

KIRK IN THE HILLS  
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH (U.S.A.)  
9:00 A.M. GARDEN | 11:00 A.M. SANCTUARY WORSHIP  
JULY 6, 2025





## A Note from Pastor Phil

As citizens of the United States, we give thanks for the gift of freedom, hard-won, often imperfect, and still in need of our faithful care and stewardship. As Presbyterians, we also give thanks for the pivotal role our tradition played in the founding of this nation.

Presbyterian convictions helped shape the cause of liberty in the American colonies. Our affirmation that “God alone is Lord of the conscience” proclaims that no earthly power may claim our ultimate allegiance. Our commitment to shared leadership in church and civic life helped lay the foundation for democratic governance. And our belief that all people are created in God’s image inspired a vision of freedom that includes justice, dignity, and opportunity for all.

So influential was the Presbyterian role that King George III reportedly referred to the American Revolution as the “Presbyterian Rebellion.” Every Presbyterian minister in the colonies supported the cause of independence. Of the fifty-six signers of the Declaration of Independence, twelve were Presbyterian, including Dr. Benjamin Rush, a renowned physician, and the Rev. Dr. John Witherspoon, the only clergyman to sign. Witherspoon, a pastor, theologian, and president of Princeton University, believed that freedom was not merely the absence of tyranny, but the opportunity to build a just and moral society shaped by the teachings of Jesus Christ.

We are heirs to this extraordinary legacy!

Our scripture reading this morning, *Luke 10:1–12, 16–20*, reveals a deeper kind of freedom. As Jesus sends his disciples into the world, he instructs them, “Carry no purse, no bag, no sandals.” In other words, “Travel light!” Let go of what weighs you down, possessions, anxieties, regrets, attachments, illusions of control, and trust the One who sends you.

The disciples’ mission was not sustained by what they carried, but by the presence and power of Jesus Christ. Their calling was to bring peace, offer healing, and proclaim that “the kingdom of God has come near.”

To travel light, in the way of Jesus, is to live unburdened by fear, untethered from status, and open to the movement of the Spirit. It is to experience true freedom, not just political freedom, but spiritual freedom, the freedom to live as citizens of God’s kingdom.

May this Fourth of July weekend be a time of joyful celebration, deep gratitude, and renewed commitment, to our country to be sure, but more significantly, but to the freedom in living the way of Jesus Christ.

With gratitude and hope,

Rev. Dr. Philip J. Reed  
Parish Associate | Kirk in the Hills

# THE SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

9:00 a.m. Garden Worship

PRELUDE

Voluntary VIII

*William Selby*

WELCOME

Rev. Dr. Philip J. Reed

\* CALL TO WORSHIP

(Psalm 117)

Elder Bobi Tallinger

Praise the Lord, all you nations!  
Extol the Lord, all you peoples!  
For great is God's steadfast love toward us;  
And the faithfulness of the Lord endures forever.  
Praise the Lord!

\* HYMN 338

O Beautiful for Spacious Skies (*See page 10.*)

MATERNA

\* PRAYER OF CONFESSION

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\* 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.

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"For God so loved the world, that God gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believed in him shall have everlasting life."  
Hear the Good News:  
In Jesus, we are forgiven!  
In Jesus Christ, we become 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

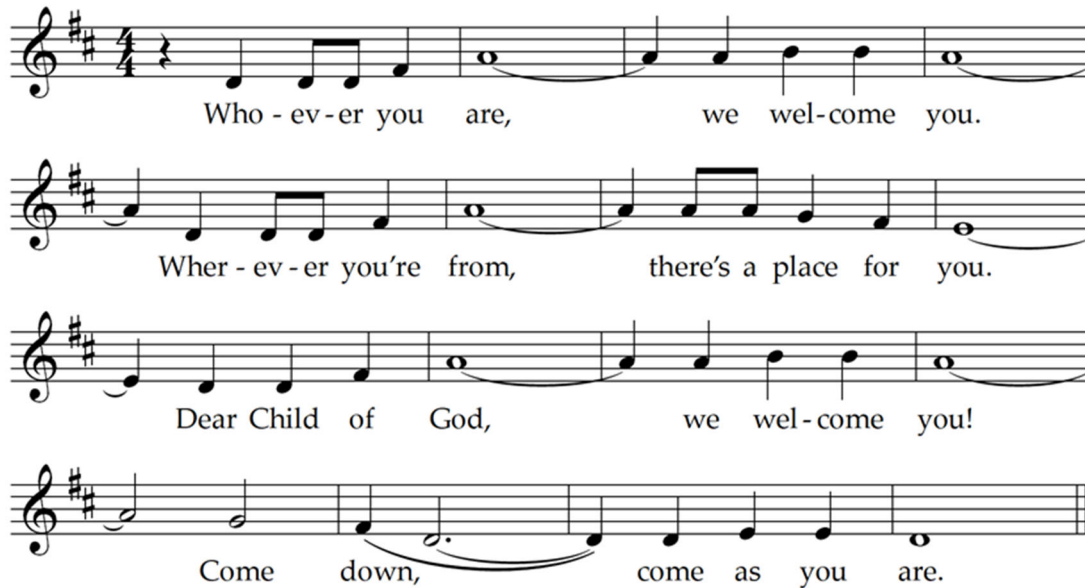
Rev. Dr. Philip J. Reed

*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

Rev. Dr. Philip J. Reed

## WORD

#### DUET

#### Christ Hath a Garden

*Gerald Near*

*Christ hath a garden walled around, a paradise of fruitful ground, chosen by love and fenced by grace from out the world's wide wilderness.*

*Like trees of spice his servants stand, there planted by his mighty hand; by Eden's gracious streams, that flow to feed their beauty where they grow.*

*Awake, O wind of heav'n and bear their sweetest perfume through the air: stir up, O south, the boughs that bloom, till the beloved Master come:*

*That he may come and linger yet among the trees that he hath set; that he may evermore be seen to walk amid the springing green.*

**SCRIPTURE READING**

**Luke 10: 1-11, 16-21** (*NT, page 71*)  
The Word of the Lord.  
**Thanks be to God.**

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**SERMON**

**“Travel Light!”**

Rev. Dr. Philip J. Reed

**SENDING**

**\* HYMN 684**

**Faith Begins by Letting Go**  
(*See page 11.*)

LUX PRIMA

**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:** All our music this morning was written by American composers. **William Selby** (1738–1798) was an organist, harpsichordist, choirmaster and composer who was born in England and emigrated to the United States. Selby emigrated to Boston, Massachusetts in 1773, following his brother John, also an organist, who emigrated in 1771. In 1774, Selby became the organist at Trinity Church in Newport, Rhode Island. Three years later, Selby became organist at King's Chapel in Boston. **Gerald Near** (b. 1942) studied composition with Leo Sowerby at the American Conservatory of Music in Chicago. He also studied at the University of Michigan with Leslie Bassett (composition), Robert Glasgow (organ), and Elizabeth A.H. Green (conducting), and continued his composition studies at the University of Minnesota with Dominick Argento. **Gordon Young** (1919 –1998) was an organist and composer of both organ and choral works. He served for many years at the First Presbyterian Church in Detroit (now closed) and taught at Wayne State. He is interred in the columbarium at Grosse Pointe Memorial Church in Grosse Pointe Farms. **Dudley Buck** (1839 – 1909) was a composer, organist, and writer on music. Buck was born in Hartford, CT, and studied at Trinity College. He held positions at Hartford's North Congregational Church, Chicago's St. James' Episcopal Church, and in Boston at the Music Hall Association and at New England Conservatory. He published several books, most notably the *Dictionary of Musical Terms and Influence of the Organ in History*, which was published in New York City in 1882.

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 12<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary time) by Marilyn Biery.

**Musicians:** Terence Farmer and Courtney Jolley (soloists for the Garden service); Marilyn and James Biery, organists and conductors.

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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](http://kirkinthehills.org/worship/past-messages).

**A garden memorial is presented** to the glory of God in loving memory of Robert H. Fredericks by his wife, Teresa Fredericks and family.

**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 SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

11:00 a.m., Sanctuary

PRELUDE

Voluntary VIII

William Selby

WELCOME

Rev. Dr. Philip J. Reed

\* *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.*

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\* PROCESSIONAL HYMN 8

Eternal Father, Strong to Save

MELITA

• PRAYER OF CONFESSION

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**World without end. Amen.**

**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**

**SCRIPTURE READING**

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**ANTHEM**

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**SERMON**

**“Travel Light!”**

Rev. Dr. Philip J. Reed

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**Faith Begins by Letting Go**

LUX PRIMA

*(Please be seated after the hymn.)*

**THANKSGIVING**

**CALL TO OFFERING AND DEDICATION**

Rev. Dr. Philip J. Reed

*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**

**Now Let Us All Praise God and Sing**

Gordon Young

*Now let us all praise God and sing our great Redeemer's praise; that we may all with one accord our joyful voices raise. Sing alleluia!*  
*All ye servants of the Lord, praise him forever, sing Jehovah's mighty power, praise him forever. Sing of his righteousness, praise him forever.*

**\* 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 Independence 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**

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**Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name.  
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**SENDING**

**\* RECESSIONAL HYMN 338**

**O Beautiful for Spacious Skies**

MATERNA

**CHARGE AND BENEDICTION** *(seated)*

**CHORAL AMEN**

**POSTLUDE**

**Fugue on "The Star-Spangled Banner"**

Dudley Buck

# O Beautiful for Spacious Skies 338

1 O beau-ti-ful for spa-cious skies, for am-ber waves of grain,  
 2 O beau-ti-ful for he-roes proved in lib-er-at-ing strife,  
 3 O beau-ti-ful for pa-triot dream that sees be-yond the years

for pur-ple moun-tain maj-es-ties a-bove the fruit-ed plain!  
 who more than self their coun-try loved, and mer-cy more than life!  
 thine al-a-bas-ter cit-ies gleam, un-dimmed by hu-man tears!

A-mer-i-ca! A-mer-i-ca! God shed his grace on thee,  
 A-mer-i-ca! A-mer-i-ca! God mend thine ev-ery flaw;  
 A-mer-i-ca! A-mer-i-ca! May God thy gold re-fine

and crown thy good with \*broth-er-hood from sea to shin-ing sea!  
 con-firm thy soul in self-con-trol, thy lib-er-ty in law!  
 till all suc-cess be no-ble-ness and ev-ery gain di-vine!

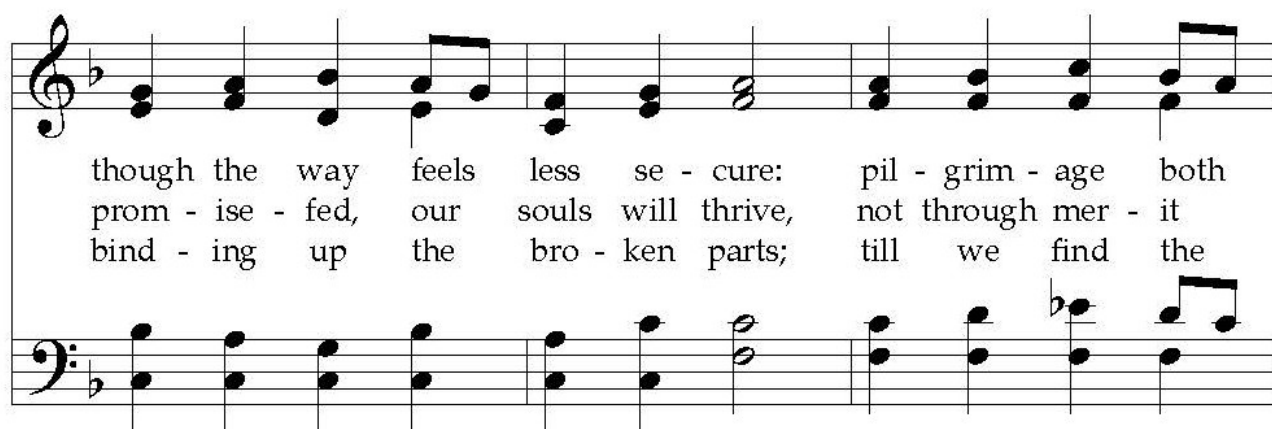
# Faith Begins by Letting Go 684



1 Faith be - gins by let - ting go, giv - ing up what  
2 Faith en - dures by hold - ing on, keep - ing mem - o - ry's  
3 Faith ma - tures by reach - ing out, stretch - ing minds, en -



had seemed sure, tak - ing risks and press - ing on,  
roots a - live so that hope may bear its fruit;  
larg - ing hearts, shar - ing strug - gles, liv - ing prayer,



though the way feels less se - cure: pil - grim - age both  
prom - ise - fed, our souls will thrive, not through mer - it  
bind - ing up the bro - ken parts; till we find the



right and odd, trust - ing all our life to God.  
we pos - sess but by God's great faith - ful - ness.  
com - mon - place ripe with wit - ness to God's grace.



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



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