

KIRK IN THE HILLS
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH (U.S.A.)
SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER
APRIL 7, 2024



THE SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

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

OPENING VOLUNTARY

We Walk by Faith

Cantabile; Reflection

James Biery

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

* INTROIT

This Is the Day

This is the day that the Lord has made.

Let us rejoice and be glad in it!

Marilyn Biery

* CALL TO WORSHIP

Rev. Kelsey Sorge

The Risen Christ appeared to his disciples.

"We have seen the Lord!"

But Thomas was not there.

"Unless I see the mark of the nails . . . I will not believe."

The Risen appeared to his disciples again and to Thomas.

"Put your finger here," Jesus said, "Do not doubt but believe."

Thomas proclaimed, "My Lord and my God!"

Let us worship the Risen Christ who turns our doubts into faith.

* PROCESSIONAL HYMN 245

Christ the Lord Is Risen Today!

Llanfair

Please be seated

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Almighty God, you have raised Jesus from the grave.

He is Lord of all.

We confess that we have not bowed before him

Or acknowledged his rule in our lives.

We have gone along the way of the world

And failed to give him glory.

Forgive us and raise us from sin,

That we may be your faithful people,

Obeing the commands of our Lord Jesus Christ,

Who rules this world and is head of the church, his body.

Amen.

CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE

Christ is Alive!

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Christ is a - live! Let Chris - tians sing, The cross stands
Christ is a - live, and comes to bring good news to
emp - ty to the sky. Let streets and homes with prais - es
this and ev - ery age, till earth and sky and o - cean
ring. Love, drowned in death, shall nev - er die.
ring with joy, with jus - tice, love, and praise.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

“If we claim we have no sin, we deceive ourselves
And the truth is not in us.
If we confess our sins, God is faithful and just
And will cleanse us of all unrighteousness.”
The good news this morning is that in Jesus Christ
We are forgiven.

Amen.

* **GLORIA PATRI** (*Hymn 581*) **Glory be to the Father, and to the Son,
and to the Holy Ghost.** *Greatorex*
**As it was in the beginning,
is now and ever shall be.
World without end. Amen.**

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS Rev. Kelsey Sorge

OUR FAITH IN ACTION Kirk Preschool Lauren Clopton

WORD

WORD WITH THE CHILDREN (*9:00 a.m.*) Rev. Kelsey Sorge

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

CHORAL PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Come and Fill Our Hearts *Jacques Berthier*
*Come and fill our hearts with your peace.
You alone, O Lord, are holy.
Come and fill our hearts with your peace. Alleluia!*

SCRIPTURE READING **John 20:19-29** (*NT, page 115*) Rev. Dr. Philip Reed
The Word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.

SERMON **The Wisdom of Uncertainty**

* **HYMN 817** **We Walk by Faith and Not by Sight** *Dunlap’s Creek*

CALL TO OFFERING AND OFFERTORY PRAYER Rev. Philip Reed

*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 **Air and Chorus from Judas Maccabaeus** *G. F. Handel*

Air:
*Rejoice, O Judah, and in songs divine,
With Cherubim and Seraphim harmonious join.*
Chorus:
*Hallelujah, Amen. O Judah, rejoice.
With Cherubim and Seraphim harmonious join.
And in songs divine, harmonious join.
Hallelujah. Amen.*

THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION Rev. Dr. Philip Reed & Rev. Kelsey Sorge

INVITATION TO THE LORD'S TABLE

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them up to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

SANCTUS (*Hymn 562*)

Holy, holy, holy Lord,

Schubert

God of power and might,

Heaven and earth are full of your glory.

Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

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.

AMEN (*Hymn 564*)

Amen

Schubert

Amen, amen, amen.

THE WORDS OF INSTITUTION

SHARING IN THE SACRAMENT OF COMMUNION

This morning the congregation is served in procession. Please remain seated until you are prompted by an usher to be served. For those unable to process forward, stay seated and a server will bring the sacrament to you.

Gluten-free bread is available in the center of the bread trays. Empty glasses are placed in the baskets provided near the communion servers.

We receive the bread with "Amen" after the server says, "This is the body of Christ."

We receive the cup with "Thanks be to God" after the server says, "This is the cup of the new covenant"

COMMUNION MUSIC

SOLO

The Call, from *Five Mystical Songs*

Ralph Vaughan Williams

Come, my Way, my Truth, my Life:

such a way as gives us breath;

such a truth as ends all strife;

such a life as killeth death.

Come, my Light, my Feast, my Strength:

such a light as shows a feast;

such a feast as mends in length;

such a strength as makes a guest.

*Come, my Joy, my Love, my Heart:
such a joy as none can move:
such a love as none can part;
such a heart as joys in love. (George Herbert)*

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

In your body broken and in your blood shed for all of us, Lord, we have tasted and seen that you are good. In this meal, we have experienced again your deep love for your world. May the sweet taste of this meal strengthen us for living for you and remind us that we are called to live according to your will and to love as you love. Help us to yearn for your coming again, we pray in Jesus' name. Amen.

SENDING

* RECESSIONAL HYMN 238	Thine Is the Glory	<i>Judas MacCabeus</i>
CHARGE AND BENEDICTION	<i>(seated)</i>	Rev. Dr. Philip Reed
CHORAL AMEN		<i>P. C. Lutkin</i>
CLOSING VOLUNTARY	Fanfare	<i>Jacques Lemmens</i>

INFORMATION ON TODAY'S SERVICES

Worship/Music Notes

"The Call" is from the *Five Mystical Songs* by Ralph Vaughan Williams (1872-1958), the English composer who also compiled hymn tunes. Several of his tunes are in our hymnal, most notably *Sine nomine* (For All the Saints, Hymn 326). The *Five Mystical Songs* were written between 1906 and 1911 and use poems by the seventeenth-century Welsh poet and Anglican priest George Herbert (1593-1633). The voluntaries are based on the hymn tune *Dunlap's Creek*, which can be found in our hymnal, #817, and is typically sung on the Sunday after Easter, when we remember Thomas the Apostle (also referred to as Doubting Thomas).

Musicians: Daniel Paradowski, baritone; Chantel Woodard, soprano; David Enos, carillonneur; Marilyn Biery, organist and director

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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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