

KIRK IN THE HILLS
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH (U.S.A.)

MARCH 16, 2025 | 8:00 A.M. CHAPEL COMMUNION SERVICE
IN THE WAY OF IONA ABBEY, SCOTLAND



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

PRELUDE

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

CALL TO WORSHIP

Psalm 103

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.

* **HYMN 450**

Be Thou My Vision

SLANE

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

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.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

The mercy of the Lord is from everlasting to everlasting.
In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.
In Jesus Christ, we are a new creation!

SCRIPTURE READING

Matthew 13:1-11; 18-23 (NT, page 13)

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

SERMON

The Crew is You

Rev. Edwin Estevez

INVITATION

THE 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.

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

In your body broken and in your blood shed for all of us Lord, we have tasted and seen that you are good. In this meal, we have experienced again your deep love for your world. May the sweet taste of this meal strengthen us for living for you and remind us that we are called to live according to your will and to love as you love. Help us to yearn for your coming again, we pray in Jesus' name. Amen.

* HYMN 547

Go, My Children, with My Blessing

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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

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