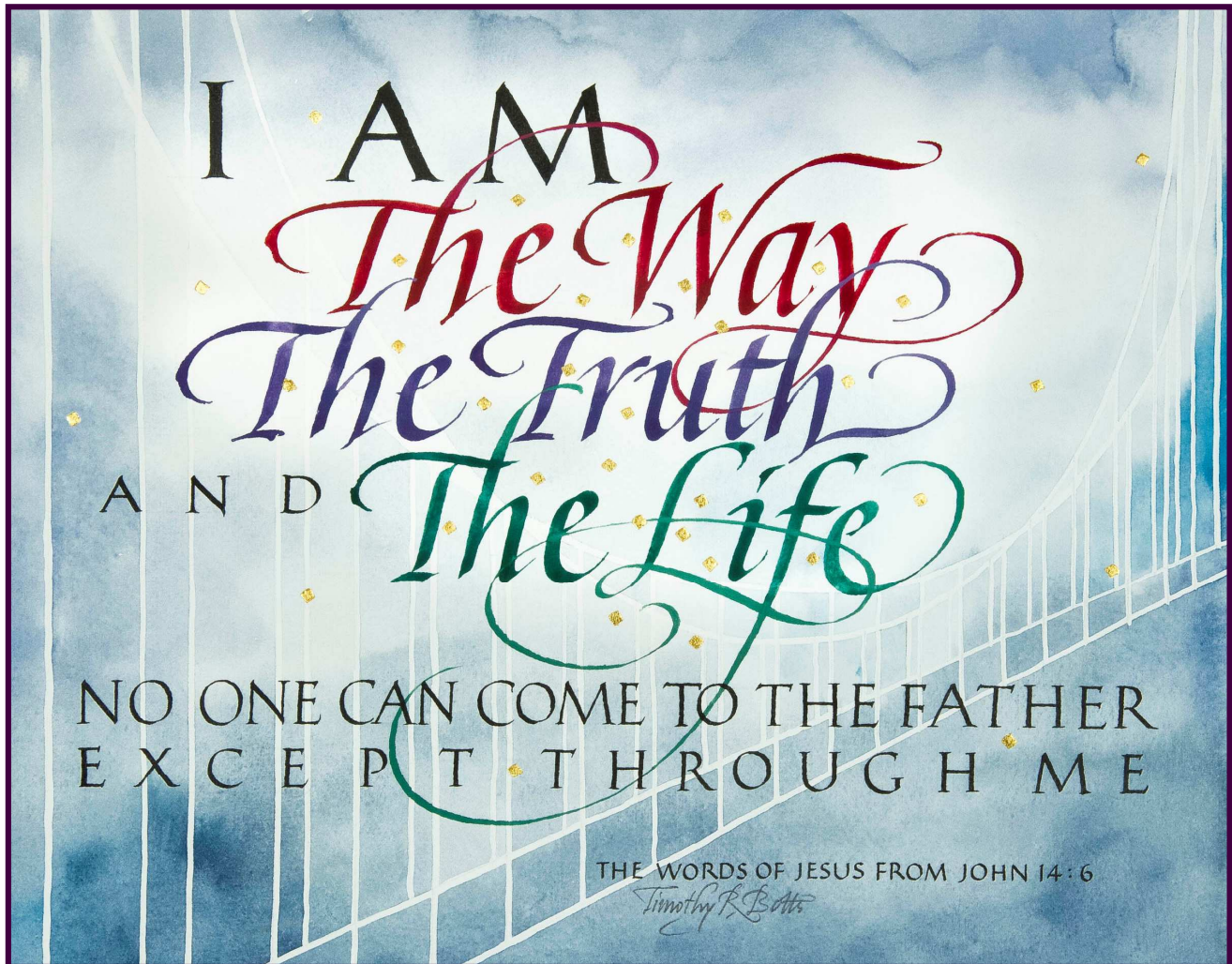


KIRK IN THE HILLS
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH (U.S.A.)

SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

MAY 14, 2023



THE SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

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

GATHERING

THE CARILLON

OPENING VOLUNTARY

Chant de May

Joseph Jongen

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

* INTROIT

Day by Day

Harold Friedell

*Day by day, Dear Lord of thee three things I pray:
To see thee more clearly; love thee more dearly;
Follow thee more nearly, day by day.*

* CALL TO WORSHIP

Rev. Edwin Estevez

Our help is in the name of the Lord,
Creator of heaven and earth.
Sing out with joy to the Lord, all the earth.
Worship our God with gladness.
Celebrate our journey with God with songs of praise!

* PROCESSIONAL HYMN 15

All Creatures of Our God and King

Lasst uns Erfreuen

* PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Rev. Kelsey Sorge

**Loving God, to whom all hearts are open,
And from whom no secrets are hidden,
We confess that we are uneasy being known by you.
You call us to follow,
But we prefer to stay where we are.
Yet you alone, God, know the paths of life.
Lead us in your vision; guide us in your grace,
Help us to discover again and again
The fullness of joy in the life of Jesus Christ, our Lord.**

* CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE HYMN 231

Christ Has Risen While Earth Slumbers (*stanza 1*)

Welsh Melody

* ASSURANCE OF PARDON

As the Scripture bears witness time and again,
God loves us like a mother who will not forsake
her nursing child.
Like a father who runs to welcome the prodigal home.
God's love and forgiveness are for us all.
Believe and share the good news!
In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven!
In Jesus Christ, we are a new creation!

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.

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Rev. Edwin Estevez

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 (9:00 a.m.)

Everywhere I Go

Natalie Sleeth

*Ev'rywhere I go, the Lord is near me,
If I call upon him, he will hear me,
Never will I fear, for the Lord is near ev'rywhere I go.
In the dark of night should things alarm me,
Ever in his sight, no ill may harm me,
I will be of cheer for the Lord is near, ev'rywhere I go.*

*He is with me day by day,
He will be my strength and stay;
From his path I will not stray but follow in his way.
In the coming days of joy or sadness
I will praise his name with songs of gladness,
For to me it's clear that the Lord is near ev'rywhere I go.*

*Ev'rywhere God is there,
Tending all with loving care,
He is near me ev'rywhere I go.
Dark of night, morning light,
I am ever in his sight;
He will keep me safe from harm I know.*

*Day by day my strength and stay,
I will follow in his way.
All my days I will raise
To his name glad songs of praise,
For the Lord is ev'rywhere I go.*

ANTHEM (11:00 a.m.)

How Can I Keep From Singing?

Robert Lowry, arr. Michael Burkhardt

*My life flows on in endless song, above earth's lamentation,
I hear the real though far-off hymn that hails a new creation.
Through all the tumult and the strife, I hear the music ringing,
It sounds an echo in my soul;
How can I keep from singing?*

*What if my joys and comforts die, I know that truth is living.
 What though the darkness 'round me close?
 Still truth its light is giving.
 No storm can shake my inmost calm, while to that rock I'm clinging.
 Since Love is Lord of heaven and earth,
 how can I keep from singing?*

*I lift my eyes, the cloud grows thin, I see the blue above it
 (I lift my eyes unto the hills from whence my help doth come,) And day by day this pathway smooths, since first I learned to love it.
 (I lift my eyes unto the hills from whence my help comes.)
 The peace from Love makes fresh my heart,
 a song of hope is springing.
 All things are mine since truth I've found.
 How can I keep from singing?*

*** HYMN 31**

Let Us with a Gladsome Mind (stanzas 1 & 2)

Monkland

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

For the Beauty of the Earth

John Rutter

*For the beauty of the earth, for the beauty of the skies,
 For the love which from our birth over and around us lies:
 Lord of all, to thee we raise this our joyful hymn of praise.
 For the beauty of each hour of the day and of the night,
 Hill and vale and tree and flower, sun and moon and stars of light:
 Lord of all, to thee we raise this our joyful hymn of praise.
 For the joy of human love, brother, sister, parent, child,
 Friends on earth, and friends above, for all gentle thoughts and mild:
 Lord of all, to thee we raise this our joyful hymn of praise.
 For each perfect gift of thine to our race so freely given,
 Graces human and divine, flowers of earth and buds of heaven:
 Lord of all, to thee we raise this our joyful hymn of praise. (F. S. Pierpoint)*

*** DOXOLOGY** (Hymn 606)

Old Hundredth

WORD

SCRIPTURE READINGS

John 1:1-5; 21:20-22, 25 (NT, page 91)

Rev. Edwin Estevez

John 14:1-6 (NT, page 108)

Rev. Kelsey Sorge

John 21:22, 24-25 (NT, page 115)

Rev. Dr. Andrew McDonald

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

SERMON

"Rap Master John and the Gospel of Light"

*** HYMN 726**

Will You Come and Follow Me?

Kelvingrove

PRAYER

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Rev. Dr. Andrew McDonald

THE LORD'S PRAYER (11:00 a.m.)

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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

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.

CHARGE AND BENEDICTION (*seated*)

CHORAL AMEN

CLOSING VOLUNTARY

Toccata in F

Buxtehude

Worship/Music Notes

The music department is looking for singers and instrumentalists to offer their gifts of music during worship. If you would like to join the choir, please contact Marilyn Biery at mbiery@kirkinthehills.org. If you play an instrument (adult or youth) and would like to play this spring or summer, please contact Merideth Estevez at mestevez@kirkinthehills.org.

Youth of all ages are welcome to come up to the organ console after service to look at the organ console. Youth who are taking piano lessons are encouraged to bring a piece so they can try it on the organ. No experience necessary—all are welcome.

Joseph Jongen (1873-1953) was a Belgian organist and composer. His monumental *Symphonie Concertante* of 1926 is widely considered to be among the greatest works written for organ and orchestra. Dietrich Buxtehude (c. 1637-1707) was a Danish organist and composer of the Baroque period, who greatly influenced many organists and composers of the time, as well as J.S. Bach. In 1705, the twenty year old Bach took three months off from his church position to walk 250 miles to Lübeck to visit Buxtehude at the Marienkirche, overstaying his leave from his church position (and suffering the displeasure of his church council for being off for so long). John Rutter (b. 1945) is an English composer known primarily for his choral music; he founded and conducts his own choir, the Cambridge Singers.

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 remembrance of Ray D. and Wayne Louise Eichler and Marilyn Eichler Dewar by James W. and Barbara Eichler Clark.

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Musicians: Junior Girls' and Treble Boys' Choir, Senior Boys' and Girls' Choir; Nicole Joseph, director; Zoe Lei, accompanist; David Enos, carillon; Marilyn Biery, organist and director



All mothers and mothers-at-heart will be honored with a carnation today!



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