

KIRK IN THE HILLS
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH (U.S.A.)
FIFTH SUNDAY IN LENT
MARCH 17, 2024



THE SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

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

OPENING VOLUNTARY

Wondrous Love

Aaron David Miller

PRELUDE

You Gotta Sing

Traditional

*You gotta sing when the spirit says sing.
When the spirit says sing, you gotta sing right along,
You gotta sing when the spirit says sing.*

You gotta stomp when the spirits says stomp...

You gotta pray when the spirit says pray...

You gotta sing when the spirit says sing...

The Young Children's Choir

* *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.
Ubi caritas et amor, ubi caritas Deus ibi est.*

* CALL TO WORSHIP

Rev. Dr. Philip J. Reed

I was glad when they said to me,
"Let us go into the house of the Lord."
As the deer pants for the water brooks,
So my soul pants for thee, O God.
My soul thirsts for God, for the Living God.
Friends, let us worship in spirit and truth.

* PROCESSIONAL HYMN 720

Jesus Calls Us

Galilee

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Rev. Dr. Philip J. Reed

Beloved friends, in this season of repentance and healing,
Let us turn to God, whose mercies are new every morning,
And boldly confess our sins as beloved children of God:

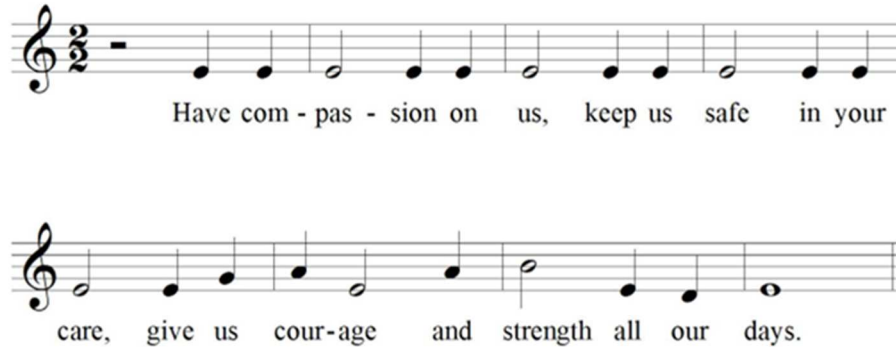
Most merciful God,
Whose Son Jesus Christ was tempted in every way,
yet without sin,
**We confess before you that we have sinned.
We have hungered after that which does not satisfy;
We have compromised with evil;
We have doubted your power to protect us.
Forgive our lack of faith; have mercy on our weakness.
Restore in us such love and trust that we may walk in your ways
And delight in doing your will.
In your mercy, Lord, hear our prayers.**

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—
Congregation joins in singing:*



ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Rev. Dr. Philip J. Reed

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. Dr. Philip J. Reed

OUR FAITH IN ACTION

Vacation Bible School 2024

Chris Adams

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.**

ADMISSION OF NEW MEMBERS (11:00 a.m.)

Rev. Edwin Estevez; Clerk of Session, Linda Juracek-Lipa

*Griffin William Pifer, Karen Marie Pifer, Scott Mason Pifer,
Dr. Amanda Yousif*

ANTHEM**Lord, For Thy Tender Mercy's Sake***Richard Farrant*

Lord, for thy tender mercy's sake,
lay not our sins to our charge,
but forgive that is past,
and give us grace to amend our sinful lives.
To decline from sin and incline to virtue,
that we may walk in a perfect heart before thee,
now and evermore. Amen. (Lidley's Prayers, 1566)

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**There's A Wideness in God's Mercy***Brenda Portman*

There's a wideness in God's mercy,
like the wideness of the sea;
there's a kindness in God's justice which is more than liberty.
There is no place where earth's sorrows are more felt
than up in heaven.
There is no place where earth's failings
have such kindly judgment given.
God has shown you what is good.
And what does the Lord require of you?
To act justly, to love mercy,
to walk humbly with your God.

For the love of God is broader than the measures of the mind;
and the heart of the Eternal is most wonderfully kind.
Make our love, O God, more faithful;
let us take you at your word,
and our lives will be thanksgiving for the goodness of our Lord.
Amen.

*** DOXOLOGY** (Hymn 606)*Old Hundredth***WORD****CHORAL PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION****O Lord, Hear My Prayer***Jacques Berthier*

*O Lord, hear my prayer.
When I call, answer me.
O Lord, hear my prayer.
Come and listen to me.*

SCRIPTURE READING

John 12:20-33 (*NT, page 108*)
The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

Rev. Kelsey Sorge

SERMON

Decay of the False Self

* **HYMN 726**

The Summons

Kelvingrove

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Rev. Edwin Estevez

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.
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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 725**

O Jesus, I Have Promised

Angel's Story

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

O Darkest Woe

James Biery

INFORMATION ON TODAY'S SERVICES

Worship/Music Notes

As we continue featuring the music of female composers for Women's History Month, the choir sings an anthem by Brenda Portman. Brenda Portman is the Resident Organist at Hyde Park Community United Methodist Church in Cincinnati, Ohio, and organ instructor at Xavier University. She is active throughout the United States as a performer, teacher, and composer. She holds a DMA in organ performance from the University of Cincinnati, as well as degrees from Northwestern University and Wheaton College, and she has been a prizewinner in numerous national organ competitions. Dr. Portman has published many organ and choral works and is frequently commissioned to write new music for occasions such as conventions, new organ dedications, and memorials.

Aaron David Miller is a renowned organ improviser and composer, having won numerous international awards and given concerts across the country. He is the winner of the 2021 Ronald G. Pogorzelski and Lester D. Yankee Annual Composition Competition. Miller's orchestral works have been performed by such ensembles as the Seattle Symphony, Chicago Symphony, Zurich Symphony, and Houston Symphony orchestras. He is Minister of Music at House of Hope Presbyterian Church in St. Paul, MN. James Biery has been Minister of Music at Grosse Pointe Memorial Church in Grosse Pointe Farms since 2010, and leaves full-time church work this spring to focus on his compositional projects. His organ, choral and brass pieces are published by GIA, Augsburg Fortress, Concordia, MorningStar and Oxford University Press.

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Musicians: Carol Beth Litkouhi, young children's choir director; Merideth Estevez, oboe; David Enos, organist and 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.

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