

KIRK IN THE HILLS
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH (U.S.A.)
TRANSFIGURATION OF THE LORD
FEBRUARY 11, 2024



THE SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

9:00 and 11:00 a.m. Sanctuary Worship

OPENING VOLUNTARY

In Quiet Mood

Florence B. Price

SONG OF PRAISE

Oh, How I Love Jesus

Whitfield

Oh, how I love Jesus...

Because he first loved me.

To me, he is so wonderful and I love him,

Because he first loved me.

The Young Children's Choir

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

* INTROIT

Somebody's Knocking at Your Door

Spiritual

Somebody's knocking at your door;

O sinner, why don't you answer?

Somebody's knocking at your door.

Knocks like Jesus.

Somebody's knocking at your door.

* CALL TO WORSHIP

Rev. Edwin Estevez

Blessed is the Lord our God,

Who revealed the law to Moses.

Blessed is the Lord our God,

Who has spoken through the prophets.

Blessed is the Lord our God,

Who came to us in Jesus Christ.

The one who spoke and called light out of darkness

Now shines in our hearts.

Come, let us worship the living God!

* PROCESSIONAL HYMN 193

Jesus, Take Us to the Mountain

Unser Herrscher

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Rev. Edwin Estevez

Jesus said, "Nothing is hidden that will not be disclosed,

Nor is anything secret that will not come to light."

Trusting in God's grace, let us confess our sin.

God of compassion,

In Jesus Christ you reveal the light of your glory,

But we turn away, distracted by our own plans.

We confess that we speak when we should listen,

And act when we should wait.

Forgive our aimless enthusiasms.

Grant us wisdom to live in your light

And to follow in the way of your beloved Son,

Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior.

CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE



Lord, have mer-cy up-on us; Christ, have mer-cy up-on us; Lord, have mer-cy up-on us.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Rev. Edwin Estevez

We have seen the glory of the Lord
shine in the face of Jesus Christ,
the one who redeems and sustains all of his beloved children.
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.**

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WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Rev. Kelsey Sorge

OUR FAITH IN ACTION

Accent Pontiac

Dimitrius Adams, Jr. & Malcolm Shirley

MUSICAL MOMENT

Lift Every Voice and Sing

J. Rosamond Johnson, arr. Tia Harvey

*Dimitrius Adams, Jr. (Trumpet), De'Onnie Peoples (Percussion),
Deja Rubio (Clarinet), and Malcom Shirley (Trumpet)*

WORD WITH THE CHILDREN & THE LORD'S PRAYER (9:00 a.m.)

Sarah Ford

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

**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.**

THANKSGIVING

* HYMN 666

O Splendor of God's Glory Bright

Puer Nobis Nascitur

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 support the Kirk's ministry. Text "KITH" to 73256 to give using your mobile device.

OFFERTORY

It Is Well With My Soul

Philip Bliss, arr. 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.
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)

Old Hundredth

WORD

SCRIPTURE READING

Mark 9:2-9 (NT, page 44)

Rev. Kelsey Sorge

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

SERMON

The Mountaintop

SOLO

Don't Feel No-Ways Tired

arr. Jacqueline B. Hairston

*I am seeking for a city, Hallelujah.
For a city into the Kingdom, Hallelujah.
There's a better day a-comin' Hallelujah.
When I leave this world of sorrow, Hallelujah,
to join the holy number, Hallelujah.
I don' feel noways tired.
Come too far from where I started from;
nobody tol' me the road would be easy;
I don' believe he brought me this far to leave me.
Oh Lord, I don' feel noways tired, Children.
Oh, Glory Hallelujah.
For I hope to shout glory when this worl' is on fire.*

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Rev. Edwin Estevez

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 156	Sing of God Made Manifest	<i>Salzburg</i>
CHARGE AND BENEDICTION <i>(seated)</i>		
CHORAL RESPONSE	God Be with You Till We Meet Again <i>God be with you till we meet again; Loving counsels guide, uphold you, With a shepherds' care enfold you: God be with you till we meet again.</i>	<i>Tomer</i>
CLOSING VOLUNTARY	Toccata in E Minor	<i>Pachelbel</i>

INFORMATION ON TODAY'S SERVICES

Worship/Music Notes

Florence Beatrice Price (1887-1953) was an American composer, pianist, organist and music teacher. She was born in Arkansas, educated at the New England Conservatory of Music, and active in Chicago from 1927 until her death. She is celebrated as the first African-American woman symphonic composer, and the first to have a composition played by a major orchestra. In 2009, a substantial collection of her music was found in her abandoned summer home. She wrote over 300 works in various genres.

Jacqueline Hairston, pianist, composer and arranger, studied at the Juilliard School of Music and Howard University School of Music. She earned a Masters degree in music and music education from Columbia University. Her works have been recorded by the London and Columbia Symphony Orchestras and have been performed by the San Francisco Women's Philharmonic, Kathleen Battle, Metropolitan Opera mezzo soprano Denyce Graves, and the Orlando Opera Chorus and Orchestra.

The text of *It Is Well With My Soul* was written after traumatic events in Horatio Spafford's life. The first was the Great Chicago Fire of 1871, which ruined him financially. His business interests were further hit by the economic downturn of 1873, at which time he had planned to travel to England with his family on the SS Ville du Havre. In a late change of plan, Spafford sent the family ahead while he was delayed on business. While crossing the Atlantic Ocean, the ship sank rapidly after a collision with a sea vessel, and all four of Spafford's daughters died. Spafford's wife, Anna, survived and sent him the now famous telegram, "Saved alone ...". Shortly afterwards, as Spafford traveled to meet his grieving wife, he was inspired to write these words as his ship passed near where his daughters had died. Philip Bliss wrote the tune and named it Ville du Havre, from the name of the stricken vessel.

Musicians: Regis Haynes, tenor; Marilyn Biery, organist and director; Young Children's Choir, Carol Beth Litkouhi, director, Accent Pontiac: Dimitrius Adams, Jr. (Trumpet), De'Onnie Peoples (Percussion), Deja Rubio (Clarinet), and Malcom Shirley (Trumpet).

Stephen Ministers are available for personal, confidential prayer in Melrose Chapel immediately following each service 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 Robert Gustafson, her wonderful husband, by his loving wife, Sheri Gustafson.

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Here is the status of our 2024 Pledge Campaign:

Campaign target: \$1,700,000

Pledges received to date: \$1,415,707

% of target achieved: 83.3%

Number of pledges received: 410

Number of families who have not yet pledged: 640

% change in pledges from 2023 for those who pledged both years: 9.1%

Number of new pledges: 49 (from anyone who did not pledge in 2023)

**MAKE
LOVE
YOUR
GOAL**
1 Corinthians 14:1

You can pledge by turning in a pledge card, pledging through the Realm App or calling the church office. Please pray for us to have a successful campaign.



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



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