

KIRK IN THE HILLS
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH (U.S.A.)
9:00 & 11:00 A.M. SANCTUARY WORSHIP
FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER | MAY 3, 2026



Detail (section) **The Feast in the House of Levi** | Paolo Veronese, 1573 | public domain



A Note from Rev. Jasmine Smart

All roads lead to Rome... but that is precisely the truth for our group of pilgrims this year. We started in Venice, went to Florence and Assisi, and the bulk of the trip ended in the amazing city of Rome. We encountered art, especially marking the changes between medieval and the birth of Renaissance art that occurred in Florence, and the way it invited participants to engage their faith. We hope you are encouraged to seek out God in new places and new surroundings, near or far, as you walk on the journey of life.

The pilgrims for Italy 2026: Helen Anstaett, Melissa Breckenridge, Carol and John Brent, Pam Brown, Karen Cook, Barbara Eldredge-Everett, Terry Fredericks, Ron and Chris Gardhouse, Bob Heuer, Caryn Jensen and Bill O'Neil,

Linda Juracek-Lipa, Joann Kallio, Beth Kerr, Catherine Klein, Steph Leininger, Meg Lentz, Anette and Tom Liike, Linda Mittelstaedt and Dick Morris, John and Anne Mularoni, Alison Murphy, Janice Seitz, Ruth Reading, Leslie Sikes, Lynda Wilds; with leaders Rev. Dr. Annemarie Kidder, Tracee Glab (Flint Institute of Arts Executive Director), and Rev. Jasmine Smart.



In the Vineyard | Jean Francois Millet | Public Doman



Two of our pastors felt inspired for worship today by two different pieces of art. Here is some information about *In the Vineyard*, a piece that inspired Rev. Dr. Annemarie Kidder on worship today.

Italy is known for food. Pasta is served at every dinner, and wine is the preferred beverage of choice. Vineyards abound gracing the Italian hillsides, where the soil is rocky and arid. But surprisingly the vines have a way of making do with what the soil holds—eventually producing the juiciest grapes. Perhaps these vines are an image of our walk with Christ, who bids us making do with what we have and offering up our fruits to him.



THE SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

9:00 a.m. & 11:00 a.m., Sanctuary

PRELUDE

Chant de May

Joseph Jongen

WELCOME

Rev. Jasmine Smart

OUR FAITH IN ACTION

Kirk Preschool

Kaitlyn Haan

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

* INTROIT

God, Reveal Your Presence

Joachim Neander

*God, reveal your presence: gladly we adore you, and with awe appear before you.
Holy is your temple: all within keep silence, humbly bow with deepest reverence.
You alone now we own as our God and Savior: praise your name forever!*

* CALL TO WORSHIP

Rev. Dr. Philip J. Reed

Christ is risen!

Christ is risen indeed! Alleluia!

This is the good news we have received,
in which we stand,
and by which we are saved:
Christ died for our sins,
was buried,
and was raised on the third day.

Christ is risen indeed! Alleluia!

**He appeared to Mary Magdalene,
to Peter, and to The Twelve,
and to many faithful witnesses.**

Christ is risen indeed! Alleluia!
At last, he comes to us —
Calling us by name,
breaking bread among us,
and sending us into the world
to bear witness to his Resurrection.

Christ is risen!

Christ is risen indeed! Alleluia!

Let us worship the Living God!

* PROCESSIONAL HYMN 515

I Come with Joy

DOVE OF PEACE

* PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Rev. Dr. Philip J. Reed

Almighty God of love and life abundant,
**In raising Jesus Christ from the dead,
you have broken the power of sin and death
and opened to us the way of everlasting life.**

Yet we confess that we are tempted, like the first disciples,
to be fearful and uncertain,

slow to believe the promise of new life,
quick to return to old patterns of sin and despair.

Forgive us, God of grace.

Breathe upon us your Holy Spirit,

that we may live as people of the Resurrection—

Fill us with Easter joy,

that we may proclaim with our lives

what we confess with our lips:

Christ is risen!

Christ is risen indeed! Alleluia! Amen.

* SONG OF ASSURANCE

Lord, Have Mercy

John 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

Rev. Dr. Philip J. Reed

Friends, in the empty tomb,

God declares that nothing can separate us

from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.

Friends, believe the good news:

In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven!

In Jesus Christ, we are a new creation!

* ACCLAMATION OF PRAISE 581

Glory Be to the Father

GLORIA PATRI

WORD

WORD WITH CHILDREN (9:00 a.m. only)

Sarah Ford

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

INVITATION HYMN

Come Together, Come and Hear!

Rev. Jasmine Smart (text), M. Biery (music)

Please join in singing...



Come to-geth-er, come and hear! Come to-geth-er, come and learn!



Come to-geth-er, come and hear; come to-geth-er, come and learn;



Al - le - lu - ia, al-le-lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al-le-lu - ia.

THANKSGIVING

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

Luke 5:27-32(*NT, page 63*)

Elder Bobi Tallinger, 9:00 a.m.

The Word of the Lord.

Elder Ruth Reading, 11:00 a.m.

Thanks be to God.

SERMON

Pilgrim Reflections from Italy

9:00 a.m. reflections by Tom and Annette Liike, Anne Mularoni and Rev. Dr. Annemarie Kidder

11:00 a.m. reflections by Tracee Glab, John Brent and Rev. Jasmine Smart

* HYMN 698

Take, O Take Me as I Am

TAKE ME AS I AM

THANKSGIVING

CALL TO OFFERING

Rev. Jasmine Smart

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

Draw Us in the Spirit's Tether

Harold Friedell

*Draw us in the Spirit's tether,
for when humbly in thy name,
two or three are met together,
thou art in the midst of them;
alleluia, alleluia!*

*Touch we now thy garment's hem.
As the brethren used to gather
in the name of Christ to sup,
then with thanks to God the Father
break the bread and bless the cup,
alleluia, alleluia!
So knit thou our friendship up.*

*All our meals and all our living
make as sacraments of thee,
that by caring, helping, giving,
we may true disciples be.
Alleluia, alleluia!
we will serve thee faithfully.*

THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

Rev. Jasmine Smart & Rev. Dr. Philip J. Reed

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you.

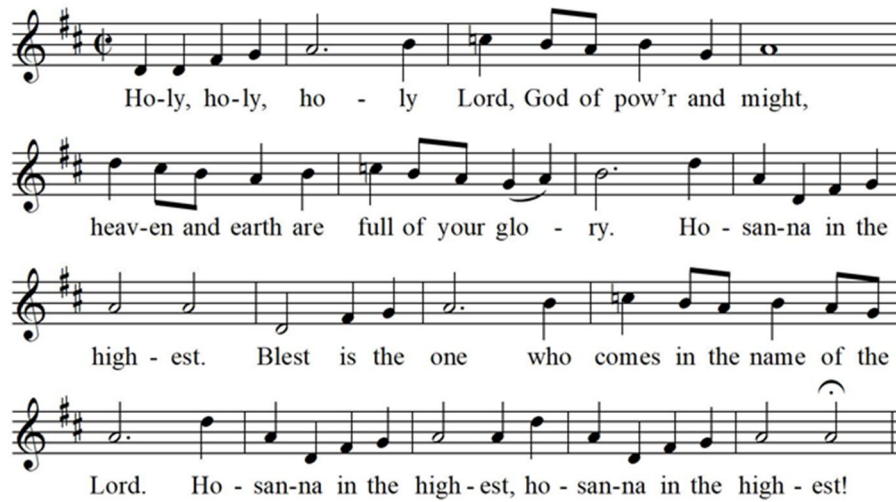
And also with you.

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.

GREAT THANKSGIVING AND SANCTUS *(Please sing with the choir)*



Ho-ly, ho-ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might,
heav-en and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho - san-na in the
high - est. Blest is the one who comes in the name of the
Lord. Ho - san-na in the high - est, ho - san-na in the high - est!

MEMORIAL ACCLAMATION *(Please sing with the choir)*



Christ has died, Christ is ris-en, Christ will come a - gain.

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 *(Please sing with the choir)*



A - men, a - men, a - men.

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

Ein Blümlein wenn's die Sonne Spüret

Jean Berger

*A rose touched by the sun's warm rays
All its petals gently does unfold;
So you, when touched by God's great mercy,
Let joy and gladness win your soul.*

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. Thank you for giving us new life and new hope and for preparing us to live as your people. Send us now into the world in peace, and grant us strength and courage to love and serve you with gladness of heart. Amen.

SENDING

*** RECESSIONAL HYMN 65**

Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah

CWM RHONDDA

CHARGE AND BENEDICTION *(seated)*

Rev. Dr. Annemarie Kidder, 9:00 a.m. | Rev. Jasmine Smart, 11:00 a.m.

CHORAL BENEDICTION

God Be with You

arr. Marilyn Biery

God be with you till we meet again.

POSTLUDE

Toccata on CWM RHONDDA

J. Iberá

At the conclusion of the 9:00 a.m. service, please remain seated for a brief congregational meeting.

INFORMATION ON TODAY'S SERVICES

Musicians: James Biery and Marilyn Biery, organists and directors

About the music: Joseph Marie Alphonse Nicolas Jongen (1873 – 1953) was a Belgian organist and composer. His monumental *Symphonie Concertante*, op. 81 of 1926 is a highly regarded work for organ and orchestra. It was commissioned by Rodman Wanamaker for debut in his Philadelphia department store. The Wanamaker Grand Court Organ is the largest fully functioning pipe organ in the world, based on the number of playing pipes, the number of ranks and its weight. The Wanamaker Organ is housed within a spacious 7-story Grand Court at the John Wanamaker Store (originally Wanamaker's and most recently Macy's) and was played twice a day Monday through Saturday. That store closed a few years ago, leaving the organ's future in question.

Harold Friedell (May 11, 1905, Jamaica, Queens, NY- February 17, 1958, Hasting-On-Hudson, NY) was an American organist, choirmaster, teacher, and composer. At an early age, he served as organist at First Methodist Episcopal Church (Jamaica, Queens) and studied organ with Clement Gale and David McK. Williams. He later served as organist at Calvary Church (New York), organist and choirmaster at Saint John's Church (Jersey City, N.J.), organist and choirmaster at Calvary Church (New York), and finally organist and master of the choir at Saint Bartholomew's Church (New York). Friedell also taught on the faculty of the Union Theological Seminary School of Sacred Music (New York). As a composer, Friedell composed works for organ, orchestra, and choir, as well as hymn tunes, descants, and music for solo voice. Friedell composed the choral anthem "Draw us in the Spirit's Tether" in 1949, from which the hymn tune "Union Seminary" was taken. (hymnary.org)

Jean Berger (1909-2002) was born Arthur Schloßberg into a Jewish family in Westphalia. He studied musicology at the universities of Vienna and Heidelberg, where he received his Ph.D. in 1931. He also studied composition in Paris. While working as the assistant conductor at an opera house in Mannheim, he was forcibly removed from a rehearsal by Nazi Brown Shirts. After the Nazi Party seized power in Germany in 1933, he moved to Paris, where he took the French name Jean Berger and toured widely as a pianist and accompanist. In 1941, he moved to the United States and served in the U.S. Army starting in 1942. In 1943, he became a US citizen. He worked in the Office of War Information producing foreign-language broadcasts and USO shows until 1946.

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Feeling called to join the Kirk Church Family? Mercy Adams—Kirk Member, Stephen Minister, Usher, and staff support to New Member and Evangelism and Outreach & Mission Committees is here to guide you. Meet Mercy after Sunday Worship, during Coffee Hour or call/text her cell 248-631-4565 to RSVP or scan the QR code to register for the May 20th New Member Class.

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.

The flowers on the altar are presented to the glory of God in loving memory Rod and Jean Kallgren by their sons, Jeff, Doug, Scott, Chris, Ted and Peter and families.