

KIRK IN THE HILLS
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH (U.S.A.)
GARDEN WORSHIP 9:00 A.M. | SANCTUARY WORSHIP 11:00 A.M..
JUNE 29, 2025



“We set sail...”

--Book of Acts 16: 11

Dear Kirk Family,

Summer invites us to rest, reflect, and, for some, even sail. It's a time to cool off, connect with loved ones, and feel the Spirit's wind moving across the waters. I was recently blessed with the chance to be on a sailboat myself—a beautiful reminder of our identity as a sailboat church, open to the movement of the Spirit.



With Session's blessing, I'll be taking the month of July for rest, renewal, and preparation for the year ahead. I look forward to time with family, time in prayer, and time for sermon prep and discerning God's vision for our community. In the meantime, our pastoral staff will lead us through *A Summer with Luke*, our worship series for July and August. You'll hear different voices from our team as we journey through the Gospel. It's a perfect season to invite a friend or neighbor to our 9:00 AM Garden Service or 11:00 AM Sanctuary Service.

As I approach my first anniversary as your Senior Pastor, I'm filled with gratitude for the year we've shared. We've worshiped with music that moved our hearts and filled the sanctuary during Advent, Lent, Christmas, and Easter. We've seen over 120 children joyfully engage in Vacation Bible School, celebrated the growth of Sunday School and Children's Moments, and welcomed many new members into our family—including hundreds through our Kirk Affiliate and Partner Program (KAPP). Through your generosity, we've extended Christ's love in Pontiac, Detroit, and beyond—mentoring nonprofits, collecting groceries, preparing sandwiches, and sending youth to repair homes in Kentucky.

We've welcomed Drs. Anne-Marie Kidder and Phil Reed alongside Dr. Keith Provost, who continue to offer care and leadership at Kirk West and in worship. Our Pastor Nominating Committees are faithfully discerning who God is calling to complete our pastoral team—hopefully by the fall! And through our new three-year plan, our leaders are prayerfully charting a course forward—discerning where the Spirit is calling us next.

As we look toward September, my prayer is that we will truly “set sail” as a *full sail church*—anchored in Christ, powered by the Spirit, and united in purpose. I hope you will join me in that prayer.

Happy sailing!

Rev. Dr. Edwin Estevez
Senior Pastor | Head of Staff | Kirk in the Hills

THE SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

9:00 a.m. Garden Worship

PRELUDE

WELCOME

Rev. Dr. Edwin Estevez

FAITH IN ACTION

High School Mission Trip

* CALL TO WORSHIP

Rev. Jasmine Smart

This is the day that the Lord has made!
Let us rejoice and be glad in it!
Come, let us worship God!

* HYMN 816

If Thou but Trust in God to Guide Thee

WER NUR DEN LIEBEN GOTT

(see page 10)

* PRAYER OF CONFESSION

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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 heart-
break, worry, and sorrow we have caused that make it difficult for oth-
ers to forgive us, the times we enabled wrongdoing, and the reticence
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

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Hold tightly to God's Word of love.
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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

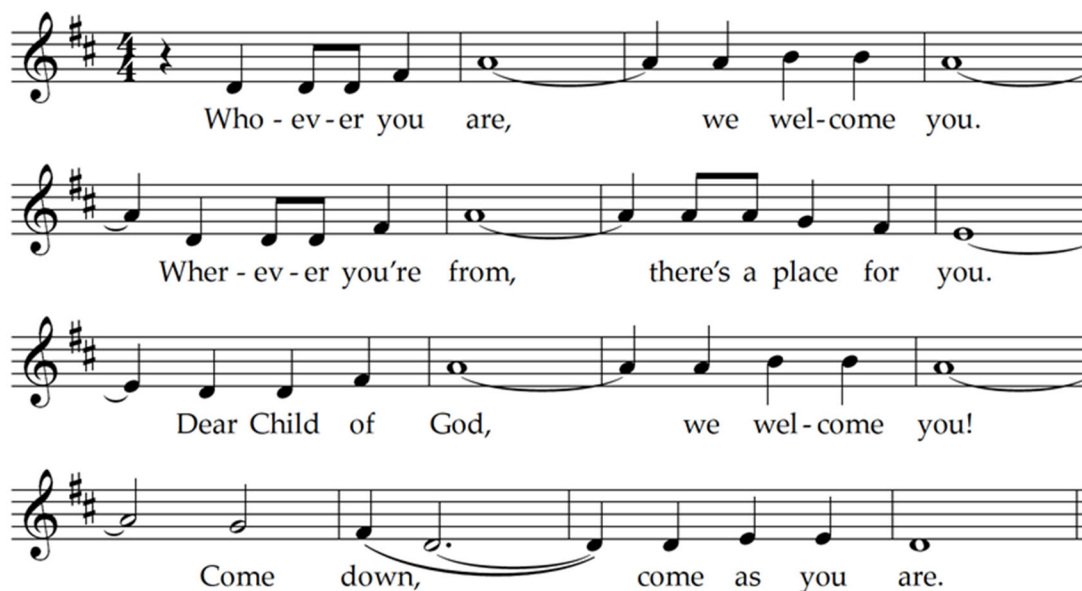
Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost.
As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be.
World without end. Amen.

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

INVITATION HYMN

Come as You Are

Rev. Jim Moseley (text); traditional



**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.**

PRAYER

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

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WORD

SOLO

In God's Garden (Blumendeutung, Op 6, No. 3)

Dvořák

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SCRIPTURE READING

Acts 16: 4-15 (NT, page 136)

Elder Glenda Herb

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

SERMON

Vision Rift, Mission Drift

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SENDING

* HYMN 37

Let All Things Now Living

(see pages 11 & 12.)

ASH GROVE

CHARGE AND BENEDICTION *(seated)*

POSTLUDE

Garden worshippers are encouraged to drop off donations in the baskets located at the Celtic Cross near ramp or at the door to the cloister as you exit to the front patio as you depart. Please see notes on page 6.

Join us for coffee and fellowship on the patio immediately following service!

INFORMATION ON TODAY'S SERVICES

About the Music: Today we hear two settings of the same chorale tune, which is the tune we are singing for the processional hymn ("If Thou but Trust in God to Guide Thee"). J.S. Bach wrote numerous settings of this tune, not only for the organ, but for his sacred cantatas. The prelude comes from Bach's collection of chorale preludes called the *Schübler* chorales, which are transcriptions Bach did of his own cantata movements about two years before he died. The postlude is from his *Orgelbüchlein* (Little Organ Book), a collection of 46 shorter organ preludes on various tunes from the church year.

The Prayer for Illumination is a bilingual prayer taken from the *Book of Common Worship* published by the Presbyterian Church USA and set to a traditional Gregorian Chant (for the 12th Sunday in Ordinary time) by Marilyn Biery.

The solo is an arrangement of one of Dvořák's secular vocal solos, which Marilyn Biery combined with a text written by Isaac Watts. Antonin Dvořák (1841 – 1904) was a Czech composer who frequently used rhythms and other aspects of the folk music of Moravia and his native Bohemia. Dvořák's style has been described as "the fullest recreation of a national idiom with that of the symphonic tradition, absorbing folk influences and finding effective ways of using them." Isaac Watts (1674 – 1748) was an English Congregational minister, hymn writer and theologian. He is credited with about 750 hymns, including "When I Survey the Wondrous Cross," "Joy to the World," and "O God, Our Help in Ages Past."

Musicians: Leslie Mason, soprano; Marilyn and James Biery, organists and conductors.

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Stephen Ministers are available for personal, confidential prayer in the Garden after the 9:00 a.m. outdoor worship and in Melrose Chapel immediately following the 11:00 a.m. service. 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.

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.

The flowers on the altar are presented to the glory of God by Suzy Heinz Avery in loving memory of her parents, Bert and Wilma VandeVusse and brother Kenneth.

THE SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

11:00 a.m., Sanctuary

PRELUDE

Chorale Prelude on

"If Thou but Trust in God to Guide Thee," BWV 647

J. S. Bach

WELCOME

Rev. Dr. Edwin Estevez

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

* INTROIT

Love the Lord Your God

Strathdee, arr. J. Biery

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

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* PROCESSIONAL HYMN 816

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ADMISSION OF NEW MEMBERS

Rev. Dr. Edwin Estevez & Elder Ryan Webb

*Melissa (Missy) Gail Gilbert, Victoria (Tori) Guettler,
Anne Serkaian, and John Serkaian*

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 **Dios Santo**

Chant/arr. M. Biery

Dios Santo, por el poder de tu Espíritu, revélanos hoy tu voluntad a través de tu palabra leída y proclamada. (Holy God, by the power of your Spirit, reveal your will to us today through your word, read and proclaimed.) Help us to understand your creative, redemptive, and consoling work, and lead us into the world, filled with your Spirit, to proclaim, baptize, and teach en el nombre de Jesucristo nuestro Señor. Amén. (in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.)

WORD

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SERMON

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* HYMN 848

Trust in God

SONG 13

(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

Chorale from Cantata 147

J. S. Bach

*Jesu, joy of our desiring, Holy wisdom, Love most bright,
Drawn by thee, our souls aspiring, Soar to uncreated light.
Word of God our flesh that fashioned With the fire of life impassioned.
Striving still to truth unknown, Soaring, dying, round thy throne.*

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

RECOGNITION OF SERVICE | DANIEL PARADOWSKI

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

Rev. Jasmine Smart

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SENDING

* RECESSIONAL HYMN 37

Let All Things Now Living

ASH GROVE

CHARGE AND BENEDICTION (*seated*)

CHORAL RESPONSE

God Be with You

Marilyn Biery

God be with you till we meet again.

POSTLUDE

Wer nur den lieben Gott, BWV 642

J. S. Bach

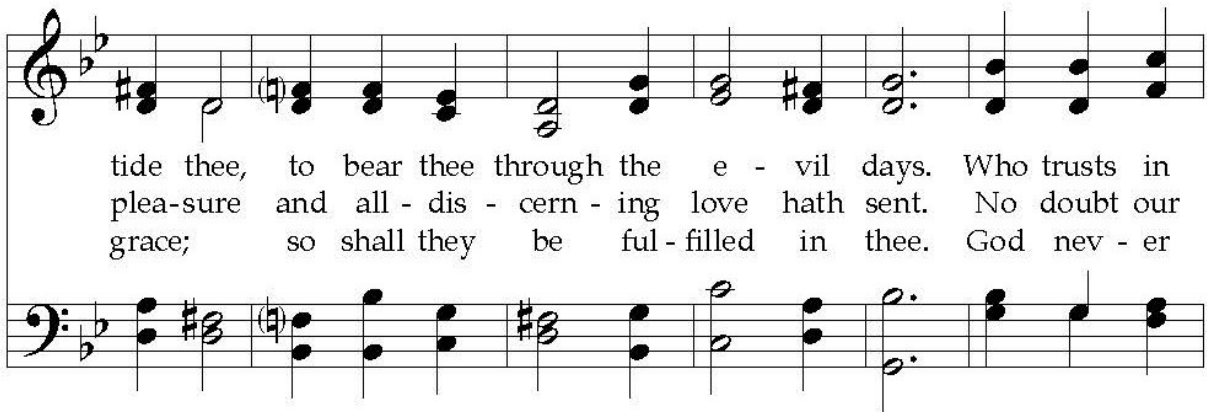
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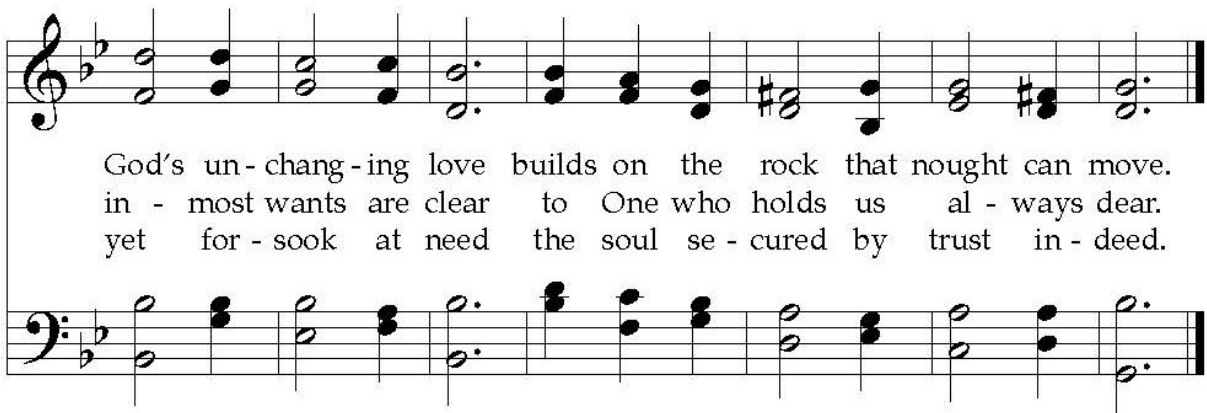
1 If thou but trust in God to guide thee, with hope - ful
 2 On - ly be still, and wait God's lei - sure in cheer - ful
 3 Sing, pray, and swerve not from God's ways, but do thine



heart through all thy ways, God will give strength, what - e'er be -
 hope, with heart con - tent to take what - e'er thy Keep - er's
 own part faith - ful - ly. Trust the rich prom - is - es of



tide thee, to bear thee through the e - vil days. Who trusts in
 plea - sure and all - dis - cern - ing love hath sent. No doubt our
 grace; so shall they be ful - filled in thee. God nev - er

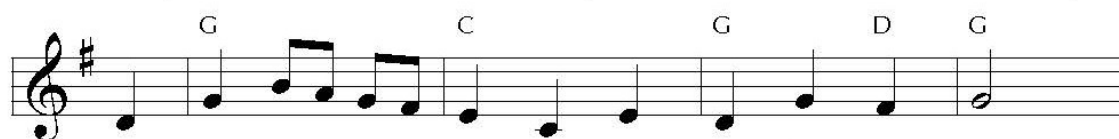


God's un - chang - ing love builds on the rock that nought can move.
 in - most wants are clear to One who holds us al - ways dear.
 yet for - sook at need the soul se - cured by trust in - deed.

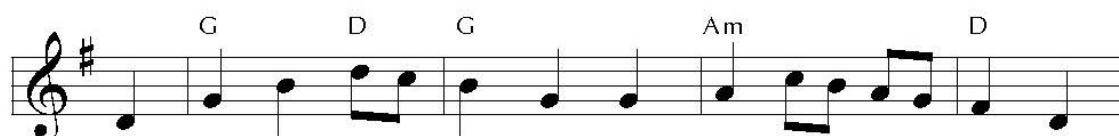
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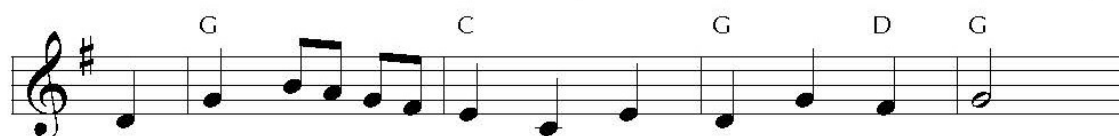
1 Let all things now liv - ing a song of thanks-giv - ing
2 By law God en - forc - es, the stars in their cours - es,



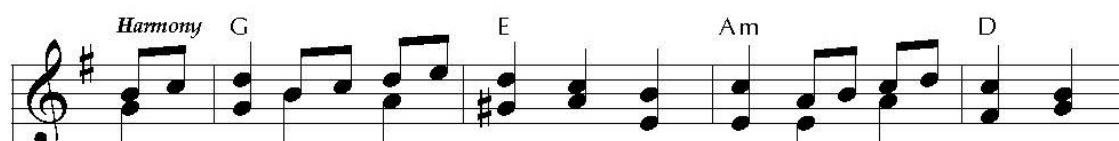
to God our Cre - a - tor tri - um - phant - ly raise;
the sun in its or - bit o - be - dient - ly shine;



who fash - ioned and made us, pro - tect - ed and stayed us,
the hills and the moun - tains, the riv - ers and foun - tains,



by guid - ing us on to the end of our days.
the depths of the o - cean pro - claim God di - vine.



God's ban - ners are o'er us; pure light goes be - fore us,
We too should be voic - ing our love and re - joic - ing;



a pil - lar of fire shin - ing forth in the night:
with glad ad - o - ra - tion, a song let us raise,



The image shows a musical score for a hymn in G major (one sharp). It consists of two staves. The first staff has a melody with lyrics underneath. Above the staff, guitar chords are indicated: G, D, G, Am, and D. The second staff continues the melody with lyrics and chords: G, C, G, D, and G. The lyrics are split into two lines per measure.

till shad-ows have van-ished, all fear-ful-ness ban-ished,
 till all things now liv-ing u-nite in thanks-giv-ing:

as for-ward we trav-el from light in-to light.
 to God in the high-est, ho-san-na and praise!