

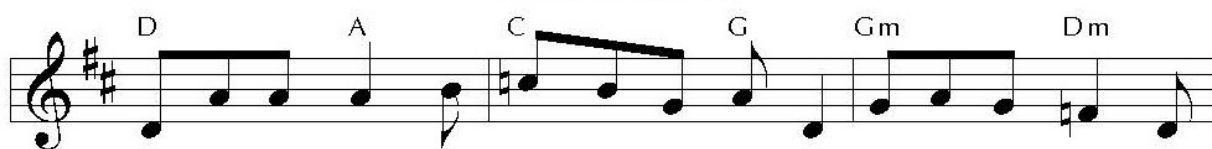
KIRK IN THE HILLS  
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH (U.S.A.)  
FOURTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST  
AUGUST 25, 2024



# Here in This Place

## Gather Us In

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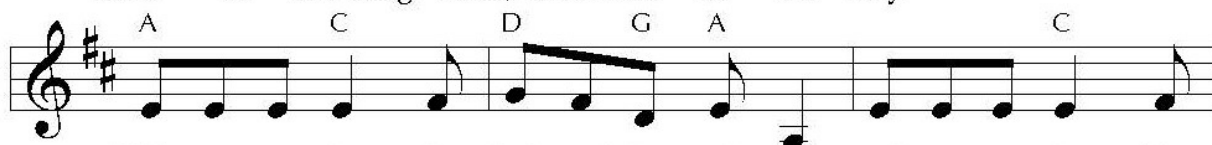
1 Here in this place the new light is stream-ing; now is the dark-ness  
 2 We are the young, our lives are a mys-tery. We are the old who  
 3 Here we will take the wine and the wa-ter; here we will take the  
 4 Not in the dark of build-ings con-fin-ing, not in some heav-en,



van-ished a-way; see in this space our fears and our dream-ings  
 yearn for your face. We have been sung through-out all of his-tory,  
 bread of new birth. Here you shall call your sons and your daugh-ters,  
 light years a-way: here in this place the new light is shin-ing;



brought here to you in the light of this day.  
 called to be light to the whole hu-man race.  
 call us a-new to be salt for the earth.  
 now is the king-dom, and now is the day.



Gath-er us in, the lost and for-sak-en; gath-er us in, the  
 Gath-er us in, the rich and the haugh-ty; gath-er us in, the  
 Give us to drink the wine of com-pas-sion; give us to eat the  
 Gath-er us in and hold us for-ev-er; gath-er us in and



blind and the lame; call to us now, and we shall a-wak-en;  
 proud and the strong; give us a heart, so meek and so low-ly;  
 bread that is you; nour-ish us well, and teach us to fash-ion  
 make us your own; gath-er us in, all peo-ples to-geth-er,



we shall a-rise at the sound of our name.  
 give us the cour-age to en-ter the song.  
 lives that are ho-ly and hearts that are true.  
 fire of love in our flesh and our bone.

## 9:00 a.m., Outdoor Worship

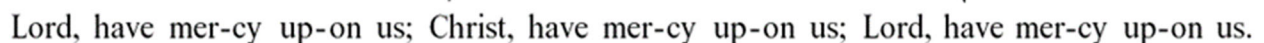
**\* CALL TO WORSHIP**

We are the body of Christ,  
**gathered at this time and in this place.**

## Gather Us In

Merciful and loving God,  
you have called us to be your people  
and claimed us for service in Jesus Christ.  
We confess that we have not lived up to our calling  
to proclaim good news in word and deed.  
We are quick to speak when we should listen.  
We remain silent when it is time to speak.  
We put too much faith in our own perceptions and actions  
and fail to trust the guidance of your Spirit.  
Forgive us, Dear Lord.  
Empower us by your Holy Spirit to follow Christ way in the world.  
May we be faithful disciples and fulfill our common calling;  
through Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior.

## Merbecke



## ASSURANCE OF PARDON

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it is a greater truth that we are forgiven  
through God's love in Jesus Christ.  
To all who humbly seek the mercy of God,  
here is the good news;  
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**Thanks be to God!**

## \* GLORIA PATRI

**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.**

*Greatorrex (Hymn 581)*

## WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Rev. Edwin Estevez

## OUR FAITH IN ACTION

**Adopt-a-Family**

Kristi Jones

## WORD WITH THE CHILDREN AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

Rev. Dr. Philip J. Reed

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

**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.**

## PRAYER

## PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Rev. Edwin Estevez

## WORD

## SOLO

### **Sometimes a Light Surprises**

*Anton Bruckner*

*Sometimes a light surprises the child of God who sings,  
it is the Lord who rises with healing in his wings;  
when comforts are declining,  
God grants the soul again a season of clear shining to cheer it after rain.*

*God gives the lilies clothing and gives his children bread;  
beneath the spreading heavens all creatures will be fed.  
Though vine nor fig tree neither their longed-for fruit should bear,  
though all the fields should wither, nor flocks nor herds be there,  
yet God the same abiding, his praise shall tune my voice,  
for while in him confiding, I cannot but rejoice! (William Cowper, 1779)*



**SCRIPTURE READING**

Elder Jennifer Fickel

**1 Corinthians 12:12-27** (*NT page 174*)

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

**SERMON**

**Why I Love Being a Presbyterian 3: Presbyterians Love Church!**

Rev. Dr. Philip J. Reed

**SENDING**

\* **HYMN 310** (*see page 6*)

**I Love Thy Kingdom, Lord**

*St. Thomas*

**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!*

# I Love Thy Kingdom, Lord 310



1 I love thy king - dom, Lord, the house of thine a - bode,  
2 I love thy church, O God. Her walls be - fore thee stand,  
3 For her my tears shall fall; for her my prayers as - cend;  
4 Be - yond my high - est joy I prize her heaven - ly ways:  
5 Sure as thy truth shall last, to Zi - on shall be given



the church our blest Re - deem - er saved with his own pre - cious blood.  
dear as the ap - ple of thine eye, and grav - en on thy hand.  
to her my cares and toils be given, till toils and cares shall end.  
her sweet com - mu - nion, sol - emn vows, her hymns of love and praise.  
the bright - est glo - ries earth can yield, and bright - er bliss of heaven.

# THE SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

11:00 a.m., Sanctuary

## OPENING VOLUNTARY

**Es ist das Heil uns kommen herr**

*Anonymous*

*(Salvation has come to us)*

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

## \* CALL TO WORSHIP

Rev. Edwin Estevez

Gathered at this time and in this place,  
**we are the body of Christ.**

The hands and feet,  
**the ears and eyes,**  
**the hearts and lungs;**  
**all part of a whole.**

A body that sings,  
**a body that serves,**  
a body that rests;  
**a body that rejoices in the wonder**  
**of loving and serving God together.**

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**Here in This Place**

*Gather Us In*

## PRAYER OF CONFESSION

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## 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.

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## SERMON

**Why I Love Being a Presbyterian 3: Presbyterians Love Church!**

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## \* HYMN 306

**Blest Be the Tie That Binds**

*Dennis*

## 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**

**Jesus, Redeemer, Our Loving Savior**

*Anton Bruckner*

*Jesus, Redeemer, our loving Savior,  
plenteous in mercy, gracious and mighty!  
Jesus, we cherish, magnify, hail thee,  
and we praise thy holy name forevermore.  
Thou hast atoned for sin on Calvary's cross, O loving Savior, Jesus.  
Jesus, Redeemer, God's Son incarnate,  
help us, we pray thee, have mercy upon us, grant us thy peace.  
In death's dread hour be thou, O Christ, our Stay.  
Jesus, Redeemer, our loving Savior, pray for us, save us, Amen.*

**\* DOXOLOGY** (*Hymn 606*)

*Old Hundredth*

**PRAYER**

**PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER**

Rev. Edwin Estevez

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**SENDING**

**\* CLOSING HYMN 310**

**I Love Thy Kingdom, Lord**

*St. Thomas*

**CHARGE AND BENEDICTION** (*seated*)

**CLOSING VOLUNTARY**

**Praise to the Lord, the Almighty, the King of creation**

*Walther*

## WORSHIP NOTES

## 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](mailto: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 [cblitkouhi@kirkinthehills.org](mailto:cblitkouhi@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](mailto: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  $\beta$ -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." Want to feel great? Join one of the Kirk Choirs!

Musicians: Chantel Woodard, soprano; Marilyn Biery, organist.

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**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.

**Why I Love Being a Presbyterian (at the Kirk!)** - a four-part Sermon Series by Rev. Dr. Philip J. Reed (August 11, 18, 25 and September 1): Christianity in North America is mostly generic. There is a progressive left and a conservative right. Presbyterians are unique and distinctive and offer a dynamic and exciting alternative to generic Christianity. This series is a biased and unapologetic exploration of the genius of being a Presbyterian.





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



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