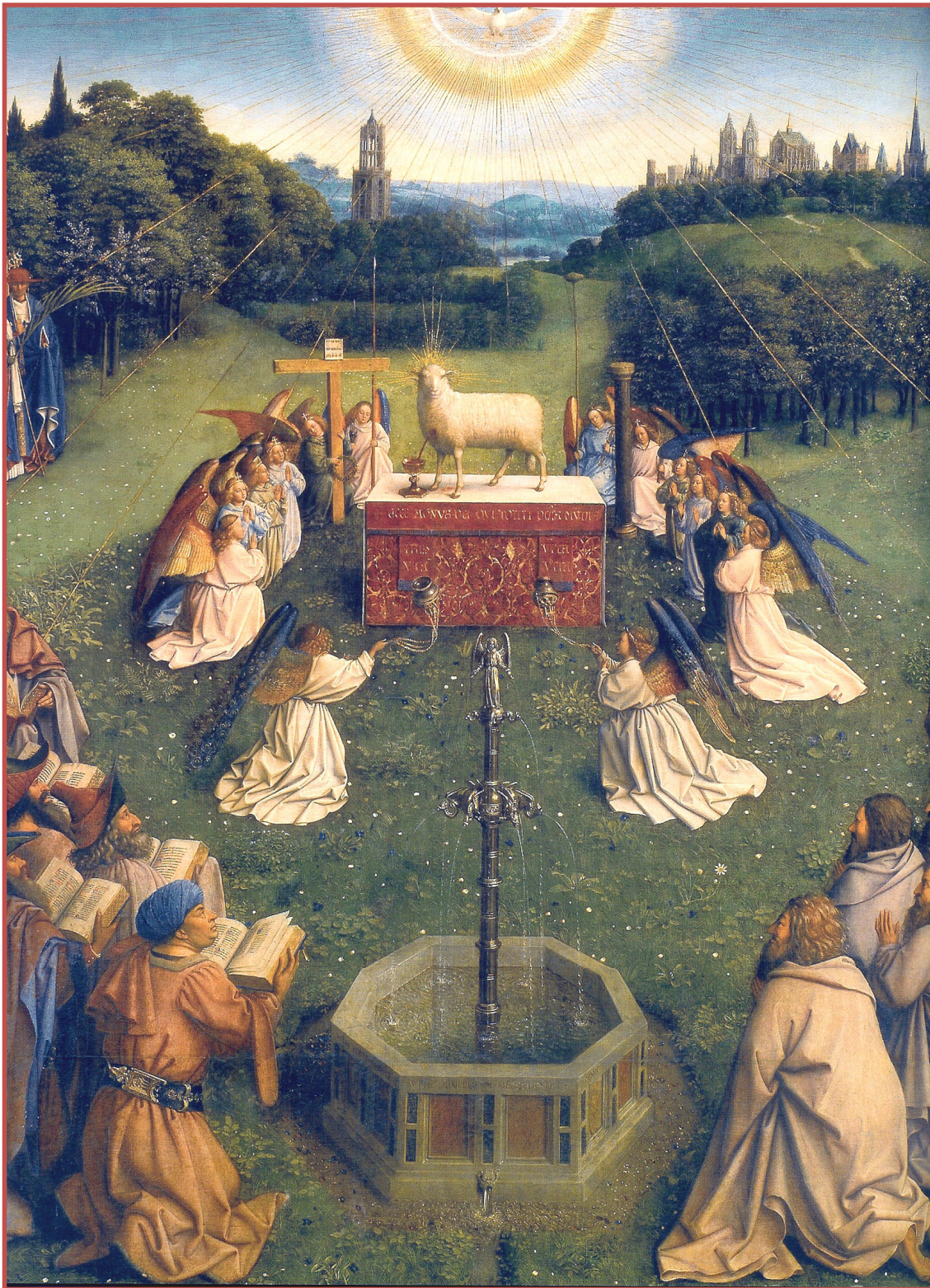


JULY 26, 2026 | 8:00 A.M. CHAPEL COMMUNION SERVICE
IN THE WAY OF IONA ABBEY, SCOTLAND



Adoration of the Lamb, Ghent Altarpiece | Jan van Eyck (1432) | from *Art in the Christian Tradition*, a project of the Vanderbilt Divinity Library, Nashville, TN.

COMMUNION SERVICE
8:00 a.m., Cedarholm Chapel

PRELUDE

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Rev. Dr. Philip J. Reed

*** CALL TO WORSHIP**

The Lord is our refuge and strength,
A very present help in trouble.
Therefore, we will not fear,
Though the earth should change.
Taste and see that the Lord is good.
Blessed are those who take refuge in him.
Let us worship the living God!

*** HYMN 445**

The Church's One Foundation

AURELIA

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Faithful and loving God,
You know us completely and still you call us your own.
Yet we confess that we wander from your ways.
Our hearts are anxious,
Our speech is careless,
And our love for neighbor grows thin.
Restore to us the joy of your salvation,
And lead us again in the paths of righteousness;
Through Christ, our Shepherd and Savior. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Hear and believe the good news:
"The Lord is gracious and merciful, slow to anger and abounding
in steadfast love."
In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven!
In Jesus Christ, we are a new creation!
Alleluia, Amen!

SCRIPTURE READING

Psalm 34 (*OT, page 508*)
The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

SERMON

Summer in the Psalms: Taste and See Rev. Dr. Annemarie S. Kidder

INVITATION

THE THANKSGIVING

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.

THE WORDS OF INSTITUTION

THE COMMUNION

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Gracious God,
we thank you for meeting us at this table with the gift of your
presence and grace. As you have nourished us with the bread of life
and the cup of salvation, fill us with your Holy Spirit. Send us into the
world with thankful hearts, ready to love, serve, and follow Christ
each day. In his holy name we pray. Amen.

* HYMN 522

I Am the Bread of Life

I AM THE BREAD

BENEDICTION

TITHES AND OFFERING

Your offering for the Kirk's ministry will be received as you leave worship. 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.

CLOSING VOLUNTARY



A Note from Rev. Dr. Annemarie Kidder!

Parish Associate, Kirk West

One of the regional specialties of Cincinnati is *Skyline Chili*. "Taste and see," I was told repeatedly by natives as they were urging me to try the spaghetti dish slathered in chili with a hint of chocolate. Somebody was doing the coaxing to convert the unbeliever. The poet of Psalm 34 has something similar in mind. "Taste and see that the Lord is good," he says. But this may take a little more than an open mind and a willing heart. To taste God's goodness requires preparation. It's not an automatic sensation or experience leading to a new insight or conviction.

For many centuries, the church has incorporated the Psalmist's urging words to "come and see" into the liturgy of the Lord's Supper. But concrete steps are needed from our end, not just on days when the Lord's Supper is celebrated, to truly come away with a taste of God's goodness in our mouth and on our tongue.

For me, no visit to Cincinnati can be without a meal of Skyline Chili. For us, no visit to worship should be without us being able to taste here the goodness of the Lord. Let's explore together how to enhance the experience.



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