

KIRK IN THE HILLS
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH (U.S.A.)
9:00 A.M. GARDEN | 11:00 A.M. SANCTUARY WORSHIP
4TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST | JUNE 21, 2026





A Note from Pastor Edwin!

Whether you are a longtime member, a first-time visitor, or joining us somewhere in between, we are delighted you are here. We gather today as one people before God, united by the grace of Jesus Christ and the hope of the Gospel.

Today is an especially joyful Sunday as we kick off our 9:00 AM Garden Service for the summer season. Few worship settings are as beautiful as this one. Surrounded by gardens, sculptures, towering trees, and the tranquil waters of the lake, we are reminded that creation itself joins in the praise of God. The songs of birds, the rustling of leaves, and the beauty of the natural world provide a fitting backdrop for worship and reflection. We encourage you to invite friends, neighbors, colleagues, and family members in the weeks ahead. The Garden Service offers a welcoming and accessible opportunity to experience the beauty of worship in a uniquely beautiful setting.

Our summer sermon series, **Summer in the Psalms: Songs from the Heart of David**, continues today. Throughout the season, we are exploring some of Scripture's most beloved prayers and songs—texts that have shaped the faith of God's people for nearly three thousand years. The Psalms teach us how to pray, trust, lament, rejoice, and praise.

Today is also Father's Day. We give thanks for fathers, grandfathers, mentors, and all who have nurtured and guided us in faith and life. We also recognize that this day can carry a variety of emotions and experiences. Today's Psalm speaks powerfully to our relationships with earthly fathers while ultimately pointing us toward our relationship with God, our heavenly Father, who is our refuge, our stronghold, and the One in whom we can place our trust.

If you are visiting today, we hope you will return in the weeks ahead. If you would like to learn more about the Kirk, explore membership, discover volunteer opportunities, or simply ask questions about faith and church life, please introduce yourself to one of our pastors after worship or contact the Church Office during the week.

As we prepare our hearts for worship, may we set aside the distractions of the week, quiet our minds, and open ourselves to the presence of God, who meets us here with grace, truth, and peace.

Let us worship the living God.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Edwin". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long horizontal stroke at the end.

Rev. Dr. Edwin Estevez
Sr. Pastor | Head of Staff | Kirk in the Hills

THE SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

9:00 a.m. Garden Worship

PRELUDE

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Rev. Dr. Edwin Estevez

OUR FAITH IN ACTION

Renew and Resound Update

Jeff Beggs

* CALL TO WORSHIP

Sarah Ford

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.

* HYMN 620

Praise, My Soul, the King of Heaven (*See page 10.*)

LAUDA ANIMA

* PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Sarah Ford

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

Sarah Ford

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

**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.**

WORD

WORD WITH CHILDREN AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

Sarah Ford

Children grade 3 through grade 8 will go to The Abbey Lounge after The Word With Children.

INVITATION HYMN

Where Children Belong

James Ritchie

Please join in singing.

This, this is where chil-dren be-long, wel-comed as part of the
wor-ship - ing thron. Wa - ter, God's Word, bread and
cup, prayer, and song: This is where chil-dren be - long.

**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. Dr. Edwin Estevez

WORD

DUET

The Gift of Love

English folk melody, arr. Lloyd Larson

*Though I may speak with bravest fire, and have the gift to all inspire, and have
not love, my words are vain, as sounding brass, and hopeless gain.*

*Thought I may give all I possess, and striving so my love profess, but not be
given by love within, the profit soon turns strangely thin.*

*Come, Spirit, come, our hearts control; our spirits long to be made whole. Let
inward love guide every deed; by this we worship, and are freed.*

SCRIPTURE READING

Psalm 18 (*select verses*)

Elder Carole Pearl

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

SERMON

Summer in the Psalms: A Father's Strength

Rev. Dr. Edwin Estevez

SENDING

* **HYMN 370**

This Is My Father's World

TERRA BEATA

(*See page 11.*)

CHARGE AND BENEDICTION (*seated*)

THE CARILLON

Toccata Festevole

John Courter

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 6.

Join us for coffee and fellowship on the patio immediately following service!

INFORMATION ON TODAY'S SERVICES

About the Music: Sir Henry Walford Davies (1869 – 1941) was an English composer, organist, and educator who was Master of the King's Music from 1934 until 1941. He served with the Royal Air Force during World War I, during which he composed the Royal Air Force March Past, and served as music adviser to the British Broadcasting Corporation, for which he gave talks on music between 1924 and 1941.

Martin John Richard How (1931 – 2022) was a British composer and organist. He was born in Liverpool to the Rev. John How, who at the time was Rector of St. Nicholas Church, and Junie Katherine Reynolds, who died when How was a young boy. In 1938 his father was appointed Bishop of Glasgow and Galloway, and How spent most of his childhood in Scotland.

Norman Coke-Jephcott (1893 – 1962) was an English composer and organist based both in his native England and in the United States. From 1911 to 1953 he served at various churches in the United States: Holy Cross Church, Kingston, New York; Church of the Messiah, Rhineback, New York; Grace Church in Utica, New York; and as Organist and Master of the Choristers at the Cathedral of St. John the Divine, New York.

Musicians: David Enos, organist; Jinho Park, baritone; Courtney Jolley, director; Adam Lenhart, carillonneur

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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.

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.



Camera and Phone Usage Guidelines: Out of respect for your fellow worshippers 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.

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.

Columbarium Notice: Please do not place flowers in glass containers near your loved-one's niche in the Columbarium. They fall over in the wind and the glass containers break.

A Garden Memorial is presented to the glory of God in loving memory of their fathers, Ned Heinzerling and Terry Stinson, by Lynn Stinson and Christopher Stinson, on this day and always.

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

* ACCLAMATION OF PRAISE 581

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WORD

THE SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

Rev. Dr. Edwin Estevez, Elder Bob Beck

PRESENTATION

*Duke David Gordon, Charles Ludwig File,
Adrian Gerhard Ponse, Eleanor Alan Ponse*

BAPTISMAL HYMN 482

Baptized in Water (*verse 3; seated*)

BUNESSAN

**Baptized in water, sealed by the Spirit,
Marked with the sign of Christ our King;
Born of the Spirit, we are God's children;
Joyfully now God's praises we sing.**

* **PROFESSION OF FAITH: THE APOSTLES' CREED**

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,
Maker of heaven and earth,
and in Jesus Christ his only Son, our Lord;
who was conceived by the Holy Ghost,
born of the Virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, dead, and buried;
he descended into hell;
the third day he rose again from the dead;
he ascended into heaven,
and sitteth on the right hand
of God the Father Almighty;
from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead.
I believe in the Holy Ghost;
the holy catholic church;
the communion of saints;
the forgiveness of sins;
the resurrection of the body;
and the life everlasting. Amen.**

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.

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SERMON

Summer in the Psalms: A Father’s Strength

Rev. Dr. Edwin Estevez

*** HYMN 698**

Take, O Take Me as I Am

TAKE ME AS I AM

(Please be seated after the hymn.)

THANKSGIVING

CALL TO OFFERING AND DEDICATION

Rev. Dr. Edwin Estevez

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

Day by Day

Martin How

Day by day, dear Lord, of thee three things I pray:

To see thee more clearly, love thee more dearly,

Follow thee more nearly, day by day.

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

OLD HUNDREDTH

Praise God from whom all blessings flow;

Praise him* all creatures here below;

Praise him* above, ye heavenly host,

Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

** or God*

PRAYER

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD’S PRAYER

Rev. Dr. Edwin Estevez

Our Father, who art in heaven... (*debts & debtors*)

SENDING

*** RECESSIONAL HYMN 370**

This Is My Father’s World

TERRA BEATA

CHARGE AND BENEDICTION (*seated*)

CHORAL AMEN

POSTLUDE

Promenade

Norman Coke-Jephcott

620 Praise, My Soul, the King of Heaven

(Psalm 103)

1 Praise, my soul, the King of heav - en; to his
 2 Praise him for his grace and fa - vor to his
 3 Fa - ther - like, he tends and spares us; well our
 4 An - gels, help us to a - dore him; you be -

feet your trib - ute bring; ran - sored, healed, re - stored, for -
 peo - ple in dis - tress; praise him still the same as
 fee - ble frame he knows; in his hands he gent - ly
 hold him face to face. Sun and moon, bow down be -

giv - en, ev - er - more his prais - es sing: Al - le - lu - ia!
 ev - er, slow to chide, and swift to bless: Al - le - lu - ia!
 bears us, res - cues us from all our foes. Al - le - lu - ia!
 fore him, dwell - ers all in time and space: Al - le - lu - ia!

Al - le - lu - ia! Praise the ev - er - last - ing King.
 Al - le - lu - ia! Glo - rious in his faith - ful - ness.
 Al - le - lu - ia! Wide - ly yet his mer - cy flows.
 Al - le - lu - ia! Praise with us the God of grace.

This free paraphrase of Psalm 103 gains much energy and conviction by including the double "Alleluia!" before the final line of text. That repeated four-note figure descending from the tune's highest note gives voice to the praise that the rest of the hymn evokes.

This Is My Father's World 370

1 This is my Fa-ther's world, and to my lis - tening ears all
 2 This is my Fa-ther's world. O, let me ne'er for - get that

na - ture sings, and round me rings the mu - sic of the spheres.
 though the wrong seems oft so strong, God is the rul - er yet.

This is my Fa-ther's world; I rest me in the thought of
 This is my Fa-ther's world. The bat - tle is not done: Je -

rocks and trees, of skies and seas, his hand the won - ders wrought.
 sus who died shall be sat - is - fied, and earth and heaven be one.

When pastor of a Presbyterian church in Lockport, New York, the author of this text referred to his morning walks as "going out to see my Father's world." The tune created for these words is based on an English melody the composer learned from his mother when he was a boy.



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