

KIRK IN THE HILLS
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH (U.S.A.)
TRINITY SUNDAY
JUNE 15, 2025





A Note from Rev. Dr. Philip J. Reed

What a deep and sacred joy it is to return to the Kirk! I am delighted and profoundly grateful to rejoin you for this new season of ministry. Serving as your Bridge Interim Senior Pastor/Head of Staff in 2024 was one of the most soul-nourishing experiences of my life. You welcomed Marguerite, returning to her home church, and me with such warmth and grace. We felt in our bones we were home.

To be invited back this summer to serve as your Parish Associate is a gift I receive with humility and heartfelt gratitude. A special word of thanks to Dr. Edwin Estevez, Senior Pastor/Head of Staff, whose leadership I admire deeply and whose partnership I cherish.

Today is Father's Day. The sermon is *"This Journey Is Changing Us,"* based on Romans 5:1–5. This passage has taken on new depth and meaning for me, especially as I recognize that the curtain has now risen on the Third Act of my life. In these verses, Paul traces the contours of life lived in Christ, a transformative journey shaped by love and forged through experience.

The journey begins with peace. *"Therefore, since we are justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ."* This is the peace of reconciliation that holds us through storm and sorrow.

From that foundation, the journey unfolds. *"We rejoice in our sufferings,"* Paul writes, *"knowing that suffering produces endurance, and endurance produces character, and character produces hope."* This hope, Paul assures us, does not disappoint. Why? *"Because God's love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit."*

On this Father's Day, I invite us to consider how this journey has changed us and how it is still changing us. Whether you are a father or mother, a grandparent, teacher, mentor, caregiver, executive, or cherished friend, you are part of this journey. God is at work transforming us into people of endurance, character, and relentless hope.

It is a joy to share this journey with you once more. Thank you for welcoming Marguerite and me back to the Kirk. May the peace of Christ, the love of God, and power of the Holy Spirit continue to guide this beloved congregation on the journey of life and faith that is changing us still.

Rev. Dr. Philip J. Reed

Parish Associate | Kirk in the Hills

THE SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

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

INSTRUMENTAL PRELUDE **Concerto for Two Violins BWV 1043, Largo ma non tanto** *J. S. Bach*

CHORAL PRELUDE **His Eye is on the Sparrow** (*text may be found in hymnal, #661*)
Charles H. Gabriel

WELCOME Rev. Dr. Philip J. Reed

COMMISSIONING HIGH SCHOOL MISSION TRIP (9:00 a.m.) Rev. Dr. Philip J. Reed

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

* **CALL TO WORSHIP** Rev. Jasmine Smart

Jesus said:

"The time is coming—indeed, it is already here—
when true worshippers will worship the Father in spirit
and in truth."

Sing praises to God, and to his name!

Shout joyfully to him who rides the clouds,

Father to the fatherless, defender of widows—
this is God, whose dwelling is holy.

* **PROCESSIONAL HYMN 305** **Come Sing, O Church, in Joy!** DARWALL'S 148TH

* **PRAYER OF CONFESSION** Rev. Jasmine Smart

Almighty and Merciful God;

**we enter your presence confessing the things we try to conceal from
you and the things we try to conceal from others. We confess the
heartbreak, worry, and sorrow we have caused, that make it difficult
for others to forgive us, the times we have made it easy for others to do
wrong, and the harm we have done that makes it hard for us to forgive
ourselves. Lord, have mercy and forgive us through Christ,
our Redeemer, Savior, and Deliverer. Amen.**

* **KYRIE** **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

Hold tightly to God's Word of love.

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

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost.

As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be.

World without end. Amen.

WORD

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

Sarah Ford

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! (see top of next page)

Rev. Jasmine Smart (text); Marilyn Biery



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 SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM (11:00 a.m.)

Rev. Dr. Philip J. Reed, Rev. Jasmine Smart
& Elder Linda Juracek-Lipa

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.

*** PROFESSION OF FAITH: THE APOSTLES' CREED**

I believe in God, the Father almighty,
Maker of heaven and earth,
and in Jesus Christ his only Son, our Lord;
who was conceived by the Holy Ghost,
born of the Virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, dead, and buried;
he descended into hell;
the third day he rose again from the dead;
he ascended into heaven,
and sitteth on the right hand
of God the Father Almighty;
from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead.
I believe in the Holy Ghost;
the holy catholic church;
the communion of saints;
the forgiveness of sins;
the resurrection of the body;
and the life everlasting. Amen.

THE SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

*Isabella Victoria Arnold, Lincoln Lee Catania,
Amelia Colette Mayo, Peter Charles Paras*

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Elder Linda Juracek-Lipa

SCRIPTURE READING

Romans 5:1-5 (*NT, page 155*)
The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

Elder Linda Juracek-Lipa

ANTHEM

He Will Hold Me Fast

Habershon/Merker, arr. Koerts

*When I fear my faith will fail, Christ will hold me fast
When the tempter would prevail, he will hold me fast.
I could never keep my hold through Life's fearful path
For my love is often cold, he must hold me fast.*

*He will hold me fast, he will hold me fast.
For my Savior loves me so, he will hold me fast.*

*As we are, still his delight, Christ will hold me fast.
Precious in his holy sight, he will hold me fast.
He'll not let my soul be lost, his promises shall last.*

Bought by him at such a cost, he will hold me fast. He will hold me fast . . .

*For my life he bled and died, Christ will hold me fast.
Raised with him to endless life, he will hold me fast
'Til our faith is turned to sight, when he comes at last. He will hold me fast . . .*

SERMON

This Journey is Changing Us

Rev. Dr. Philip J. Reed

*** HYMN 370**

This Is My Father's World

(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

All That Thrills My Soul

Harris/arr. Ritter

* 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.*)

Rev. Jasmine Smart

**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.**

SENDING

* RECESSIONAL HYMN 687

Our God, Our Help in Ages Past

ST. ANNE

CHARGE AND BENEDICTION (*seated*)

POSTLUDE

Moderato (Drei Tonstücke für die Orgel, op. 22)

Niels Gade

INFORMATION ON TODAY'S SERVICES

About the Music: 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.

Musicians: The Kirk Singers, Anita Pinson, Director; Marianne Varley, soloist; Melody Wootton and Sonia Lee, violinists; David Enos, organist.

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The flowers on the altar are presented to the glory of God in loving memory of her beloved husband, George Meschke and her father, David Bigelow, Jr. by Diane Meschke.

A Garden Memorial is presented to the glory of God in loving memory of Garnet B. Sparks by his wife, Julieen and children, Jon and Adrienne Sparks, Karen Sparks and grandson, William Bradley Sparks.

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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.



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.



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



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