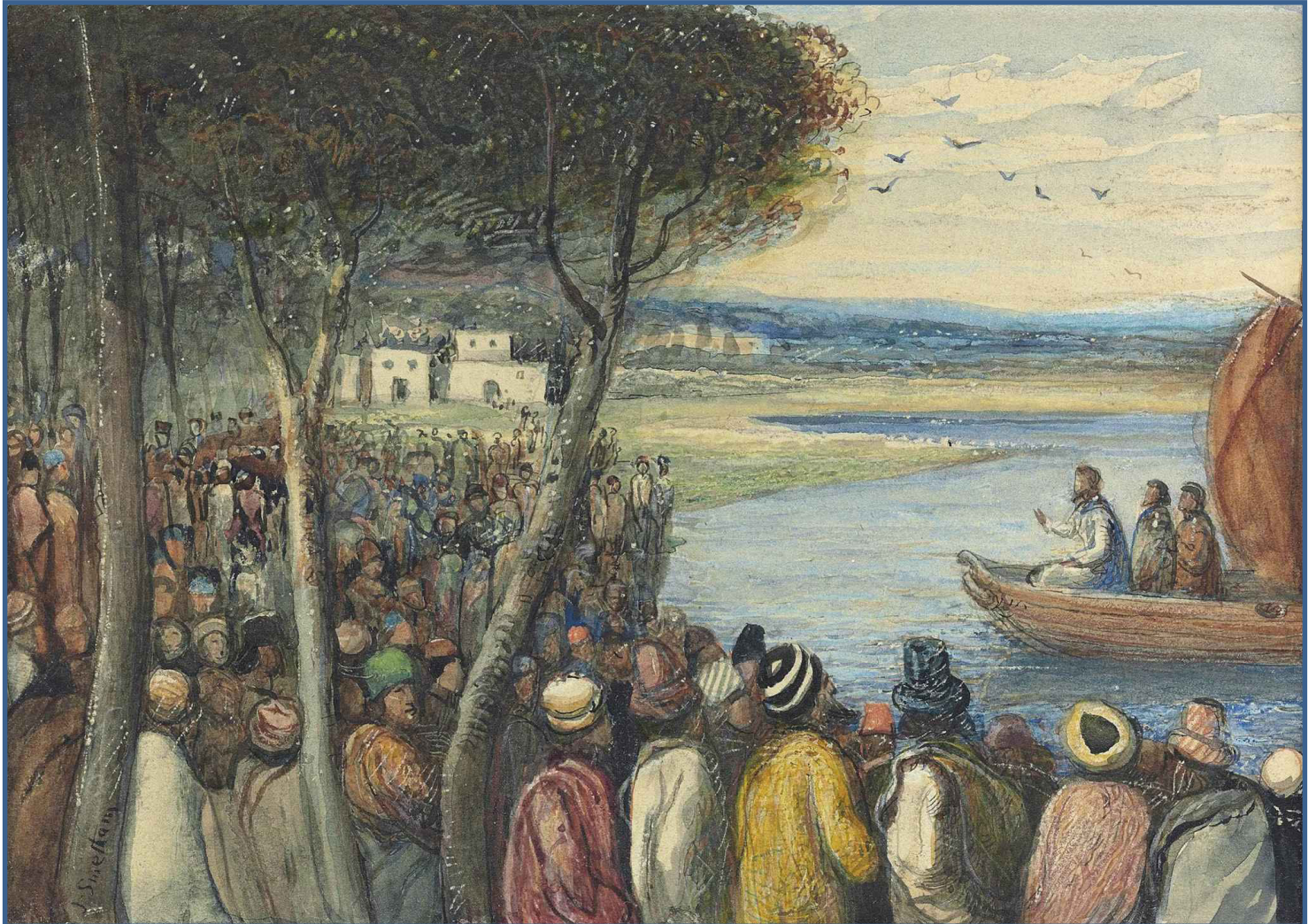


KIRK IN THE HILLS
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH (U.S.A.)
SECOND SUNDAY IN LENT
MARCH 16, 2025





Lamb of God

Worthy is the Lamb who was slain, to receive power and wealth and wisdom and might and honor and glory and blessing! (Rev. 5:12)

One of my favorite things about our beautiful Kirk is the abundance of visual art that surrounds us as we worship. Stained glass, carvings in wood, stone, and metal, tapestries, paintings and more—art rich in images and symbols that illuminate our Christian faith. As we enter the sanctuary each Sunday, we pass this stained-glass image of the Lamb of God. We read in the first chapter of John that John the Baptist greets Jesus with the words “Behold, the Lamb of God, who takes away the sins of the world!” The image of the lamb illustrates the transformation of the Jewish Passover sacrificial lamb into God’s ultimate sacrifice

of his Son for the salvation of the world. The innocent lamb becomes the triumphant leader of the Church, carrying a flag with a cross. I like the way the stained-glass artist portrays him looking backwards, as if checking to be sure that we are all following!

Our Lutheran, Episcopalian, and Roman Catholic friends regularly sing five hymns as they celebrate Communion: Kyrie (Lord, have mercy), Gloria (Glory to God in the highest), Credo (We believe), Sanctus (Holy, holy, holy), and Agnus Dei (Lamb of God). The Presbyterian order of worship provides opportunities to sing these too, except perhaps for the Agnus Dei. As we planned worship for this Lenten season, we thought it would be fitting to sing the Lamb of God in place of the Kyrie, as we confess our sins at the beginning of the service. The “Lamb of God” image points us forward to the events of Holy Week and Jesus’ triumph over sin and death. The musical setting we chose is from Franz Schubert’s “Deutsche Messe,” an interesting 1827 experiment in the use of the language of the people (in this case German) in the celebration of the Latin Mass. Our late colleague Richard Proulx created this lovely English language version which expands on the “Lamb of God” phrase to include “Jesus, bearer of our sins” and “Jesus, redeemer of the world.” I share a birthday with Schubert and have a particular fondness for his music. I hope you enjoy learning to sing the “Lamb of God” with us.



James Biery, Artist-in-residence

THE SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

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

VOLUNTARY

Two Settings of **Blessed Jesus, at Your Word, BWV 730/731**

J.S. Bach

WELCOME

Rev. Edwin Estevez

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

* **SONG OF APPROACH**

God of Love, We Lift Up Our Eyes

Marilyn Biery

God of Love, we lift up our eyes to the heavens.

From whence does our help come?

Jesus our hope, we lift up our voices, praising your name.

Our help cometh from the Lord.

* **CALL TO WORSHIP**

Psalm 103 Rev. Jim Moseley 9:00 a.m.; Rev. Jasmine Smart, 11:00 a.m.

Bless the Lord, O my soul,
and all that is within me,
bless thy holy name.

Bless the Lord, O my soul,
and forget not all God's benefits—
who forgives all your iniquity,
who heals all your diseases,

who redeems your life from the Pit,
who crowns you with steadfast love and mercy,
who satisfies you with good as long as you live
so that your youth is renewed like the eagle's.

* **PROCESSIONAL HYMN 450**

Be Thou My Vision

SLANE

* **PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

Rev. Jim Moseley 9:00 a.m.; Rev. Jasmine Smart, 11:00 a.m.

Let us confess our shortcomings in the presence of God
and one another.

Most merciful God,
We confess that we have sinned in thought, word and deed.
We have not loved you with our whole heart.
We have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.

Silent prayer

In your mercy **forgive what we have been,**
Help us to amend what we are,
And direct what we shall be;
That we may do justly, love mercy,
And walk humbly with you, our God. Amen.

* SONG OF PENITENCE Jesus, Lamb of God

Franz Schubert

Je - sus, Lamb of God: have mer - cy on us.

Je - sus, bear - er of our sins: have mer - cy on us.

Je - sus, re - deem - er, re - deem - er of the world:

grant us your peace, grant us your peace.

* ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Rev. Jim Moseley 9:00 a.m.; Rev. Jasmine Smart, 11:00 a.m.

The mercy of the Lord is from everlasting to everlasting.

In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.

In Jesus Christ, we are a new creation!

* SONG OF ASSURANCE

Jesus, Lamb of God

Franz Schubert

Je - sus, Lamb of God: grant us your peace.

WORD

WORD WITH THE CHILDREN & THE LORD'S PRAYER (9:00 a.m.)

Sarah Ford

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

INVITATION HYMN

(As the children come forward for the Word with Children the congregation sings while seated)

Come! Come! We Welcome You Here!

Rev. Edwin Estevez (text), M. Biery (music)

Come! Come! We wel - come you here! Come! Come!

All God's chil - dren, young and old, we wel - come you here!

Wel - come! Wel - come! Come clos - er, draw near!

All God's chil - dren, young and old, you are wel - come here!

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.

PRESENTATION

BAPTISMAL HYMN 482
(seated)

Baptized in Water (verse 3)

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.**

THE SACRAMENT OF ADULT BAPTISM

Audley Brown

ADMISSION OF NEW MEMBERS

Rev. Edwin Estevez, Rev. Jasmine Smart
& Elder Linda Juracek-Lipa

*Audley Brown, Chloe Brown, Isabella Conner, Ryan Conner,
Morgan Joliet, Jack Miller, Kristyn Myrold, Jason Russell,
Sarah Russell, Bonita Snider, Philip Snider, Kara Vyletel*

PRAYER FOR NEWLY ADMITTED MEMBERS

**With joy and thanksgiving we welcome you into Christ's church to
share with us in his ministry, for we are all one in Christ.**

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Gracious God, Our Way in the Wilderness

arr. M. Biery

*Gracious God, our way in the wilderness,
Guide us, by your Word, through these forty days,
So that we may be restored and renewed,
Through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.*

SCRIPTURE READING

Matthew 13:1-11; 18-23

(NT, page 13)

Nora Mason, Confirmand, 9:00 a.m.

Elder Nancy Lau, 11:00 a.m.

The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

ANTHEM

Ave Verum Corpus

William Byrd

*Ave verum corpus, natum de Maria Virgine, vere passum, immolatum in cruce
pro homine: Cuius latus perforatum, unda fluxit sanguine. Esto nobis praegus-
tatum in mortis examine: O Dulcis, O pie, O Jesu fili Mariae, miserere mei.
Amen*

*Hail, true Body, body that was truly born of the virgin Mary, body that truly
suffered, that was truly given in sacrifice on the cross for the sake of human-
kind, body from whose side, pierced through, water and blood flowed. In the test
that is our death, be a foretaste for us.*

O sweet, O gentle, O Jesus, Son of Mary, have mercy on me.

(Tr. Maryann Corbett)

SERMON

The Crew is You

Rev. Edwin Estevez

* HYMN 395

Blessed Jesus, at Your Word

LIEBSTER JESU

(Please be seated after the hymn.)

THANKSGIVING

CALL TO OFFERING AND DEDICATION

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

Like as the Hart

Herbert Howells

Like as the hart desireth the waterbrooks, so longeth my soul after thee, O God. My soul is athirst for God, yea, even for the living God. When shall I come to appear before the presence of God? My tears have been my meat day and night, while they daily say unto me, Where is now thy God? (Ps. 42:1-3)

* 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 at 11:00 a.m.—see page 5*)

Rev. Jasmine Smart

SENDING

* RECESSIONAL HYMN 547

Go, My Children, with My Blessing

AR HYD Y NOS

CHARGE AND BENEDICTION (*seated*)

CHORAL RESPONSE

May You Know the Presence of God

arr. Marilyn Biery

*May you know the presence of God our keeper;
with us by day and with us by night.
With us in our coming and our going;
with us all from this time forth and forever. Amen.*

CLOSING VOLUNTARY

Prelude on Be Thou My Vision

Healy Willan

WORSHIP NOTES

INFORMATION ON TODAY'S SERVICES

About the Music: The organ voluntaries are based on two of our hymns. The opening voluntaries are based on *Liebster Jesu, wir sind hier*, which we sing to the text Blessed Jesus at Your Word. J.S. Bach wrote several chorale preludes on this tune, and this morning we hear two of them. The closing voluntary is set to *SLANE*, an old Irish folk tune associated with the ballad "With My Love on the Road" in Patrick W. Joyce's *Old Irish Folk Music and Songs* (1909). It became a hymn tune when it was set to the Irish hymn "Be Thou My Vision" published in the *Church Hymnary* (1927). *SLANE* is named for a hill in County Meath, Ireland, where St. Patrick's lighting of an Easter fire—an act of defiance against the pagan king Loegaire—led to his unlimited freedom to preach the gospel in Ireland.

Our Invitation Hymn for the Children's Message was a collaborative effort by Edwin Estevez and Marilyn Biery. At the January staff retreat of the worship leaders, Marilyn asked Edwin for the words of invitation and later set it to music.

William Byrd (c. 1540 – 1623) was an English Renaissance composer. He is often considered one of England's most important composers of early music. He wrote sacred music for Anglican services, but during the 1570s converted to Catholicism, and his later music was written for the Catholic Church. Today's motet is set to the traditional Ave verum text, which is a short Eucharistic hymn dating from the 14th century and attributed to Pope Innocent VI (d 1362).

Herbert Norman Howells (1892 – 1983) was an English composer, organist, and teacher who wrote Anglican church music, much of which is beloved in the repertoire. In 1915 Howells was diagnosed with Graves' disease and given six months to live. His poor health prevented him from being conscripted in World War I. At St Thomas' Hospital he was given the previously untried radium injections in the neck, administered twice a week over a period of two years. For much of this time Howells travelled between London for treatment and Lydney where he was nursed by his mother.

Musicians: Mila Pitman, soprano; James Biery and Marilyn Biery, organists and directors

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On the Cover— *Christ Preaching to the Multitudes* | James Smetham | from *Art in the Christian Tradition*, a project of the Vanderbilt Divinity Library, Nashville, TN.

The flowers on the altar are presented to the glory of God in loving memory of Nancy S. Hall and her parents Hi and Dave Smucker, former active members of the Kirk, by Kristin and David Sliwicki and their children of Madison, Wisconsin.

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.



Meet Our Membership Coordinator! Stop by the Visitor's Table in the Narthex after service to say hello to our Membership Coordinator, Mercy Adams. If this is your first visit to the Kirk, Mercy would love to meet you and answer all your questions about being a member. If you're interested, she can sign you up for one of our upcoming New Member Classes.

Lent/Easter Series:

Jesus and His Sailboat Church

March 23: Third Sunday in Lent

Mark 8:1-13

Sailing not Drifting

March 30: Fourth Sunday in Lent

Matthew 14:22-33

Staying in the Boat

April 6: Fifth Sunday in Lent

Luke 8: 22-25

Anchored in Faith

April 13: Palm Sunday

(Triumphal entry): Luke 19:28-40

April 19: Maundy Thursday Service at 7:00pm

April 18: Good Friday

Services at 12:00pm & 6:00pm

April 20: Easter

John 20:24-21:14

Beachside Breakfast

Easter Sunday Services:

Service of the Resurrection
at 6:45am in the Columbarium

Sanctuary Worship Services
at 7:00, 9:00, & 11:00am



Journey to Jerusalem

Sacred Music Drama

Sunday, April 13 • 7:00pm



The musicians at Kirk in the Hills invite you on a unique “Journey to Jerusalem” on Palm Sunday evening at 7:00 pm in the sanctuary. Come with Jesus on his final journey to Jerusalem: washing the feet of the disciples, sitting at the table for the Last Supper, and praying in the Garden of Gethsemane.

“Journey to Jerusalem” combines scripture, hymns, prayer, candlelight, choir, instruments, and the celebration of the Lord’s Supper. The one-hour service will draw you into the emotion and inspiration of Holy Week. “Journey to Jerusalem” is a completely original drama that was conceived and written by Marilyn Biery (libretto) and James Biery (music) in 2017.

Featuring Michael Fowler as Jesus (pictured), Chantel Woodard as Judas, Daniel Paradowski as Peter, with the Kirk Chancel Choir accompanied by Merideth Estevez, English horn, Scott Graddy flute, Jasper Zientek, viola, Robert Stiles bass, and Lydia Cleaver harp, under the direction of the composer, James Biery.



We envision a world where every heart experiences God's transforming love.



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