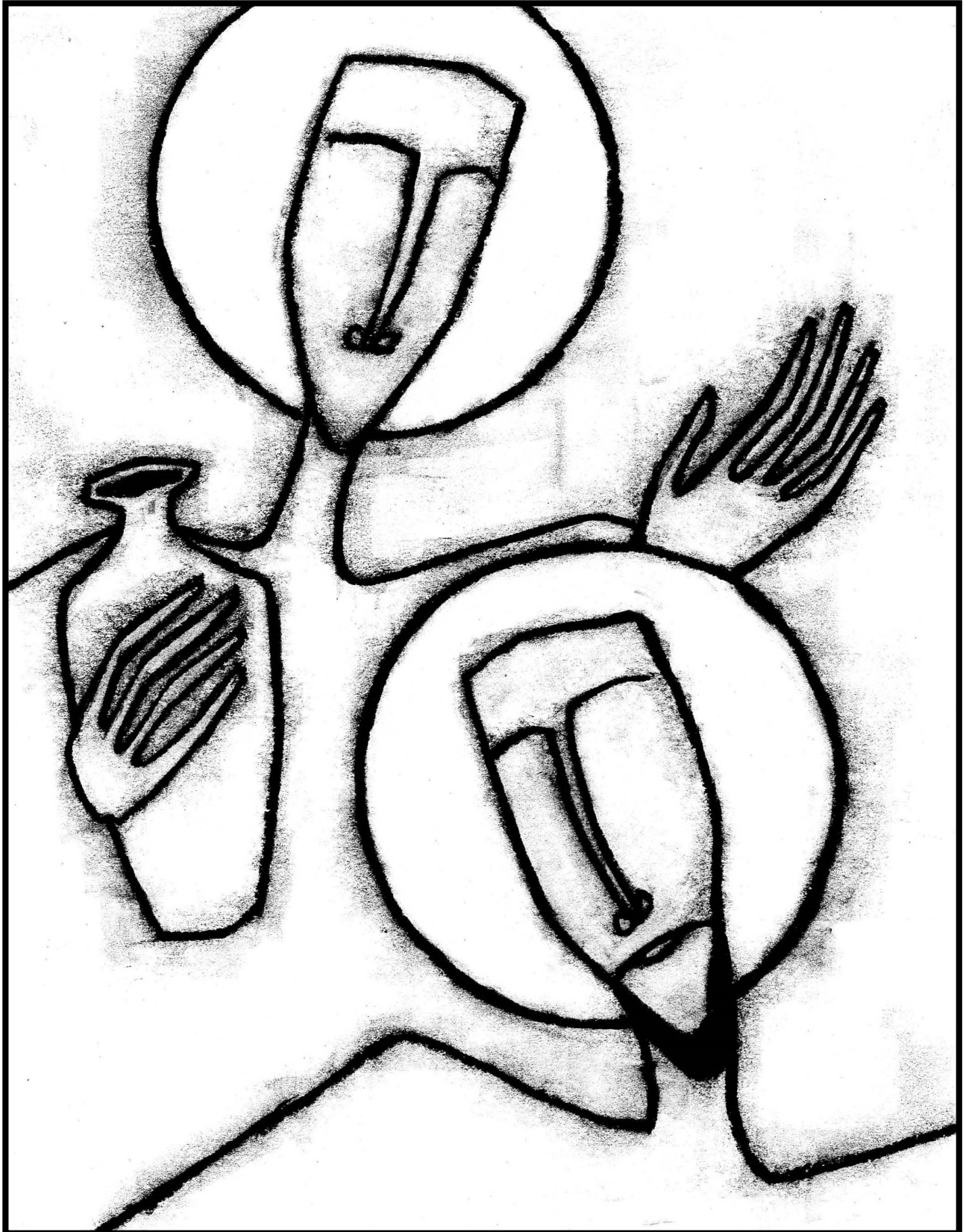
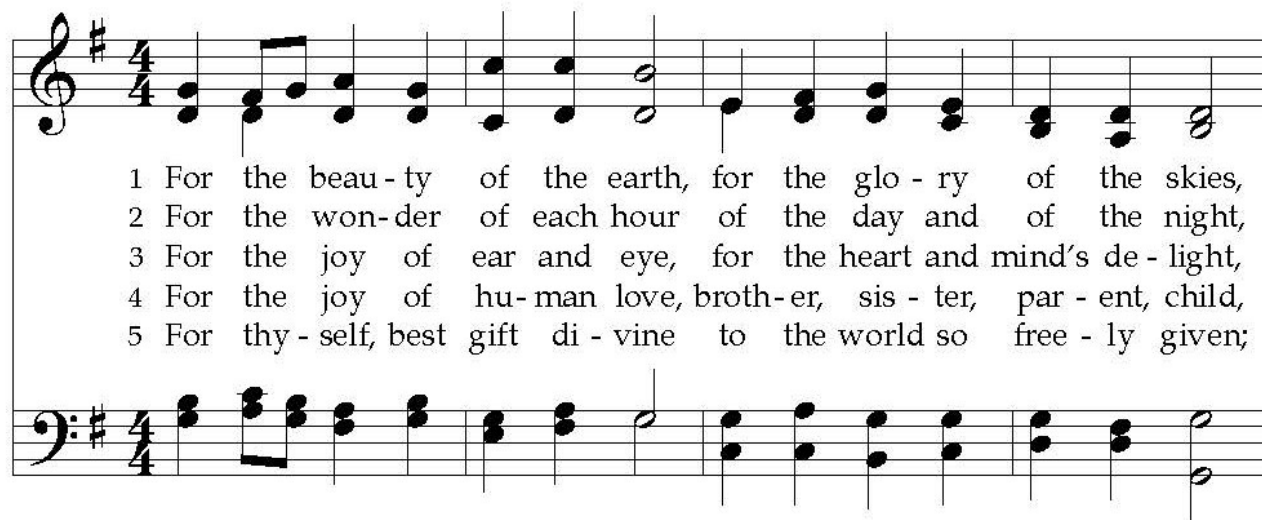


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PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH (U.S.A.)
ELEVENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
AUGUST 4, 2024

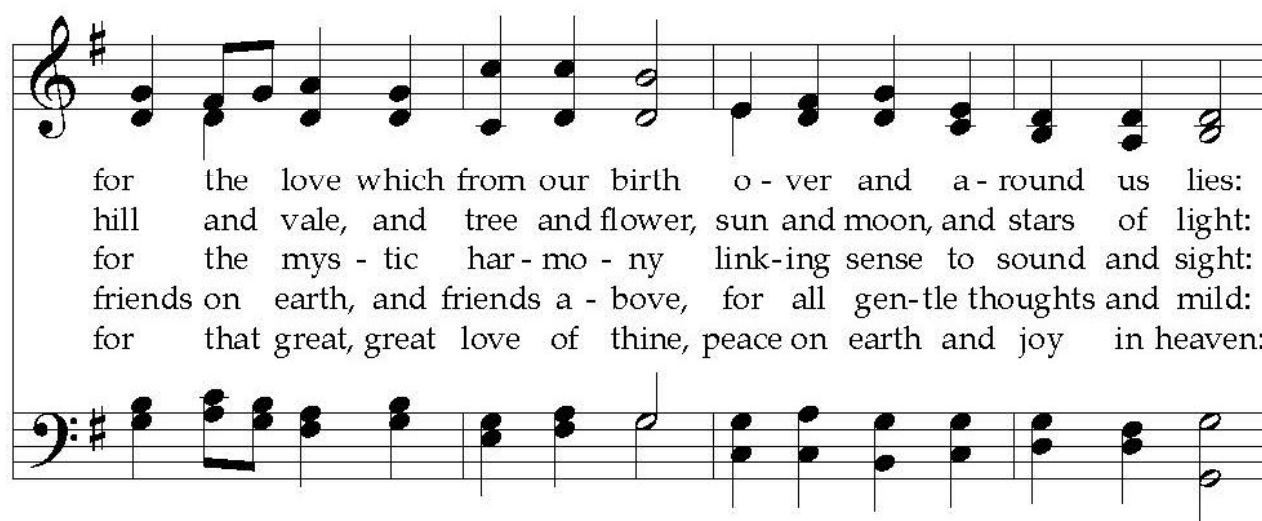


For the Beauty of the Earth

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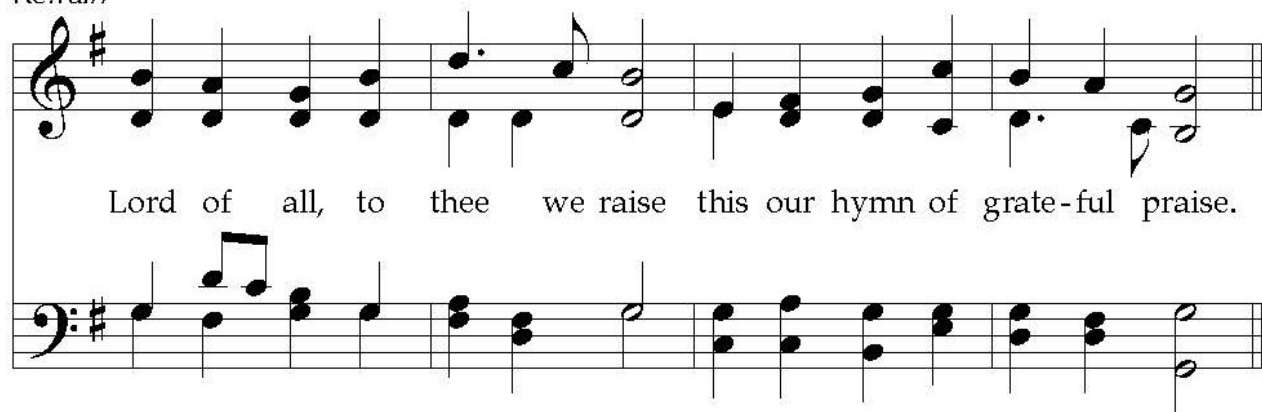


1 For the beau - ty of the earth, for the glo - ry of the skies,
2 For the won - der of each hour of the day and of the night,
3 For the joy of ear and eye, for the heart and mind's de - light,
4 For the joy of hu - man love, broth - er, sis - ter, par - ent, child,
5 For thy - self, best gift di - vine to the world so free - ly given;



for the love which from our birth o - ver and a - round us lies:
hill and vale, and tree and flower, sun and moon, and stars of light:
for the mys - tic har - mo - ny link - ing sense to sound and sight:
friends on earth, and friends a - bove, for all gen - tle thoughts and mild:
for that great, great love of thine, peace on earth and joy in heaven:

Refrain



Lord of all, to thee we raise this our hymn of grate - ful praise.

9:00 a.m., Outdoor Worship

*** CALL TO WORSHIP**

Let us gather together to hear the word of the Lord!
Let us spread the message of God's mercy and love.
 Let our lives bear witness that God's mercy and love are real.
May our lives extravagantly reflect God's love in all we do.
 Let us worship God.

For the Beauty of the Earth

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Rev. Rick Peters

CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE

Kyrie

Merbecke



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

Rev. Rick Peters

Do not fear, says the Lord, for I have redeemed you.
I have called you by name, you are mine.
God is doing a new thing; now it springs forth!
By the grace of Jesus Christ, we are forgiven!

Thanks be to God!

**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. Amen.**

Greatorex (Hymn 581)

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Rev. Dr. Philip J. Reed

OUR FAITH IN ACTION

The Kirk Choirs

Marilyn Biery

WORD WITH THE CHILDREN

Sarah Ford

Children are encouraged to remain in the garden to worship with their families. Children's bulletins are available at the garden entrance.

WORD

DUET

Der Herr segne euch, BWV 196

J. S. Bach

May the Lord bless you more and more, you and your children.

SCRIPTURE READING

Elder Jill O'Hara

1 Corinthians 13:4-8a (NT page 175)

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

SERMON

Startling Extravagant Love (Mark 14:3-9)

Rev. Dr. Keith O. Provost

THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

Rev. Dr. Keith O. Provost & Rev. Dr. Philip J. Reed

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.

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.

THE WORDS OF INSTITUTION

SHARING IN THE SACRAMENT OF COMMUNION

At the direction of the communion servers, please step towards the nearest communion station to receive the sacrament. 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

Selections for Meditation

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

**Lord God, in deep gratitude for this moment,
this meal, these people,
we give ourselves to you...**

Take us out to live as changed people
because we have shared the living bread
and cannot remain the same.
Ask much of us, expect much from us,
enable much by us, encourage many through us.
Through Christ our Lord. Amen.

SENDING

* HYMN 435 (*see page 6*)

There's a Wideness in God's Mercy

In Babilone

CHARGE AND BENEDICTION (*seated*)

VOLUNTARY

*Garden worshippers are encouraged to drop off donations in the baskets located at the Celtic Cross near ramp or at the door to the cloister as you exit to the front patio as you depart. Please see notes on page 11.
Join us for coffee and fellowship on the patio immediately following service!*

435 There's a Wideness in God's Mercy

1 There's a wide-ness in God's mer-cy, like the wide-ness
 2 For the love of God is broad-er than the mea-sures

of the sea. There's a kind-ness in God's jus-tice,
 of the mind. And the heart of the E-ter-nal

which is more than lib-er-ty. There is no place where earth's
 is most won-der-ful-ly kind. If our love were but more

sor-rows are more felt than up in heaven. There is no place
 faith-ful, we would glad-ly trust God's Word, and our lives re-

where earth's fail-ings have such kind-ly judg-ment given.
 flect thanks-giv-ing for the good-ness of our Lord.

THE SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

11:00 a.m., Sanctuary

MUSIC INTRODUCTION

Learning a new Sanctus and Amen for Communion Sundays

Marilyn Biery

OPENING VOLUNTARY

Blessed Jesus, at Thy Word

J. G. Walther

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

*** CALL TO WORSHIP**

Rev. Anne Schaefer

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* OPENING HYMN 14

For the Beauty of the Earth

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PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Rev. Rick Peters

Almighty God,

you love us, but we have not loved you;

you call, but we have not listened.

We walk away from neighbors in need,

wrapped up in our own concerns.

We have gone along with evil,

with pride, quarrelling, and divisiveness.

Holy God, help us to face up to ourselves,

so that, as you move toward us in mercy,

we may repent, turn to you, and receive mercy;

through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE

Kyrie

Merbecke



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ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Rev. Rick Peters

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WORD

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Elder Jennifer Fickel

SERMON

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Rev. Dr. Keith O. Provost

* HYMN 201

A Prophet Woman Broke a Jar

How Can I Keep from Singing

THANKSGIVING

CALL TO OFFERING AND DEDICATION

Our giving is an offering to God. All offerings 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.

OFFERTORY

Lord, Make Me an Instrument of Thy Peace

Howard Helvey

*Lord, make me an instrument of thy peace;
Where there is hatred, let me sow love;
Where there is injury, let there be pardon;
Where there is doubt, let there be faith;
Where there is anguish, let there be hope;
Where there is darkness, let there be light;
Where there is sadness, let there be joy.
O Divine Master, grant that I may not so much seek to be consoled
as to console; to be understood, as to understand;
To be loved, as to love;
For it is in giving that we receive.
It is in pardoning, that we are pardoned,
and it is in dying that we are born into eternal life. Amen.*

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Rev. Dr. Keith O. Provost, Rev. Dr. Philip J. Reed

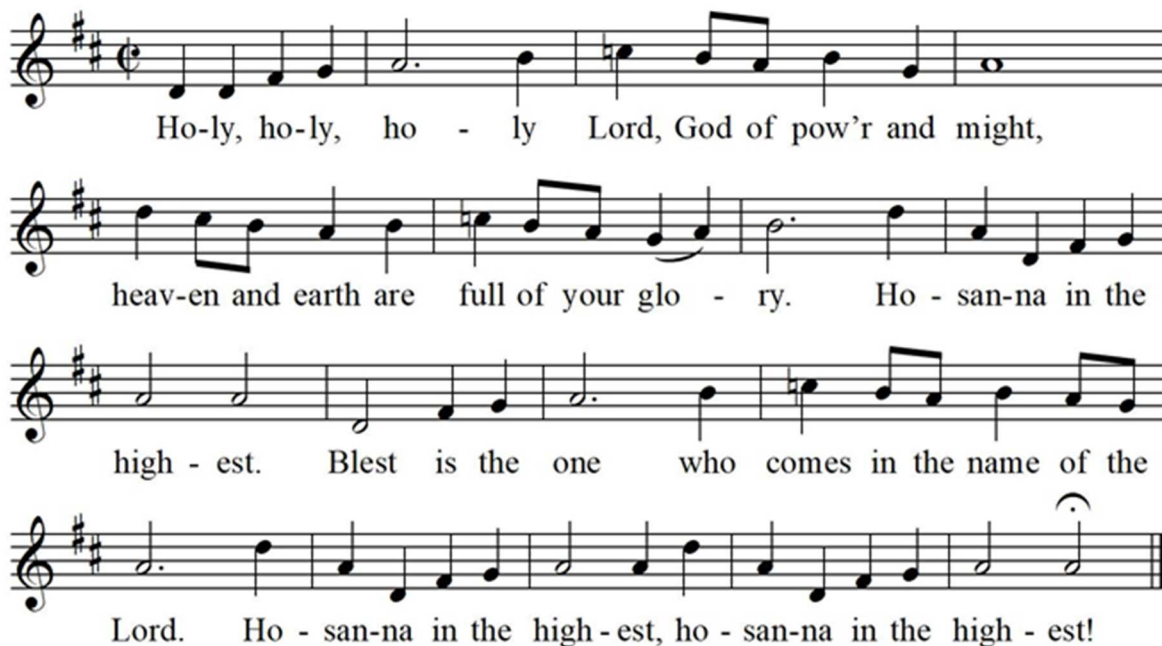
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SANCTUS

James Biery



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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

Amen

James Biery



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.

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COMMUNION MUSIC

Der Herr segne euch, BWV 196

J. S. Bach

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SENDING

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CHARGE AND BENEDICTION *(seated)*

CLOSING VOLUNTARY

Psalm 119 The Heavens Declare

Marcello

INFORMATION ON TODAY'S SERVICES

Music Notes

Come sing in the choirs! We are looking for members for all the choirs at the Kirk starting in the fall. For information on the children and youth choirs, contact Bobby DeLisle at bdelisle@kirkinthehills.org (St. Cecilia and Cantamus choirs). If you have a younger chorister, contact Carol Beth Litkouhi for the Young Children's Choir at cbliitkouhi@kirkinthehills.org. Registration for these choirs is now available on the website, as is information on all three groups.

The Kirk Chancel Choir would love to welcome you to sing with us. We recognize that a year-round commitment may not fall into everyone's schedule, so please consider joining for a portion of the year, like Advent/Christmas or Lent/Easter. The Kirk Chancel Choir seeks to provide meaningful music for worship, with the goal of leading us all to a more profound "Amen." We love to sing, we love to laugh, we love to work hard, we love to learn new music, we love to reconnect with classics and most of all, we love to welcome new people! For more information, contact Marilyn Biery, Director of Music Ministry at mbiery@kirkinthehills.org, or come up to the organ to chat with her after the closing voluntary.

From the University of Oxford: "The physiological benefits of singing, and music more generally, have long been explored. Music making exercises the brain as well as the body, but singing is particularly beneficial for improving breathing, posture and muscle tension. Listening to and participating in music has been shown to be effective in pain relief, too, probably due to the release of neurochemicals such as β -endorphin (a natural painkiller responsible for the "high" experienced after intense exercise). Singing has also been shown to improve our sense of happiness and wellbeing."

Musicians: Terence Farmer, tenor; Daniel Paradowski, baritone; Marilyn Biery organist.

Stephen Ministers are available for personal, confidential prayer in the Garden after the 9:00 a.m. outdoor worship and 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. If you are interested in being connected with a Stephen Minister, please call Robin Brinks at 248-310-2034.



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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Meet Our Membership Coordinator! Stop by the Visitor's Table in the Narthex after service to say hello to our new Membership Coordinator, Mercy Adams. If this is your first visit to the Kirk, Mercy would love to meet you and answer all your questions about being a member. If you're interested, she can sign you up for one of our upcoming New Member Classes.



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



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