; such a heart as joys in love. (George Herbert)

\* HYMN 238 Thine Is the Glory (verse 1)

**Judas Maccabaeus** 

#### CALL TO OFFERING AND DEDICATION

Rev. Edwin Estevez

Our giving is an offering to God. All offerings are part of our worship of God and are used to support the Kirk's ministry. Text "KITH" to 73256 to give using your mobile device.

**ANTHEM** Hallelujah, Amen G. F. Handel

Hallelujah, Amen!

O Judah, rejoice in songs divine;

With Cherubim and Seraphim harmonious join.

\* DOXOLOGY (Hymn 606) Old Hundredth

**WORD** 

SCRIPTURE READING John 20:19-31 (NT, page 115) Rev. Kelsey Sorge

The Word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.

SERMON "Where you live"

\* HYMN 817 We Walk by Faith and Not by Sight Dunlap's Creek

**PRAYER** 

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE Rev. Dr. Andrew McDonald

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 255 O Sons and Daughters, Let Us Sing O filii et Filiae

**CHARGE AND BENEDICTION** (seated)

**CHORAL AMEN** 

CLOSING VOLUNTARY Carillon on We Walk by Faith Hoyt Pascal

## **WORSHIP NOTES**

## Worship/Music Notes

"The Call" is from the *Five Mystical Songs* by Ralph Vaughan Williams (1872-1958), the English composer who also compiled hymn tunes. Several of his tunes are in our hymnal, most notably Sine nomine (For All the Saints, Hymn 326). The *Five Mystical Songs* were written between 1906 and 1911 and use poems by the seventeenth-century Welsh poet and Anglican priest George Herbert (1593-1633). The voluntaries are based on the hymn tune Dunlap's Creek, which can be found in our hymnal, #817, and is typically sung on the Sunday after Easter, when we remember Thomas the Apostle (also referred to as Doubting Thomas).

**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 Kenneth and Martha Gardhouse by Ron and Chris Gardhouse and family.

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Musicians: Chantel Woodard, mezzo-soprano; Merideth Estevez, oboe

### **Easter Lily correction:**

The Easter flowers in the Sanctuary and throughout the Kirk are presented to the glory of the Risen Christ in loving memory or in honor of . . .

In honor of his parents, Jim and Peg Dickson, by Scott Dickson.



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