

KIRK IN THE HILLS
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH (U.S.A.)
FIFTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
SEPTEMBER 1, 2024



305 Come Sing, O Church, in Joy!

1 Come sing, O church, in joy! Come join, O church, in song!
2 Long years have come and gone, and still God reigns su - preme,
3 Let cour - age be our friend; let wis - dom be our guide,
4 Come sing, O church, in joy! Come join, O church, in song!

The first system of the hymn features a treble and bass staff in 4/4 time. The treble staff contains a melody of eighth and quarter notes, while the bass staff provides a harmonic accompaniment with chords and single notes.

For Christ the Lord has led us through the a - ges long!
em - power - ing us to catch the vi - sion, dream the dream!
as we in mis - sion mag - ni - fy the Cru - ci - fied!
For Christ the Lord has tri - umphed o'er the a - ges long!

The second system continues the melody and accompaniment. The treble staff shows a key signature change to one sharp (F#) in the middle of the system. The lyrics are aligned with the notes in both staves.

In bold ac - cord, come cel - e - brate the jour - ney now and praise the Lord!

The third system concludes the hymn with a final cadence. The treble staff ends with a double bar line, and the bass staff continues with a few more notes before also ending. The lyrics are aligned with the notes in both staves.

THE SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

9:00 a.m., Outdoor Worship

PRELUDE

* CALL TO WORSHIP

Rev. Edwin Estevez

Make a joyful noise to the Lord, all the earth.
Serve the Lord with gladness;
come into his presence with singing.

Know that the Lord is God.

It is God who made us, and we are his;

we are God's people and the sheep of his pasture.

Enter his gates with thanksgiving and his courts with praise.

Give thanks to the Lord; bless God's name.

For the Lord is good;

his steadfast love endures forever

and his faithfulness to all generations.

* HYMN 305 (*see pages 2*)

Come Sing, O Church in Joy!

Darwell's 148th

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Almighty God, we confess that we have sinned against you
in thought, word, and deed;

we have not loved you with all of our heart, soul, mind, and strength;

we have not loved our neighbor as ourselves.

Lord, you are full of compassion and gracious,

slow to anger, and plenteous in mercy;

there is always forgiveness with you!

Restore to us the joy of your salvation;

bind up that which is broken, give light to our minds,

and strength to our wills,

that we may serve you every day of our lives.

Amen.

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.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

To all who turn from sin,
to all who turn to God in hope,
this is God's Word of grace;
we are forgiven; we are accepted; we are loved.
These gifts come to us through the life,
death and resurrection of Jesus Christ.

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.**

Greatorex (Hymn 581)

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Rev. Edwin Estevez

WORD WITH THE CHILDREN AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

Sarah Ford

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.**

SOLO

Jesus, the Very Thought of Thee

Howard Helvey

*Jesus, the very thought of thee
with sweetness fills the breast;
but sweeter far thy face to see,
and in thy presence rest.*

*No voice can sing, no heart can frame,
nor can the memory find,
a sweeter sound than Jesus' Name,
the Savior of mankind.*

*O hope of every contrite heart,
O joy of all the meek,
to those who fall, how kind thou art!
How good to those who seek!*

*But what to those who find? Ah, this
nor tongue nor pen can show;
the love of Jesus, what it is,
none but who love him know.*

*Jesus, our only joy be thou,
as thou our prize wilt be;
in thee be all our glory now,
and through eternity. (attributed to St. Bernard of Clairvaux, (c.1091-1153)*

PRAYER

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Rev. Edwin Estevez

WORD

SCRIPTURE READING

Rev. Edwin Estevez

John 2:1-11 (*NT page 93*)

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

SERMON

Why I Love Being a Presbyterian 4: Presbyterians and the Spirit of Joy!

Rev. Dr. Philip J. Reed

SENDING

* **HYMN 611** (*see page 6*)

Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee

Hymn to Joy

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!*

611 Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee

1 Joy - ful, joy - ful, we a - dore thee, God of glo - ry, Lord of love!
 2 All thy works with joy sur-round thee; earth and heaven re-flect thy rays;
 3 Mor-tals, join the hap-py cho-rus which the morn-ing stars be-gan.

Hearts un-fold like flowers be-fore thee, o-pen-ing to the sun a - bove.
 stars and an-gels sing a-round thee, cen-ter of un-bro-ken praise.
 Love di-vine is reign-ing o'er us, join-ing all in heav-en's plan.

Melt the clouds of sin and sad-ness; drive the dark of doubt a - way.
 Field and for-est, vale and moun-tain, flower-y mead-ow, flash - ing sea,
 Ev - er sing-ing, march we on-ward, vic - tors in the midst of strife.

Giv - er of im - mor-tal glad-ness, fill us with the light of day.
 chant - ing bird and flow-ing foun-tain, call us to re - joice in thee.
 Joy - ful mu - sic leads us sun-ward in the tri-umph song of life.

THE SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

11:00 a.m., Sanctuary

OPENING VOLUNTARY

O God, Thou Faithful God

Johannes Brahms

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

*** CALL TO WORSHIP**

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WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION Gracious God

Arabic Tune

*Gracious God you are the source of all light.
By your Word you give light to the soul.
Pour on us the source of your wisdom
that we may hear your Word through Jesus Christ. Amen.*

SCRIPTURE READING

Elder Lynda Wilds

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SERMON

Why I Love Being a Presbyterian 4: Presbyterians and the Spirit of Joy!

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*** HYMN 821**

My Life Flows On

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

I Give You a New Commandment

James Biery

*I give you a new commandment, that you love one another.
Just as I have loved you, you also should love one another.
By this everyone will know that you are my disciples,
if you have love for one another.*

*** DOXOLOGY (Hymn 606)**

Old Hundredth

(Following the Doxology, the congregation will remain standing to sing the last stanza of America in recognition of Labor Day.)

**Our fathers' God, to thee, Author of liberty, to thee we sing;
Long may our land be bright, with freedom's holy light;
Protect us by thy might, great God, our King.**

PRAYER

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

Rev. Edwin Estevez

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hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come,
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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

*** CLOSING HYMN 611**

Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee

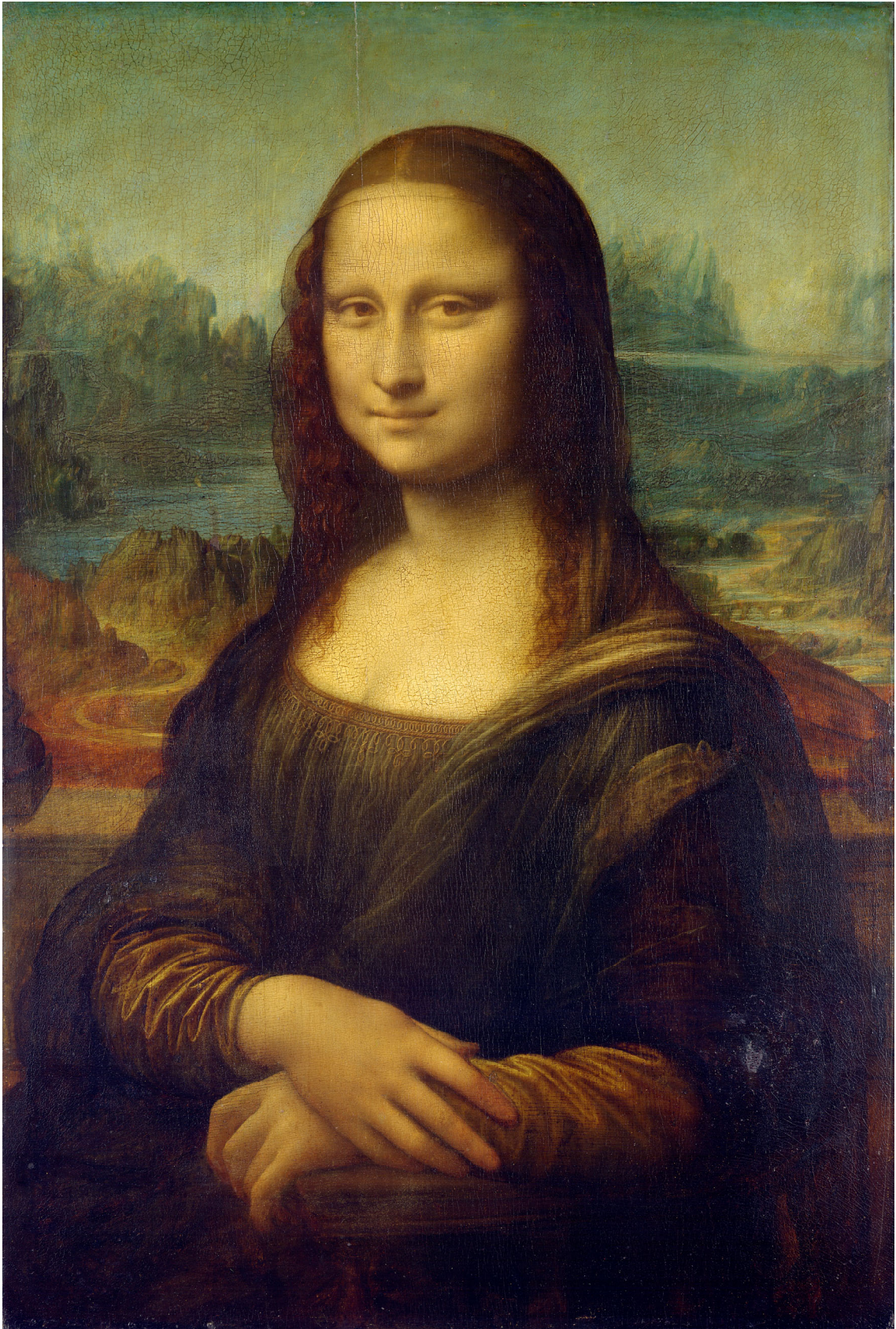
Hymn to Joy

CHARGE AND BENEDICTION *(seated)*

CLOSING VOLUNTARY

Voluntary in G Major

William Walond



INFORMATION ON TODAY'S SERVICES

Music Notes

Come sing in one of our choirs! We are actively seeking new members for all the choirs at the Kirk. For information on the children and youth choirs, contact Bobby DeLisle at bdelisle@kirkinthehills.org (St. Cecilia and Cantamus). If you have a younger chorister, contact Carol Beth Litkouhi for the Young Children's Choir at cblitkouhi@kirkinthehills.org. Registration for these choirs is now available on the website, as is information on all three groups. For information about the Chancel Choir, contact Marilyn Biery, Director of Music Ministry at mbiery@kirkinthehills.org, or find her after service.

The opening voluntary is from the *Eleven Chorale Preludes*, Op. 122, a collection of works for organ by the German composer Johannes Brahms (1833-1897). They are based on verses of nine Lutheran chorales, two of them set twice. They were the last compositions Brahms ever wrote (written in 1896), composed around the time that he became aware of the cancer that would ultimately prove fatal; thus the final piece is, appropriately enough, a second setting of "O Welt, ich muß dich lassen."

The closing voluntary is by William Walond (1719 – 1768), an English composer and organist. After four years as Assistant Organist of Christ Church Cathedral, Oxford, Walond graduated from Christ Church, Oxford in 1757. He published two sets of voluntaries for the organ or harpsichord, and the anthem "Not unto us, O Lord."

Howard Helvey (b. 1968) resides in Cincinnati, Ohio, where he is active as a composer, arranger and pianist, and serves as organist and choirmaster of historic Calvary Episcopal Church. He is also co-founder (2013) and conductor of the Cincinnati Fusion Ensemble, a professional chamber choir. Additionally, in 2016 he became Editor of the historic music publishing imprint, H.W. Gray. Nationally and internationally Mr. Helvey is in frequent demand as a composer, conductor, and speaker. Known particularly for his choral music, Mr. Helvey maintains an extremely active writing schedule, and his hundreds of compositions and arrangements are published by Beckenhurst Press, Hinshaw Music, Oxford University Press, Boosey & Hawkes, H.W. Gray, Alliance Music, Lawson-Gould, E.C. Schirmer, MorningStar Music, Paraclete Press, and Roger Dean, among other companies

Musicians: Daniel Paradowski, baritone; Chantel Woodard, soprano; Merideth Hite-Estevez, oboe; James Biery, organist; Marilyn Biery, organist and director.

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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.

On the Cover— **The Wedding Feast at Cana** | Paolo Veronese | Public Domain (front cover); **Mona Lisa** | Leonardo da Vinci | Public Domain (page 10)



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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