

KIRK IN THE HILLS
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH (U.S.A.)
FIRST SUNDAY IN LENT
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Lenten Sermon Series:

Ethics for Everyone: A Lenten Series on Jesus' Call to Righteousness

Jesus calls us to a life of love and righteousness. In other words, to the ethical life. People are hungry to live a life that matters. Such issues are core to living a moral life. This is a sermon series to dive deeper into these issues that the Bible calls us to live out. When it comes to faith, ethics is where "the rubber meets the road." This Lent offers us an opportunity to look at the life of Jesus and how it calls us to lives of moral responsibility.

I look forward to journeying with you. -- Rev. Dr. Andrew McDonald

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.

THE SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

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

PRELUDE

He's Got the Whole World in His Hands *Spiritual, arr. Moses Hogan*

*He's got the whole world in his hands...
He's got the whole world in his hands..
He's got you and me, brother...
He's got you and me sister, in his hands...
He's got the little baby in his hands,
He's got the whole world in his hands.
He's got mother and father in his hands,
He's got the star and moon right in his hands,
He's got everybody in his hands,
He's got the whole world in his hands.*

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

* INTROIT

Live in Charity

Jacques Berthier

*Live in charity and steadfast love.
Live in charity; God will dwell with you.*

* CALL TO WORSHIP

Rev. Dr. Keith O. Provost

Our help is in the name of the Lord,
Who created heaven and earth.
God so loved the world that he gave his only Son,
So that everyone who believes in him
May not be lost, but may have eternal life.

At the name of Jesus

Every knee should bow and every tongue confess

That Jesus Christ is Lord,

To the glory of God our Creator.

* PROCESSIONAL HYMN

God You Spin the Whirling Planets

Austrian Hymn

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PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Rev. Dr. Keith O. Provost

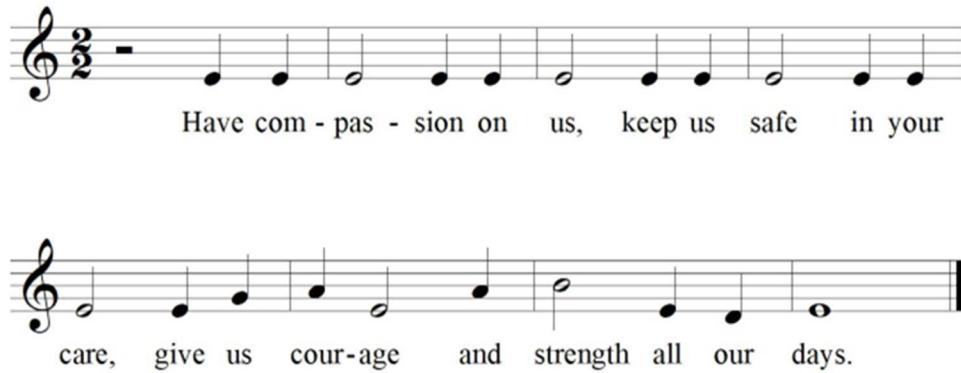
**God of mercy, you sent Jesus to seek and to save the lost.
Lift the burden of our sins.
We confess that we are twisted by pride.
We see ourselves as pure, when we are stained.
We have failed in love, forgotten to be just,
And turned away from your truth.
Judge us with love, have mercy, and forgive us,
For the sake of your Son, Jesus, our Savior.**

CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE

Song of Petition

M. and J. Biery

*(Choir): Forgiving God, you have called,
We have come,
We have gathered as one,
All our frailties and sorrows we bring—
Have compassion on us,
Keep us safe in your care,
give us courage and strength all our days.
Congregation joins in singing:*



ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Rev. Dr. Keith O. Provost

Jesus comes to us with forgiveness,
To move us to repent and receive God's love.
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. Edwin Estevez

OUR FAITH IN ACTION

Congregational Care

Camille Breen

ANTHEM (9:00 am.)

Celebrate This Happy, Holy Day

Purcell arr. Hruby

*Come, all you children of God, come, come away,
Come, all you people of God, come to pray:
Praise with your voices, and instruments play,
To celebrate this happy, holy day.
Praise with your voices, and instruments play,
Pipe happily, dance gleefully, sing merrily today,
To celebrate this happy, holy day.*

The St. Cecilia Choir

ANTHEM (11:00 am.)

Irish Blessing

Bob Chilcott

*May the road rise to meet you,
May the wind be ever at your back,
May the sun shine warm upon your face,
And the rain fall soft upon your fields,
And until we meet again,
May God hold you ever in the palm of his hand.*

The Cantamus Choir

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

Rev. Kelsey Sorge

Following the Word with the Children, children and youth ages 4 through grade 8 will remain in worship. There is no Sunday School in recognition of President's Day.

**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.**

THE SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM (11:00 a.m.)

Rev. Edwin Estevez & Rev. Dr. Keith O. Provost

Leo Lehr Robbie & Maude Rose Robbie

PRESENTATION

*** PROFESSION OF FAITH: THE APOSTLES' CREED**

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.
I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the Virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried;
he descended to the dead.
On the third day he rose again;
he ascended into heaven,
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,
and he will come to judge the living and the dead.
I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church,
the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.**

BAPTISMAL HYMN 482

Baptized in Water (verse 3)

Bunessan

*Baptized in water, sealed by the spirit,
Marked with the sign of Christ our King;
Born of the Spirit, we are God's children;
Joyfully now God's praises we sing.*

THANKSGIVING

* HYMN 372

O for a World (stanzas 1, 2 & 5)

Azmon

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

Out of the Depths I Cry

Handel, arr. Hopson

*Out of the depths I cry, O Lord, hear me.
Turn not away from the voice of my supplication.
Hear my cry, Lord, forgive.
I wait for thee, my soul waits,
and in thy word I hope, O Lord, hear my voice.
More than watchmen for dawn, I wait.
My soul waits for thee,
O Lord, hear my cry to thee.
In thee is steadfast love.
If thou should mark our sins, who could stand?*

* DOXOLOGY (Hymn 606)

Old Hundredth

WORD

SCRIPTURE READING

Matthew 3: 13-4:11 (NT, page 3)

Rev. Dr. Andrew McDonald

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

SERMON

"40 Days in the Wilderness"

* HYMN 175

Seek Ye First

Lafferty

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 835

Just a Closer Walk With Thee

Closer Walk

CHARGE AND BENEDICTION (seated)

CHORAL RESPONSE**Take, O Take Me as I Am***John Bell*

*Take, O take me as I am;
Summon out what I shall be;
Set your seal upon my heart
And live in me.*

CLOSING VOLUNTARY**Erbarm dich mein, o Herre Got, BWV 721***J. S. Bach*

INFORMATION ON TODAY'S SERVICES

Worship/Music Notes

Moses George Hogan (1957 – 2003) was an American composer, pianist, conductor, and arranger, best known for his settings of spirituals.. His works are celebrated and performed by high school, college, church, community, and professional choirs.

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Musicians: Carol Johnson, soprano; Bobby DeLisle, youth choir director; Carol Beth Litkouhi, flute; David Enos, carillonist; Marilyn Biery, organist and director.

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 Dr. Robert Belf by his wife, children, and grandchildren, and new great granddaughter.

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



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