

KIRK IN THE HILLS
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH (U.S.A.)
THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER
MAY 4, 2025



*Then they told what had happened on the road,
and how [Jesus] had been made known to them
in the breaking of the bread — Luke 24:35*



A Note from Pastor Jasmine

One of my favorite symbols of Resurrection and the Easter season is that of the Butterfly. The butterfly's life cycle having started as a caterpillar, then going into the cocoon as a chrysalis, then transforming into a butterfly, is one of the most hope giving metaphors for how life in Christ can turn us into new creations. It also mirrors the movement of Jesus' life on earth, to his death and burial, to his resurrection life.

Monarch butterflies are pretty remarkable. In a TED Talk in 2021, ecologist Sonia Altizer explains how millions of monarch butterflies fly 3,000 miles from their summer breeding grounds as far north as Canada to their winter location in central Mexico. For a creature that only weighs half a gram, I don't think it's a stretch to call it miraculous.

The colorful and fragile beauty of butterflies also echoes our joyful alleluias that are now back in our worship service after taking a rest (or having been buried) during Lent. We proclaim with hope (even if it is tinged with doubt), this proclamation of praise in a God who makes all things new. We are resurrection and Easter people all year long, but especially during this season when we have walked alongside Jesus in his final days, and follow him in his resurrection appearances, the miracle of resurrection is something hard to get our heads around. Let us join the disciples on the journey of faith, and as our world has emerged into full Michigan spring, let us give thanks for the signs of life and renewal all around us.

In Christ's Peace,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Rev. Jasmine Smart". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Rev. Jasmine Smart | Transitional Associate Pastor

THE SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

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

PRELUDE

Chant de May

Joseph Jongen

WELCOME

Rev. Jim Moseley

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

* INTROIT

Love the Lord Your God

GREAT COMMANDMENT

Love the Lord your God with all your heart.

Love the Lord your God with all your soul.

Love the Lord your God with all your mind.

Love the Lord your God with all that you are.

* CALL TO WORSHIP

Rev. Dr. Keith O. Provost, 9:00 a.m.; Rev. Jim Moseley, 11:00 a.m.

Early on the first day of the week, while it was still dark,
Mary Magdalene came to the tomb and saw that the stone
had been removed from the tomb.

He is RISEN!

CHRIST IS RISEN INDEED!

Then Peter and the other disciples set out
and went towards the tomb.

He saw the linen wrappings lying there,
and the cloth that had been on Jesus's head,
not lying with the linen wrappings but rolled up in a place by itself.
He is RISEN!

CHRIST IS RISEN INDEED!

But Mary stood weeping outside the tomb.
Then, she turned around and saw Jesus standing there.
Jesus said to her, "Mary!"
And Mary went and announced to the disciples.
He is RISEN!

CHRIST IS RISEN INDEED!

* PROCESSIONAL HYMN 246

Christ Is Alive!

TRURO

* PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Rev. Dr. Keith O. Provost, 9:00 a.m.; Rev. Jim Moseley, 11:00 a.m.

Lord we have denied you,

**each time we refused to see you in the faces of the hungry
and the homeless.**

May the old in us pass away and all things become new.

Lord we have betrayed you,

**each time we have kept our distance
from the anguish of the oppressed and the persecuted.**

May the old in us pass away and all things become new.

Lord we have mocked you,

**each time we have pretended we do not know how radically you call
us to live.**

May the old in us pass away and all things become new. (continued)

Lord, we are lost and have strayed,
welcome us into your forgiving arms and make us new.
May the old in us pass away and all things become new.

* CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE

Kyrie

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

Rev. Dr. Keith O. Provost, 9:00 a.m.; Rev. Jim Moseley, 11:00 a.m.

Friends, in the empty tomb,
God declares that nothing can separate us
from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.

Friends, believe the good news:

In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven!

In Jesus Christ, we are a new creation!

* ACCLAMATION OF PRAISE 581

Glory Be to the Father

GLORIA PATRI

WORD

WORD WITH THE CHILDREN (9:00 a.m.)

Rev. Jasmine Smart

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

INVITATION HYMN

Come Together, Come and Hear!

Rev. Jasmine Smart (text); Marilyn Biery (music)

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



Come to-geth-er, come and hear! Come to-geth-er, come and learn!



Come to-geth-er, come and hear; come to-geth-er, come and learn;



Al - le - lu - ia, al-le-lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al-le-lu - ia.

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

Luke 24:13-35 (NT, page 90)
The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

Elder Ryan True, 9:00 a.m.
Elder Jennifer Fickel, 11:00 a.m.

SERMON

What Things?

Rev. Jasmine Smart

*** HYMN 257**

The Risen Christ (*choir sings first stanza*)

WOODLANDS

(Please be seated after the hymn.)

THANKSGIVING

CALL TO OFFERING AND DEDICATION

Rev. Dr. Keith O. Provost, 9:00 a.m.; Rev. Jim Moseley, 11:00 a.m.

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

Look at the World

John Rutter

*Look at the world, everything all around us:
Look at the world, and marvel every day.
Look at the world: so many joys and wonders,
So many miracles along our way.
Praise to thee, O Lord, for all creation,
Give us thankful hearts, that we may see:
All the gifts we share, and every blessing,
All things come of thee.
Look at the earth bringing forth fruit and flower;
Look at the sky, the sunshine and the rain;
Look at the hills, look at the trees and mountains,
Valley and flowing river, field and plain:
Praise to thee, O Lord...
Think of the spring, think of the warmth of summer
Bringing the harvest before the winter's cold.
Everything grows, everything has a season,
Till it is gathered to the Father's fold:
Praise to thee, O Lord...
Every good gift, all that we need and cherish
Comes from the Lord in token of his love;
We are his hands, stewards of all his bounty;
His is the earth, and his the heavens above:
Praise to thee, O Lord... (John Rutter)*

THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

Rev. Jasmine Smart and Rev. Dr. Keith O. Provost, 9:00 a.m.
Rev. Jasmine Smart and Rev. Jim Moseley, 11:00 a.m.

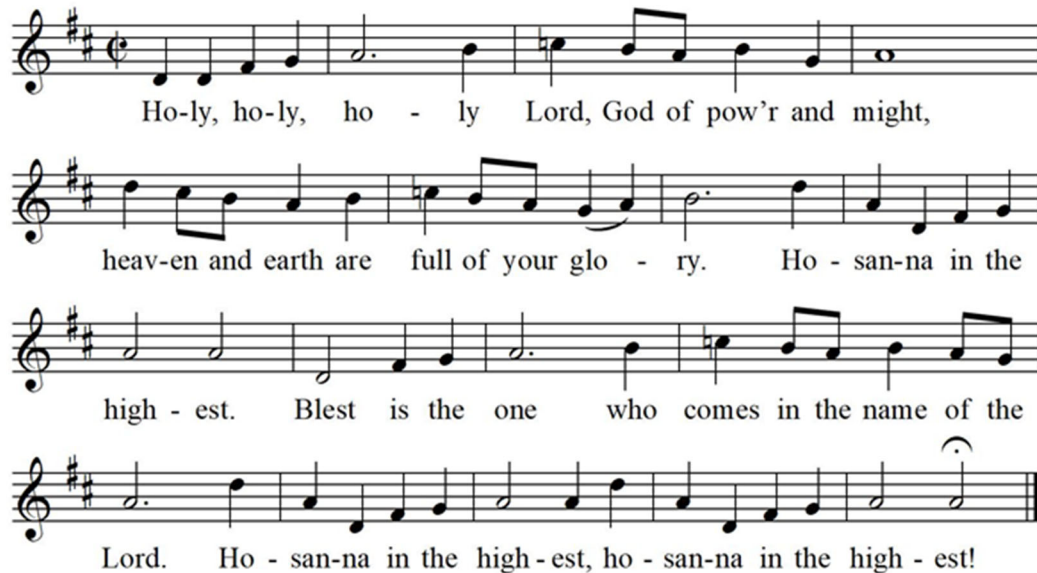
INVITATION TO THE LORD'S TABLE

THE GREAT 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.

SANCTUS (*please sing with the choir*)

James Biery



Ho-ly, ho-ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might,
heav-en and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho - san-na in the
high - est. Blest is the one who comes in the name of the
Lord. Ho - san-na in the high - est, ho - san-na in the high - est!

MEMORIAL ACCLAMATION (*please sing with the choir*)

James Biery

Remembering . . . Great is the mystery of faith....



Christ has died, Christ is ris-en, Christ will come a - gain.

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.**

AMEN (*please sing with the choir*)

James Biery



A - men, a - men, a - men.

THE WORDS OF INSTITUTION

SHARING IN THE SACRAMENT OF COMMUNION

This morning the congregation is served in procession. Please remain seated until you are prompted by an usher to be served. For those unable to process forward, stay seated and a server will bring the sacrament to you.

Gluten-free bread is available in the center of the bread trays. Empty glasses are placed in the baskets provided near the communion servers.

*We receive the bread with “**Amen**” after the server says, “This is the body of Christ.”*

*We receive the cup with “**Thanks be to God**” after the server says, “This is the cup of the new covenant”*

COMMUNION MUSIC

In This Still Room

Gwyneth Walker

And so I find it well to come for deeper rest to this still room.

For here the habit of the soul feels less the outer world’s control. Light of God, the strength of human purpose pleads more earnestly our common needs, in this still room. And from this silence multiplied by these still forms on either side, the world that time and sense have known falls off and leaves us God alone.

Light of God! The world that time and sense have known falls off and leaves us God alone. I find it well to come for deeper rest to this still room.

(Text by John Greenleaf Whittier.)

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.

SENDING

*** RECESSIONAL HYMN 254**

That Easter Day with Joy Was Bright

PUER NOBIS NASCITUR

CHARGE AND BENEDICTION *(seated)*

CHORAL BENEDICTION

God Be With You

Marilyn Biery

God be with you till we meet again.

POSTLUDE

Toccata in Seven

John Rutter

INFORMATION ON TODAY'S SERVICES

About the Music: Joseph Marie Alphonse Nicolas Jongen (1873 – 1953) was a Belgian organist and composer. His monumental *Symphonie Concertante*, op. 81 of 1926 is a highly regarded work for organ and orchestra. It was commissioned by Rodman Wanamaker for debut in his Philadelphia department store. The Wanamaker Grand Court Organ is the largest fully functioning pipe organ in the world, based on the number of playing pipes, the number of ranks and its weight. The Wanamaker Organ is housed within a spacious 7-story Grand Court at the John Wanamaker Store (originally Wanamaker's and most recently Macy's) and was played twice a day Monday through Saturday. That store recently closed, leaving the organ's future in question.

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

The music of American composer Gwyneth Walker is beloved by performers and audiences alike for its energy, beauty, reverence, drama, and humor. Dr. Gwyneth Walker (b. 1947) is a graduate of Brown University and the Hartt School of Music. She holds B.A., M.M. and D.M.A. degrees in Music Composition. A former faculty member of the Oberlin College Conservatory, she resigned from academic employment in 1982 in order to pursue a career as a full-time composer. For nearly 30 years, she lived on a dairy farm in Braintree, Vermont before returning to live in her childhood hometown of New Canaan, Connecticut.

John Milford Rutter (b. 1945) is an English composer, conductor, editor, arranger, and record producer, mainly of choral music, with one notable exception, his *Toccata in Seven*, played as the closing voluntary.

Musicians: James Biery and Marilyn Biery, organists and directors.

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From the artist: "This is an abstract impression of the hymn of the same name. I have illustrated, designed and directed many book covers, ads, logos, commercials and campaigns. I love to paint with the palette knife to keep my work loose, textured and bold. I paint all sorts of subjects. My deepest passion, however, is to use fine art to communicate matters of faith. I firmly believe that art is a communion with the soul."

The flowers on the altar are presented to the glory of God in loving memory of Jean Kallgren, the love of his life, by her husband, Rod Kallgren and her sons, Jeff, Doug, Scott, Chris, Ted, and Peter.

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. *Note: These flowers should not be placed in the columbarium. The vases are glass and can fall over and break creating a hazard on the pathway.*



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.