

KIRK IN THE HILLS
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH (U.S.A.)
FIFTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
JULY 2, 2023

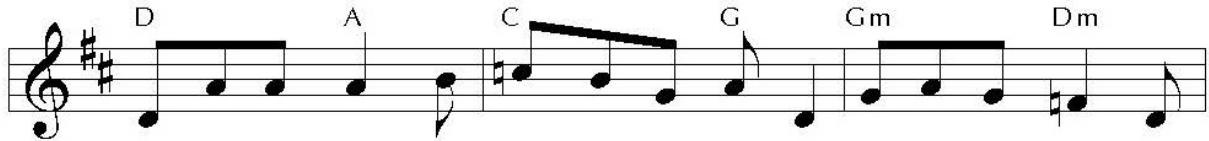


The Provocative Power of Parables

Here in This Place

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Gather Us In



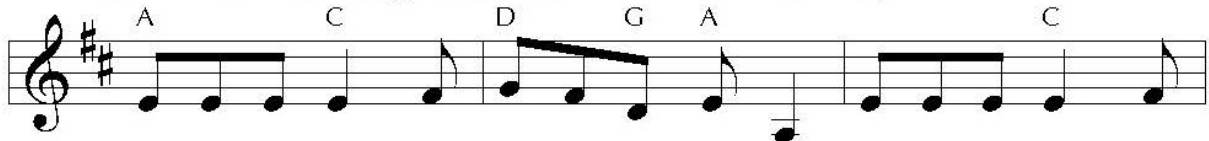
1 Here in this place the new light is stream-ing; now is the dark-ness
2 We are the young, our lives are a mys-tery. We are the old who
3 Here we will take the wine and the wa-ter; here we will take the
4 Not in the dark of build-ings con-fin-ing, not in some heav-en,



van-ished a-way; see in this space our fears and our dream-ings
yearn for your face. We have been sung through-out all of his-tory,
bread of new birth. Here you shall call your sons and your daugh-ters,
light years a-way: here in this place the new light is shin-ing;



brought here to you in the light of this day.
called to be light to the whole hu-man race.
call us a-new to be salt for the earth.
now is the king-dom, and now is the day.



Gath-er us in, the lost and for-sak-en; gath-er us in, the
Gath-er us in, the rich and the haugh-ty; gath-er us in, the
Give us to drink the wine of com-pas-sion; give us to eat the
Gath-er us in and hold us for-ev-er; gath-er us in and



blind and the lame; call to us now, and we shall a-wak-en;
proud and the strong; give us a heart, so meek and so low-ly;
bread that is you; nour-ish us well, and teach us to fash-ion
make us your own; gath-er us in, all peo-ples to-geth-er,



we shall a-rise at the sound of our name.
give us the cour-age to en-ter the song.
lives that are ho-ly and hearts that are true.
fire of love in our flesh and our bone.

THE SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

9:00 a.m. Outdoor Worship

GATHERING

PRELUDE

Faith, Hope and Love (Bist du bei mir)

J.S. Bach

*Faith, hope, and love, in these abiding,
My heart and soul shall sing with joy.
Love never ends, in truth rejoices.
It bears all things, endures all things,
The bond which nothing can destroy.*

* CALL TO WORSHIP

Rev. Dr. Andrew McDonald

We have gathered in God's holy presence,
The One who etches grace on our hearts.

**This is the place where God
Will transform us into disciples.**

We glorify our God, who yearns for justice,
Not just for a favored few, but for the least of our world.

**This is the place where God
Will write compassion on our souls.**

We give thanks to God for unceasing grace;
We remember God's persistence in saving us.

**This is the place where God
Will breathe the Word into our lives.**

Let us worship God!

* HYMN (*see page 2*)

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* PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Author of Life, your words are given to us so we might be reformed, but we are intent on changing others. Your words are offered to us so we might be transformed, but we are focused on conforming to our culture. Your words are spoken to lead us into new life, but we hold our old ways tight to our chests. Forgive us, God of Wonder. Do not remember our sins but continue to touch us with your steadfast mercy. Show us how to be persistent in living out our faith, even as you were so tenacious in offering us your grace and life in Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior.

Time of silent prayer

* CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE

Spirit of the Living God

Living God

**Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me.
Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me.
Melt me; mold me; fill me; use me.
Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me.**

* ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Jesus reminds us that we are to be resolute in our lives of faithfulness and service. The good news is that God is steadfast in filling us with love and grace.

**We are forgiven people. May we live as sisters and brothers in Christ, God's children in word and deed, in hope and joy.
Thanks be to God. Amen.**

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

Rev. Dr. Andrew McDonald

SCULPTURE REDEDICATION

WORD WITH THE CHILDREN

**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.**

Children are encouraged to remain in the garden to worship with their families after Word with Children.

WORD

SOLO

Lord, I'll Go

Traditional, arr. Jacqueline Hairston

*Lord, I'll go!
If the Lord wants somebody, here am I, O Lord,
Send me.
Lord, I'll go!*

SCRIPTURE READING

Luke 18:1-8 (NT, page 81)

Rev. Marjorie Wilhelmi

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

SERMON

**The Provocative Power of the Parables:
Just Knock**

PRAYER

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Rev. Dr. Andrew McDonald

SENDING

* HYMN (*see page 6*)

O Beautiful for Spacious Skies

Materna

CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

Amazing Grace

bagpiper, Terry Bradley

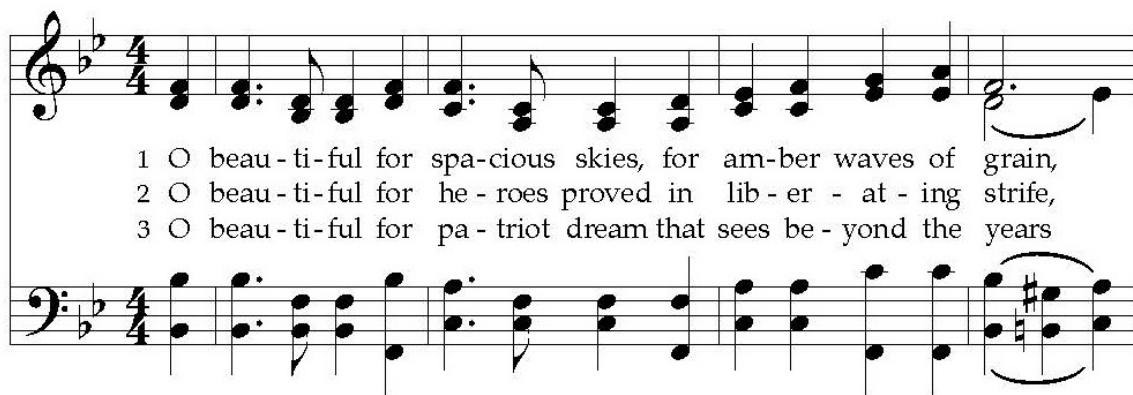
The piper will process to the statue at the north end of the columbarium, please join him in the procession and rediscover the beautiful Marshall Fredericks sculptures. The McGuffie family, has generously arranged to have these beautiful works of art restored and repaired, so that they will be around for generations to appreciate!

Garden worshippers are encouraged to drop off offerings in the baskets located at the Celtic Cross near the exit as you depart. Please see notes on page 11.

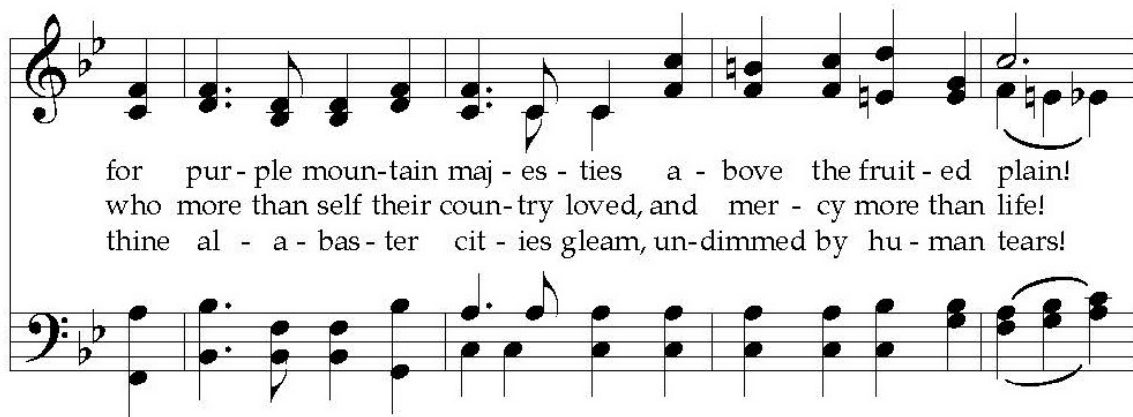
Join us for coffee and fellowship in the Fireside Room immediately following service and the piper procession in the Columbarium.



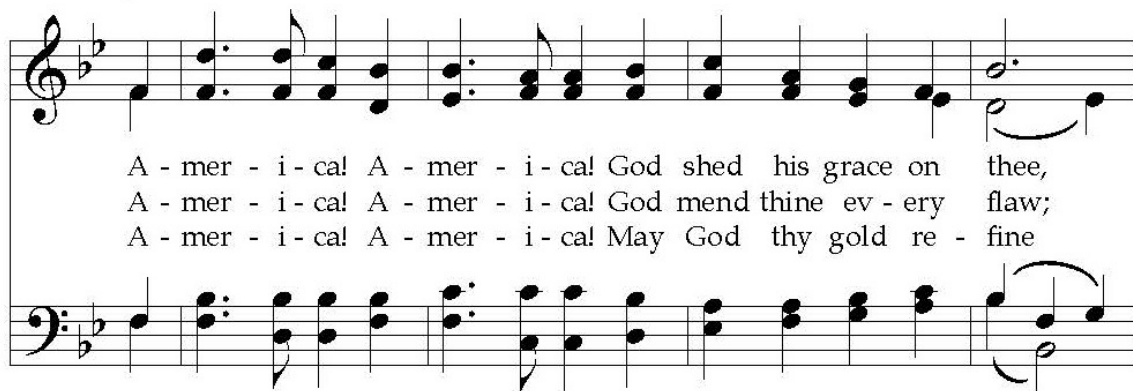
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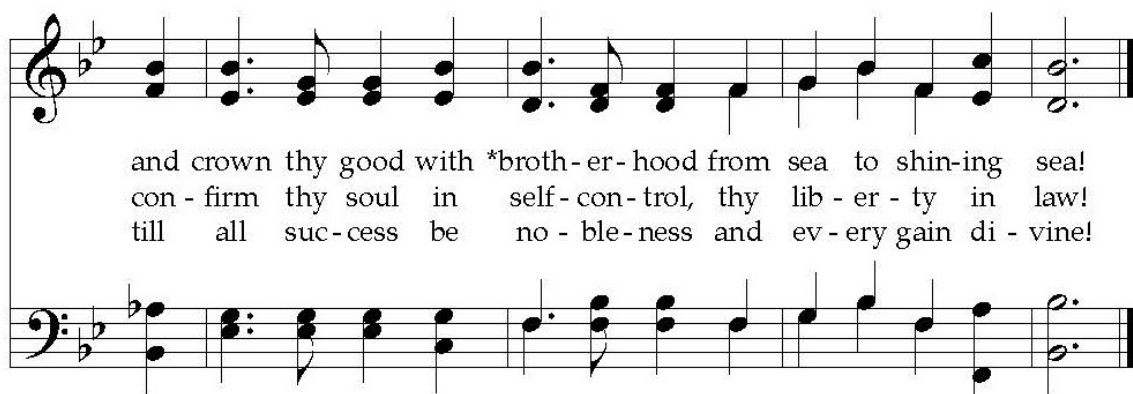
1 O beau-ti-ful for spa-cious skies, for am-ber waves of grain,
2 O beau-ti-ful for he-roes proved in lib-er-at-ing strife,
3 O beau-ti-ful for pa-triot dream that sees be-yond the years



for pur-ple moun-tain maj-es-ties a-bove the fruit-ed plain!
who more than self their coun-try loved, and mer-cy more than life!
thine al-a-bas-ter cit-ies gleam, un-dimmed by hu-man tears!



A-mer-i-ca! A-mer-i-ca! God shed his grace on thee,
A-mer-i-ca! A-mer-i-ca! God mend thine ev-ery flaw;
A-mer-i-ca! A-mer-i-ca! May God thy gold re-fine



and crown thy good with *broth-er-hood from sea to shin-ing sea!
con-firm thy soul in self-con-trol, thy lib-er-ty in law!
till all suc-cess be no-ble-ness and ev-ery gain di-vine!

THE SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

11:00 a.m. Sanctuary Worship

OPENING VOLUNTARY

Rhosymedre

Ralph Vaughan Williams

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

* CALL TO WORSHIP

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* PROCESSIONAL HYMN 401

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John Merbecke



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Thanks be to God. Amen.

* 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.**

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SCULPTURE REDEDICATION

Rev. Dr. Andrew McDonald

THANKSGIVING

* HYMN 14

For the Beauty of the Earth (*verses 1 & 2*)

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CALL TO OFFERING AND DEDICATION

Rev. Dr. Andrew McDonald

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. Text "KITH" to 73256 to give using your mobile device.

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Traditional, arr. Jacqueline Hairston

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* DOXOLOGY (*Hymn 606*)

Old Hundredth

(Following the Doxology, the congregation will remain standing to sing the last stanza of America (Hymn 337) in recognition of Independence Day.)

**Our fathers' God, to thee, Author of liberty, to thee we sing;
Long may our land be bright, with freedom's holy light;
Protect us by thy might, great God, our King. Amen.**

WORD

SCRIPTURE READING

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SERMON

The Provocative Power of the Parables:
Just Knock

* HYMN 314

Christ, Be Our Light

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PRAYER

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

Rev. Dr. Andrew McDonald

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 338

O Beautiful for Spacious Skies

Materna

CHARGE AND BENEDICTION *(seated)*

CLOSING VOLUNTARY

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bagpiper, Terry Bradley

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WORSHIP NOTES

Worship/Music Notes

Soloists: Calebria Webb, mezzo-soprano; Stephen Riesen, tenor

Jacqueline Hairston, pianist, composer and arranger, received her musical training at the Juilliard School of Music and at Howard University School of Music. She earned a Masters degree in music and music education from Columbia University in New York City. In addition to her work as a pianist and vocal coach, she is a prolific composer and arranger. Her works have been recorded by the London Symphony and the Columbia Symphony Orchestras and have been performed by the San Francisco Women's Philharmonic, Linda Tillery and the Cultural Heritage Choir, Kathleen Battle (with the Collegiate Chorale and Pro Arte Chorale at Carnegie Hall), Metropolitan Opera mezzo soprano Denyce Graves and the Orlando Opera Chorus and Orchestra and many other singers worldwide. Ms. Hairston received a "Living Legend Award" from the California State University at Dominguez Hills and received Oakland's "Living Legend Award" by the Oakland Alliance of Black Educators. (African American Art Song Alliance)

"Bist du bei mir, geh ich mit Freuden" (If you are with me, I go with joy) is an aria from Gottfried Heinrich Stölzel's opera *Diomedes* (1718). It is best known as "Bist du bei mir," BWV 508, a version for voice and continuo found in the 1725 Notebook for Anna Magdalena Bach. Traditionally sung for funerals, it is sung here with a new text by Marilyn Biery that is loosely based on I Corinthians 13.

Stephen Ministers are available for personal, confidential prayer in the DeWindt Garden after the 9:00 a.m. outdoor service and in Melrose Chapel after the 11:00 a.m. service. (*See an usher for directions*) 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.

The flowers on the altar are presented to the glory of God by Suzy Heintz Avery in loving memory of her parents, Bert and Wilma VandeVusse, and brother, Kenneth.

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Worship Times

8:00 a.m. - Cedarholm Chapel

9:00 a.m. - Outdoor Worship

11:00 a.m. - Sanctuary

We envision a world where every heart experiences God's transforming love.



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