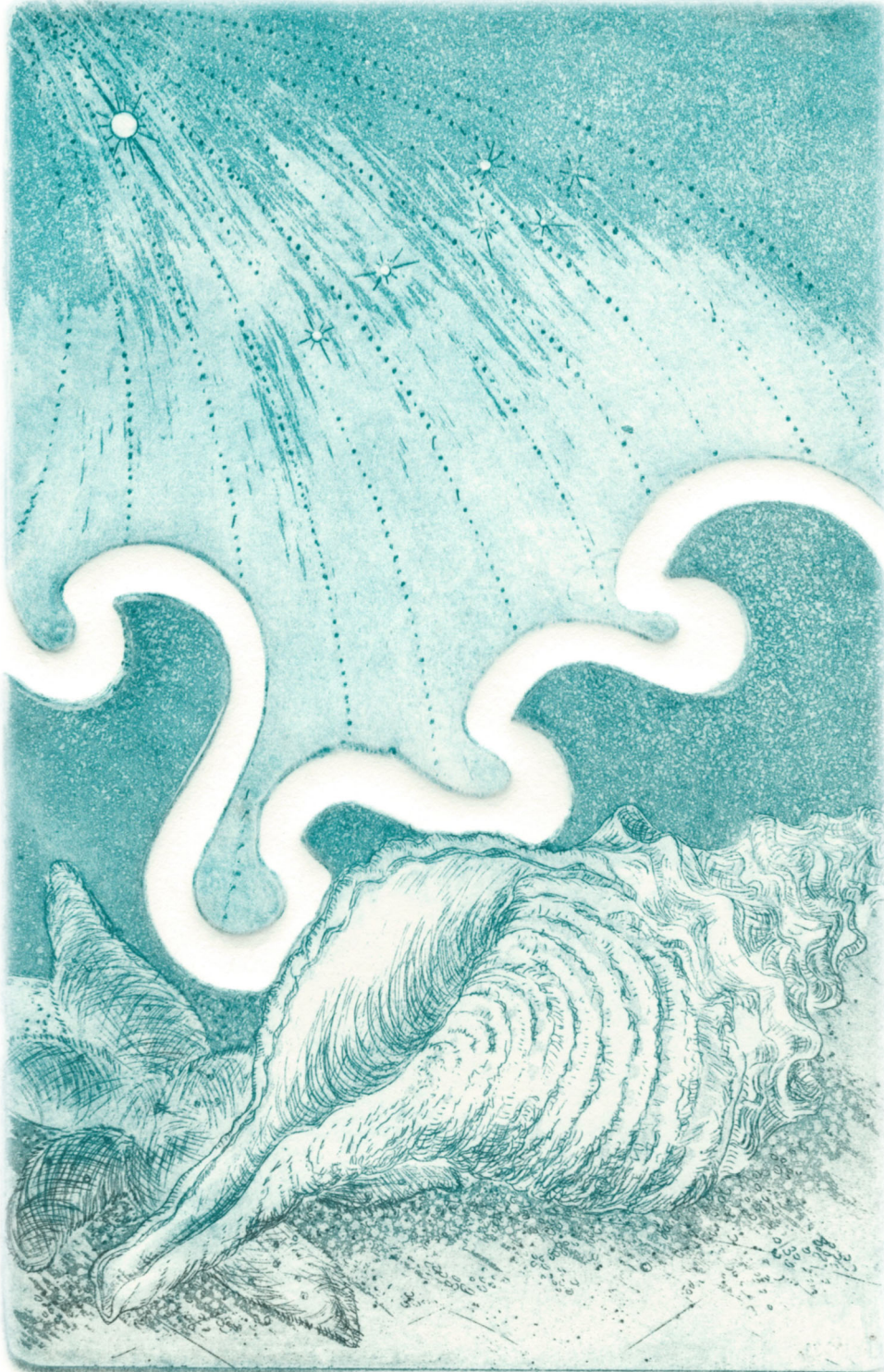


KIRK IN THE HILLS
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH (U.S.A.)
9:00 A.M. GARDEN | 11:00 A.M. SANCTUARY WORSHIP
5TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST | JUNE 28, 2026



*the heavens tell God's glory ...
the firmament His handiwork. Psalm 19:1* p.p. Edie Ferrel 078



A Note from Pastor Edwin!

Welcome to the Kirk!

A special welcome to our long-time members, whose faithfulness continues to strengthen our community, and to recent visitors and new friends—we are delighted you are with us in worship.

Following worship today, we invite everyone to stay for a special **Sundae Sunday** (ice cream social/ice cream truck) event sponsored by the Kirk 250 Committee. As our nation approaches the 250th anniversary of its founding, this is a wonderful opportunity for fellowship, conversation, and celebration together.

Then, on **Wednesday, July 1**, you are all invited as the Kirk will gather to commemorate Independence Day with fireworks, a patriotic carillon concert, and a spirited reading of the Declaration of Independence, among other family-friendly activities. As we remember our nation's history, we will also give thanks to God and renew our commitment to work toward *a more perfect union, seeking liberty and justice for all*.

Looking ahead, I am grateful for the Session of the Kirk and for the support of our Personnel Committee, which enables me to take time during July for family, rest, renewal, and preparation for the fall ministry season. I welcome your prayers during this time away, and I will be praying for our entire church—that God would continue to bless our growth in discipleship, engagement, and impact in Christ's name.

Throughout July, we will be blessed by gifted preachers, including our Parish Associates, Rev. Dr. Philip J. Reed and Rev. Dr. Annemarie Kidder, as well as our Associate Pastors, Rev. Rami Almaqdasi and Rev. Matthew Means. Rev. Means will be present for worship on July 12—please be sure to offer him a warm Kirk welcome.

Today, we reflect on Psalm 19, where the heavens declare the glory of God. Whether in the beauty of our gardens, the grandeur of our sanctuary, the music that fills this place, the prayers we offer, or the liturgy we share, may this be a moment to connect with God, with your deepest self, and with the people and communities God has entrusted to your care.

Today, may you experience the majesty, beauty, holiness, and love of God.

Let us worship!

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

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

Costa Rica Mission Trip

Kirk Youth

* 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 13

The Mighty God with Power Speaks (*See page 10.*)

KINGSFOLD

* 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 throng. 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

Sarah Ford

WORD

DUET

Hymn of Promise

Natalie Sleeth, arr. Lloyd Larson

*In the bulb there is a flower, in the seed, an apple tree, in cocoons, a hidden
promise: butterflies will soon be free! In the cold and snow of winter there's a
spring that waits to be, unrevealed until its season, something God alone can
see.*

*There's a song in every silence, seeking word and melody, there's a dawn in
every darkness bringing hope to you and me. From the past will come the
future; what it holds, a mystery, unrevealed until its season, something God
alone can see.*

In our end is our beginning; in our time, infinity; in our doubt there is

believing, in our life, eternity. In our death, a resurrection; at the last a victory, unrevealed until its season, something God alone can see.

SCRIPTURE READING

Psalm 19

Elder Carol Beggs

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

SERMON

Summer in the Psalms: When God Speaks

Rev. Dr. Edwin Estevez

SENDING

*** HYMN 17**

Sing Praise to God, You Heavens!

WIE LIEBLICH IST DER MAIEN

(See page 11.)

CHARGE AND BENEDICTION *(seated)*

THE CARILLON

Battle Hymn of the Republic

Julia Ward Howe and William Steffe, arr. Leen't hart

Garden worshippers are encouraged to drop off donations in the baskets located at the Celtic Cross near the ramp or at the door to the cloister as you exit to the front patio. 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: Louis Victor Jules Vierne (1870 – 1937) was a (legally blind) French organist and composer. He was organist of Notre-Dame de Paris from 1900 until his death. As a composer, much of his output was organ music, including six symphonies and four suites, and works for choir and organ. Vierne died on June 2, 1937, when giving his 1,750th organ recital at Notre-Dame. He completed the main concert, which members of the audience said showed him at his full powers ("as well as he has ever played"). The closing section was to be two improvisations on submitted themes. He read the first theme in Braille, then selected the stops he would use for the improvisation. He suddenly pitched forward, and fell off the bench as his foot hit the low "E" pedal of the organ. He lost consciousness as the single note echoed throughout the church. He had thus fulfilled his oft-stated lifelong dream — to die at the console of the great organ of Notre-Dame.

Gerald Near (b. 1942) is an American church musician and composer. Near studied composition with Leo Sowerby at the American Conservatory of Music in Chicago. He studied composition, organ and conducting at the University of Michigan and continued his composition studies at the University of Minnesota.

Musicians: David Enos, organist; Trinity Green, mezzo-soprano; handbell choir, Susan Wheatley, director; Courtney Jolley, soprano and choir director; Adam Lenhart, carillonist.

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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 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.

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.

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Alleluia, Amen!

* ACCLAMATION OF PRAISE 581

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GLORIA PATRI

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

Psalm 19 (OT, page 498)

Elder Bob Beck

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

DUET

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SERMON

Summer in the Psalms: When God Speaks

Rev. Dr. Edwin Estevez

* **HYMN 61**

Your Law, O Lord, Is Perfect (Psalm 19)

CHRISTUS, DER IST MEIN LEBEN

(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

Christ Hath a Garden

Gerald Near

Christ hath a garden walled around, a paradise of fruitful ground, chosen by love and fenced by grace from out the world's wide wilderness.

*Like trees of spice his servants stand, there planted by his mighty hand; by
Eden's gracious streams, that flow to feed their beauty where they grow.*

*Awake, O wind of heav'n and bear their sweetest perfume through the air; stir
up, O south, the boughs that bloom, till the beloved Master come:*

*That he may come, and linger yet among the trees that he hath set; that he may
evermore be seen to walk amid the springing green.*

* 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

Sarah Ford

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

SENDING

* RECESSIONAL HYMN 17

Sing Praise to God, You Heavens!

WIE LIEBLICH IST DER MAIEN

CHARGE AND BENEDICTION (*seated*)

CHORAL AMEN

POSTLUDE

Cortège

Louis Vierne

13 The Mighty God with Power Speaks

(Psalm 50)

1 The Might - y God with pow - er speaks, and all the world o - beys;
 2 God comes not with a si - lent form, but rid - ing on the winds;
 3 The heavens de - clare your jus - tice, Lord, as end - less as the sky;

from dawn un - til the set - ting sun, God's won - der earth dis - plays.
 be - fore God's face, the rag - ing storm its blast of thun - der sends.
 a - gainst the taunts of dis - be - lief, our God will tes - ti - fy.

The per - fect beau - ty all a - round from Zi - on's height shines forth;
 All hail the Judge, in bold ar - ray, whose prom - ise is to bless;
 Re - ceive my heart - felt gift of thanks, as hon - or to your might;

and stars a - cross the fir - ma - ment so bright - ly beam their worth.
 who sees our sins, yet al - so feels our thirst for righ - teous - ness.
 re - fresh my faith with each new day; pro - tect me through the night.

This paraphrase, set to a familiar English folk melody, focuses on the opening narrative section of Psalm 50 without attempting to summarize God's speeches in the latter portion of the psalm. Both parts bear witness to God's sovereignty, God's justice, and God's providence.

Sing Praise to God, You Heavens! 17

(Psalm 148)

1 Sing praise to God, you heav-ens! Sing praise, each shin - ing light!
 2 Sing praise, O earth, sing prais - es! Sing prais - es, hill and plain,
 3 Sing prais - es, all you crea-tures in whom God takes de - light:
 4 Sing prais - es now, God's peo - ple; your gift of speech em - ploy

Sing, plan - ets in your or - bits; sing, stars all burn - ing bright!
 you moun - tains thrust - ing sky - ward, you val - leys ripe with grain!
 you whales that roam the o - ceans, you ea - gles in your flight!
 to praise the Lord, your Mak - er, with thank - ful - ness and joy!

Sing praise, you winds and tem - pests, you driv - ing rain and snow!
 Sing praise, each fra - grant flow - er; your fair - est hues dis - play.
 Sing praise, you sheep on hill - sides, you cat - tle in the stall!
 Sing with the whole cre - a - tion; a cos - mic cho - rus raise:

Sing, clouds that race and bil - low and shad - ow earth be - low!
 Sing praise, you trees of au - tumn in glow - ing, glad ar - ray!
 Though word - less, sing your prais - es to God who made you all!
 "To God a - lone be glo - ry and ev - er - last - ing praise!"

This paraphrase of Psalm 148 reflects the spirit of praise linking Psalms 146–150. Of the two great themes found in these final five psalms—creation and deliverance—this psalm focuses on the former. The opening praise “from the heavens” is matched by praise “from the earth.”



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