

KIRK IN THE HILLS
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH (U.S.A.)
9:00 & 11:00 A.M. SANCTUARY WORSHIP
2ND SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST | JUNE 7, 2026



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A Note from Rev. Dr. Edwin Estevez

Welcome to worship at the Kirk!

We are grateful that you are here as we gather to worship the living God. If you're visiting with us, please let us know in the Friendship Pad in your pew as well as after worship.

Our series, *Summer in the Psalms: Songs from the Heart of David*, will help us journey through some of Scripture's most beloved songs and prayers, which have shaped the faith of God's people for over three thousand years. Together, we will explore how the Psalms teach us to pray, trust, lament, rejoice, and praise.

This Sunday also marks an important transition in the ministry of Rev. Jasmine Smart. Over three iterations of service at the Kirk, Rev. Smart has been a valued colleague, a gifted teacher and thinker, and a pastor who has cared deeply for people in moments of profound joy and deep sorrow. Please join me in thanking her for a faithful ministry and praying God's blessing upon her as she serves as Parish Associate in the months ahead, before beginning her next chapter in Wisconsin.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Edwin".

Rev. Dr. Edwin Estevez | Senior Pastor | Head of Staff



A Note from Rev. Jasmine Smart

Jan Richardson has a beautiful short morning prayer that begins: "Blessed are you, O God, who created the world with a word and who fashioned your people from dust and from delight." Psalm 8 is similarly full of awe and delight at our Creator God, and the way we as humans are connected to all created things. Perhaps like many of you, I have felt awe in God's creation when encountering a starry night sky, or a beautiful sunrise, or watching birds nest in a tree. I'm grateful that God gives us that spirit of wonder in our hearts, and that as the church community we can encourage one another in that awe and worship of our divine Creator.

I first got to know Kirk in the Hills nearly ten years ago, in August 2016. I cannot begin to share the gratitude I feel for the times I've been welcomed into moments of birth and baptism, as well as the thin place near end of life. Supporting families as they grieve their loved one's loss and being a voice of hope in Christ's resurrection has been one of my greatest privileges. As the Kirk begins a chapter with two new associate pastors, I hope you will support them the same way you supported me. Allow them to be themselves, and use their God-given gifts for the places of ministry that are needed most. Encourage them, even when it seems like everything is going well. And together, let us continue to find our place in the created universe and move through life with wonder and awe. Thanks be to God.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Rev. Jasmine Smart".

THE SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

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

PRELUDE

Die Seele Ruht in Jesu Händen (Aria from BWV 127)
(*The Soul Rests in Jesus' Body*)

J. S. Bach

WELCOME

Rev. Edwin Estevez

RECOGNITION OF THE MINISTRY OF REV. JASMINE SMART

Rev. Edwin Estevez

* *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 you name forever!

* CALL TO WORSHIP

Rev. Rami Almaqdasi

O come, let us sing to the Lord;
Let us make a joyful noise to the rock of our salvation.
**From the rising of the sun to its setting,
The name of the Lord is to be praised.**
The Lord is merciful and gracious,
Slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love.
Let us worship God.

* PROCESSIONAL HYMN 305

Come Sing, O Church, in Joy!

DARWALL'S 148TH

* PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Rev. Rami Almaqdasi

Merciful God,
**we confess that we have sinned against you
in thought, word, and deed,
by what we have done
and by what we have left undone.**

We have trusted our own strength more than your mercy,
And have forgotten your faithfulness to us.
Create in us clean hearts, O God,
And renew a right spirit within us;
Through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

* CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE

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. Rami Almaqdasi

Hear the good news:
"The steadfast love of the Lord is from everlasting to everlasting."
In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven!
In Jesus Christ, we are a new creation!
Alleluia, Amen!

* ACCLAMATION OF PRAISE 581

Glory Be to the Father

GLORIA PATRI

WORD

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

Katelyn Haan

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...

The image shows three staves of musical notation in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. The first staff contains the melody for the first line of the hymn: "Come to-gether, come and hear! Come to-gether, come and learn!". The second staff contains the melody for the second line: "Come to-gether, come and hear; come to-gether, come and learn;". The third staff contains the melody for the third line: "Al - le - lu - ia, al-le-lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al-le-lu - ia.".

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

Psalm 8 (OT, page 492)

Elder Chip Tallinger, 9:00 a.m.

The Word of the Lord.

Elder Linda Juracek-Lipa, 11:00 a.m.

Thanks be to God.

SERMON

Summer in the Psalms: The Majesty of God

Rev. Jasmine Smart

* HYMN 527

Eat This Bread

BERTHIER

THANKSGIVING

CALL TO OFFERING

Rev. Rami Almaqdasi

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

Christ is the Vine

James Biery

Please join the choir in singing the refrain:

Christ is the vine, we are the branch - es; grow - ing in u - ni - ty with
each new strand. Christ is the vine, we are the branch - es;
nur - tured and pruned by the Vine - grow - er's hand.

Verses sung by the choir:

*The vine which God is tending is bursting with new life,
Its reach is never-ending, while pruned with sharpest knife.
It stretches to the sunshine with yearning born of need,
And bears good fruit for new wine, love born from tiny seed. Refrain:*

*The vine was born in darkness and from the earth it grew;
A rose pure in its starkness, caressed by Spirit dew.
As Moses once saw branches with holy brightness glow,
We see our spreading branches through all creation grow. Refrain:*

*And we who twine together are rooted in the Vine
With love in Christ we gather, to share the bread and wine.
In Christ we are abiding, we grow within God's care
And spread this joyful tidings to people everywhere. (Marilyn Biery)*

THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

Rev. Dr. Edwin Estevez, Rev. Jasmine Smart

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

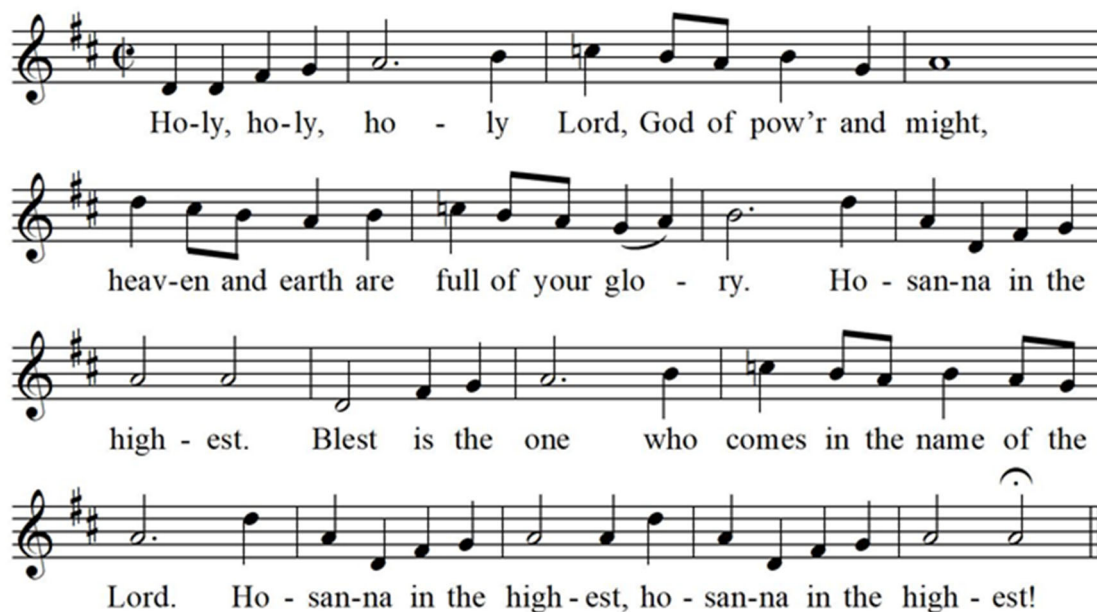
Lift up your hearts.

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 SOLO

His Eye is On the Sparrow

Luigi Zaninelli

Why should I feel discouraged, why should the shadows come, why should my heart be lonely, and long for heav'n and home, when Jesus is my portion? My constant friend is he: his eye is on the sparrow, and I know he watches me. Whenever I am tempted, whenever clouds arise, when songs give place to sighing, when hope within me dies, I draw the closer to him, from care he sets me free; his eye is on the sparrow, and I know he cares for me. I sing because I'm happy, I sing because I'm free, for his eye is on the sparrow, and I know he watches me.

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.

PRAYER

RECOGNITION AND BLESSING FOR THE KIRK CHOIR

Rev. Dr. Edwin Estevez

SENDING

* **RECESSIONAL HYMN 536**

Rise, O Church, like Christ Arisen

SURGE ECCLESIA

CHARGE AND BENEDICTION (*seated*)

Rev. Jasmine Smart

CHORAL BENEDICTION

God Be with You

Marilyn Biery

God be with you till we meet again

POSTLUDE

Toccata on SURGE ECCLESIA

J. R. R. Ellis

INFORMATION ON TODAY'S SERVICES

Musicians: Rachel Hiatt, soprano; Marilyn and James Biery, organists and conductors;

About the music: Luigi Zaninelli (1932, in New Jersey) is an Italian-American composer of vocal and instrumental music. "Luigi is a composer of true melodic gift. This is why I accepted him as a student at the CURTIS INSTITUTE OF MUSIC. His music apes no one and is always true to its self." - Gian Carlo Menotti.

J.R.R. Ellis (b. 1956) is a Michigan composer, writing mainly organ and choral music, but also hymn arrangements for brass and organ.

The writer of our final hymn (11am), Susan Palo Cherwien, was born in the Finish-American community of Ashtabula, Ohio, and died in her home in St Louis Park, Minnesota of Metastatic Uterine Cancer at the age of 68 (in 2021). She left behind many gifts through which her life carries on -- especially in her Hymn Texts and Hymn Festival Reflections. The tune was written by Timothy Strand of St. Paul, MN.

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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.

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.

Deacon Flower Ministry: If you or someone you know needs a little cheering up, our Deacon flower ministry has bud vases each Sunday in the narthex. Please take a flower to remind someone of God's love or to remind yourself of the same.

Camera and Phone Usage Guidelines: Out of respect for your fellow worshipers and those leading worship, we kindly ask you to silence cellphones and other communication devices and to refrain from taking photos or video during worship. Recordings of past worship services and other sanctuary events are available at kirkinthehills.org/worship/past-messages.



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