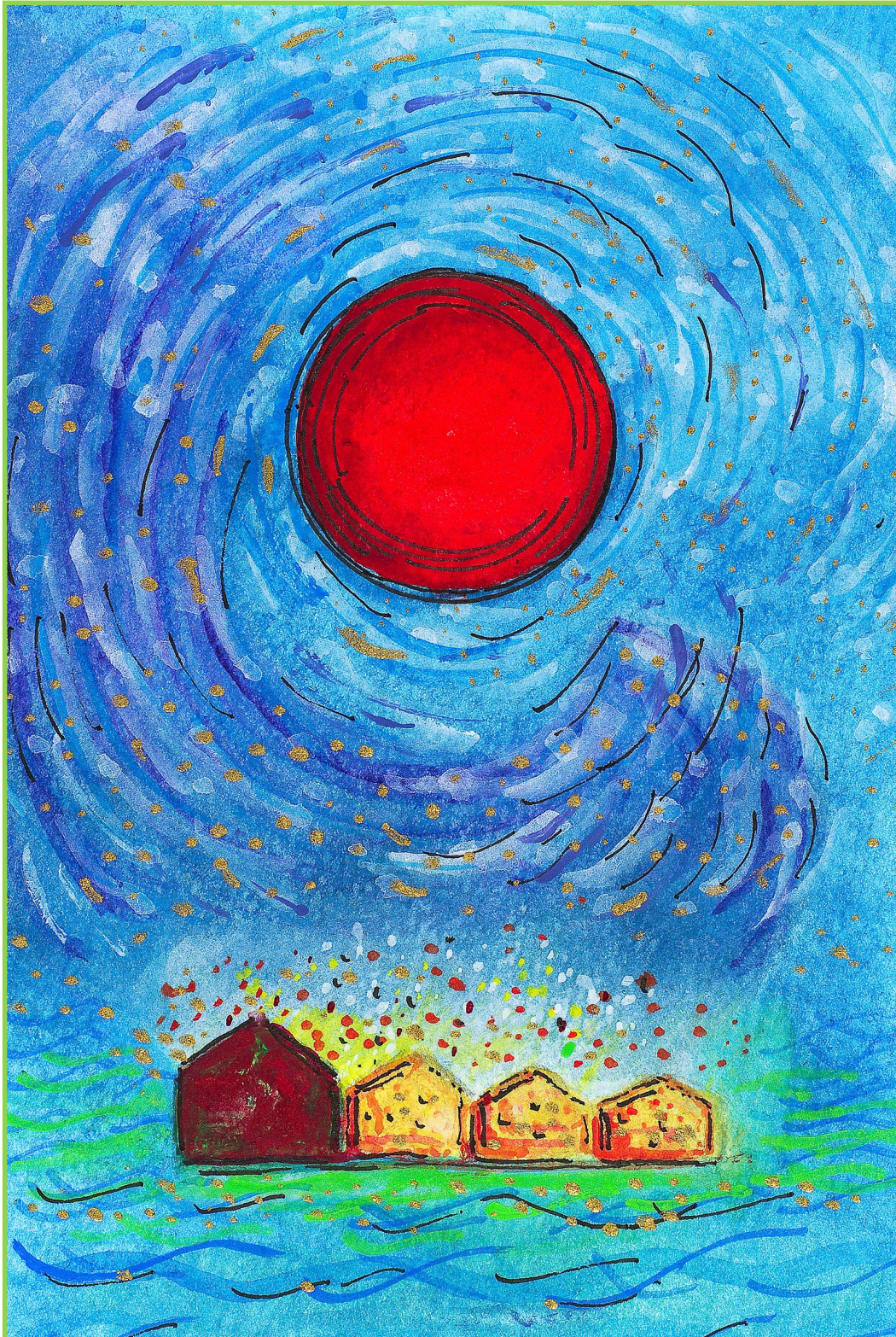


KIRK IN THE HILLS
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH (U.S.A.)
SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER
MAY 25, 2025





A Note from the Pastor

Water has always drawn me. Perhaps its attraction is partly the result of my zodiac sign, Pisces, or having grown up around the Danube river in Ulm, Germany. It's probably no coincidence that I opted to buy a condo that overlooks water which reflects the sky and adjoining trees.

Today's scripture takes place at a pool by one of Jerusalem's city gates. The gate, called the Sheep Gate, is used mostly to funnel livestock in and out of the city. And since the air is filled with the animals' stench, most people avoid going near it. And yet, an entire throng of people is camped out along the pool's five porticos. They are on mats and makeshift pallets. They lie outstretched all day or are curled up there even overnight. All of them are invalids, people weighted down by illness, physical handicap, or disease. And they are there in hopes of being healed. Local lore has it that the pool's waters have healing powers. And so they wait, day in, day out, until the waters are suddenly churned and they are able to climb into the pool and possibly be made well.

There are many stories in Scripture about the power of water and its healing effects. The world is created out of water. Moses leads the Israelites across the waters of the Red Sea into freedom from captivity. Joshua takes his people across the Jordan River into the Promised Land. And John baptizes in the Jordan while calling people to repentance.

The Gospel of John is replete with images of water too. Jesus is seen as turning water into wine at a wedding. He heals a woman at a well and sets her free from shame. And he allows the lame man by the pool to walk again. That's because Jesus IS the living water and the fountain of eternal life.

Some years ago, I wrote a hymn titled "Waters of Peace." Here are the two opening stanzas:

When I wake up in the morning,
Grant me your peace.
When the light of day is dawning,
Grant me your peace.
I am waiting for your filling:
Keeping still and being willing
for your cleansing and distilling
waters of peace.

When I interact with others,
Grant me your peace.
When demands and duties bother,
Grant me your peace.
I'm on earth as your reflection,
Serving under your protection
By my speech and love in action,
all for your peace. . . .

May Christ anoint your lips so you serve as his waters of peace.

Annemarie S. Kidder

Parish Associate, Kirk in the Hills, serving Kirk West/Fox Run

THE SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

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

PRELUDE

Elegy in B Flat

George Thalben-Ball

WELCOME

Rev. Dr. Edwin Estevez

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

* **CALL TO WORSHIP**

Rev. Jasmine Smart

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 265**

Jesus Shall Reign Where'er the Sun

DUKE STREET

* **PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

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.

Lord, we are lost and have strayed,
welcome us into your forgiving arms and make us new.

* 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

Rev. Jasmine Smart

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 CHILDREN AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

Rev. Jasmine Smart

Following the Word with the Children, children and youth will remain in worship with their family.

INVITATION HYMN

Come as You Are

Rev. Jim Moseley (text); *Traditional*



Who - ev - er you are, we wel-come you.



Wher - ev - er you're from, there's a place for you.



Dear Child of God, we wel-come you!



Come down, come as you are.

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.**

SCRIPTURE READING

John 5:1-9a (*NT, page 96*)
The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

Rev. Jasmine Smart, 9:00 a.m.
Elder Jennifer Fickel, 11:00 a.m.

SOLO

Turn Your Eyes Upon Jesus

Helen H. Lemmel

*O soul, are you weary and troubled?
No light in the darkness you see?
There's light for a look at the Savior,
And life more abundant and free!*

Refrain:

*Turn your eyes upon Jesus,
Look full in his wonderful face,
And the things of earth will grow strangely dim,
In the light of his glory and grace.*

*Thro' death into life everlasting,
He passed, and we follow him there;
O'er us sin no more hath dominion--
For more than conqu'rors we are!*

*His Word shall not fail you--he promised;
Believe him, and all will be well:
Then go to a world that is dying,
His perfect salvation to tell!*

SERMON

By the Pool

Rev. Dr. Annemarie Kidder

*** HYMN** (*see page 8*)

When I Wake Up in the Morning

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(*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

In the Rising and the Setting Sun

Kate Williams

*In the rising and the setting sun, we know,
in the twilight's fading glow,
in the moonless midnight darkness, still we know:
they remain with us in God.*

Refrain:

*So long as we live, they too shall live,
for they are now a part of us.
We remember them. We remember them.*

*In the rustle of the autumn leaves, we know,
in the fall of winter snow,
in the spring and summer's budding green, we know:
they remain with us in God. Refrain*

*In the sudden joys we yearn to share, we know,
in our spirits' ebb and flow,
in the empty ache of grieving, still we know:
they remain with us in God. Refrain*

*In the love and faith they planted deep, we know,
as these gifts take root and grow,
in the resurrection and the life, we know:
they remain with us in God. Refrain*

(Text by Mary Louise Bringle; refrain text by Kate Williams)

*** 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

(Following the Doxology, the congregation will remain standing to sing the last stanza of America in recognition of Memorial Day.)

**Our fathers' God, to thee, Author of liberty, to thee we sing;
Long may our land be bright, with freedom's holy light;
Protect us by thy might, great God, our King. Amen.**

PRAYER

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE (*and The Lord's Prayer at 11:00 a.m. — see page 5*)

Rev. Dr. Edwin Estevez

SENDING

*** RECESSIONAL HYMN 338**

O Beautiful for Spacious Skies

MATERNA

CHARGE AND BENEDICTION (*seated*)

POSTLUDE

Allabreve (BWV 589)

J. S. Bach

At the conclusion of the 9:00 a.m. Worship Service, there will be a short Prayer of Remembrance in honor of Memorial Day in the Tower of the Apostles. Join us if you are so moved.

INFORMATION ON TODAY'S SERVICES

About the Music: Helen Howarth Hemmel was born in 1863 in Wardle, England, and died in 1961 in Seattle, Washington. Hemmel was the daughter of a Methodist minister; her family emigrated to the United States when she was 12 years old. They first settled in Mississippi, then relocated to Wisconsin. She moved to Seattle in 1904, and for three years was music critic for the Seattle Post-Intelligencer. While interviewing German singer Ernestine Schumann-Heink, Helen was persuaded to go to Europe. A gifted singer, she studied music in Germany for four years. Upon her return to America, she began giving concerts and traveling on the Chautauqua circuit.

Mary Louise (Mel) Bringle is Professor of Philosophy and Religious Studies and chair of the Humanities Division at Brevard College (Brevard, NC). A teacher at heart and a theologian by training (with a Ph.D. from Emory University and an assortment of publications in pastoral theology), she began writing hymn texts in 1999. Her texts and translations are included in publications from numerous denominations, including Presbyterian, Roman Catholic, Mennonite, Evangelical Lutheran Church of America, Episcopalian, United Church of Canada, and Church of Scotland. She served as President of The Hymn Society and chair of the committee to create our *Glory to God* hymnal for the Presbyterian Church USA.

Bringle's text was set to music by Kate Williams, Vice President of Sacred Music at GIA Publications, Inc. She holds a Bachelor of Music Composition degree from DePaul University in Chicago, Illinois as well as a Master of Arts in Liturgical Studies degree from Catholic Theological Union in the Hyde Park neighborhood of Chicago where it was her privilege to study as a distinguished Bernardin Scholar. Williams commissioned this setting from James Biery and it will be published by GIA in the coming year.

Musicians: Todd Galloway, soloist; David Enos, organist

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Stephen Ministers are available for personal, confidential prayer 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.



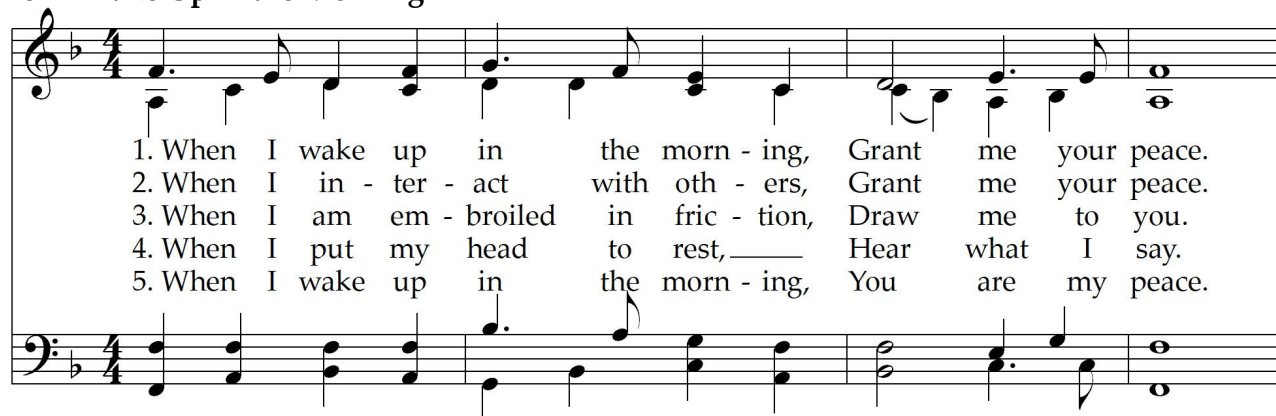
Deacon Flower Ministry: If you or someone you know needs a little cheering up, our Deacon flower ministry has bud vases each Sunday in the narthex. Please take a flower to remind someone of God's love or to remind yourself of the same. *Note: These flowers should not be placed in the columbarium. The vases are glass and can fall over and break creating a hazard on the pathway.*



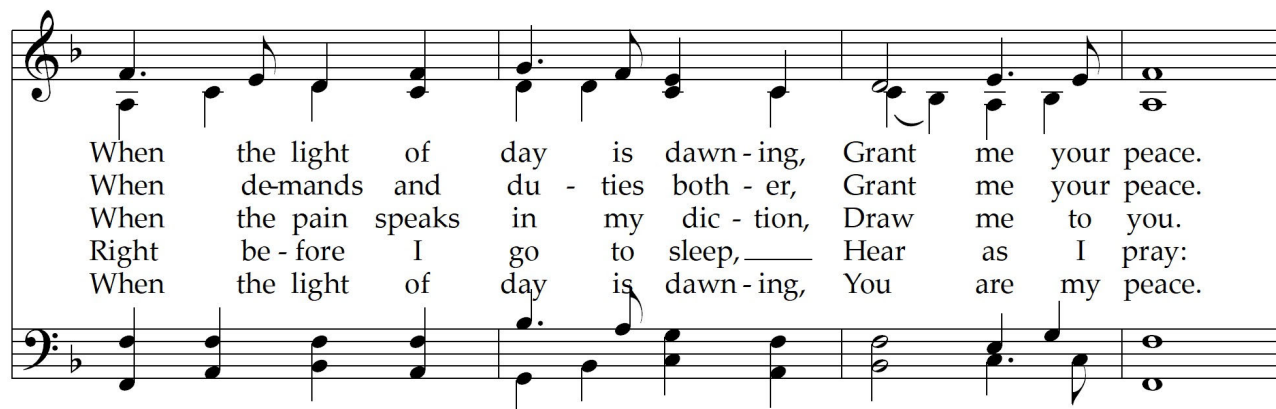
Meet Our Membership Coordinator! Stop by the Visitor's Table in the Narthex after service to say hello to our Membership Coordinator, Mercy Adams. If this is your first visit to the Kirk, Mercy would love to meet you and answer all your questions about being a member. If you're interested, she can sign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

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.

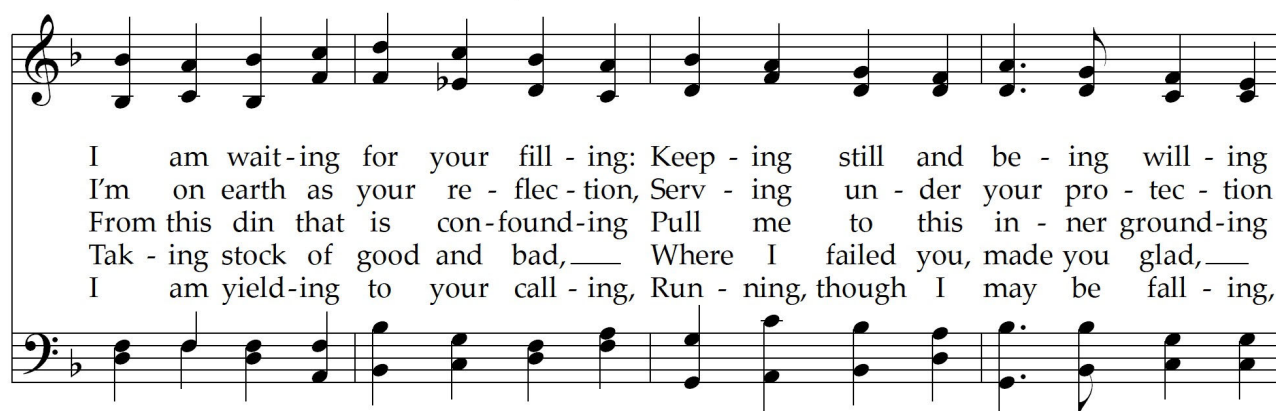
When I Wake Up in the Morning



1. When I wake up in the morn - ing, Grant me your peace.
 2. When I in - ter - act with oth - ers, Grant me your peace.
 3. When I am em - broiled in fric - tion, Draw me to you.
 4. When I put my head to rest, — Hear what I say.
 5. When I wake up in the morn - ing, You are my peace.



When the light of day is dawn - ing, Grant me your peace.
 When demands and du - ties both - er, Grant me your peace.
 When the pain speaks in my dic - tion, Draw me to you.
 Right be - fore I go to sleep, — Hear as I pray:
 When the light of day is dawn - ing, You are my peace.



I am wait - ing for your fill - ing: Keep - ing still and be - ing will - ing
 I'm on earth as your re - flec - tion, Serv - ing un - der your pro - tec - tion
 From this din that is con - found - ing Pull me to this in - ner ground - ing
 Tak - ing stock of good and bad, — Where I failed you, made you glad, —
 I am yield - ing to your call - ing, Run - ning, though I may be fall - ing,



for your cleans - ing and dis - til - ling wa - ters of peace.
 By my speech and love in ac - tion, all for your peace.
 by a voice that is re - sound - ing ech - o of you.
 I am grate - ful for your aid — this pass - ing day.
 Mov - ing for - ward, though I'm stall - ing, to - ward your peace.

TEXT: Annemarie S. Kidder, 2010

MUSIC: Welsh Melody, c. 1784

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