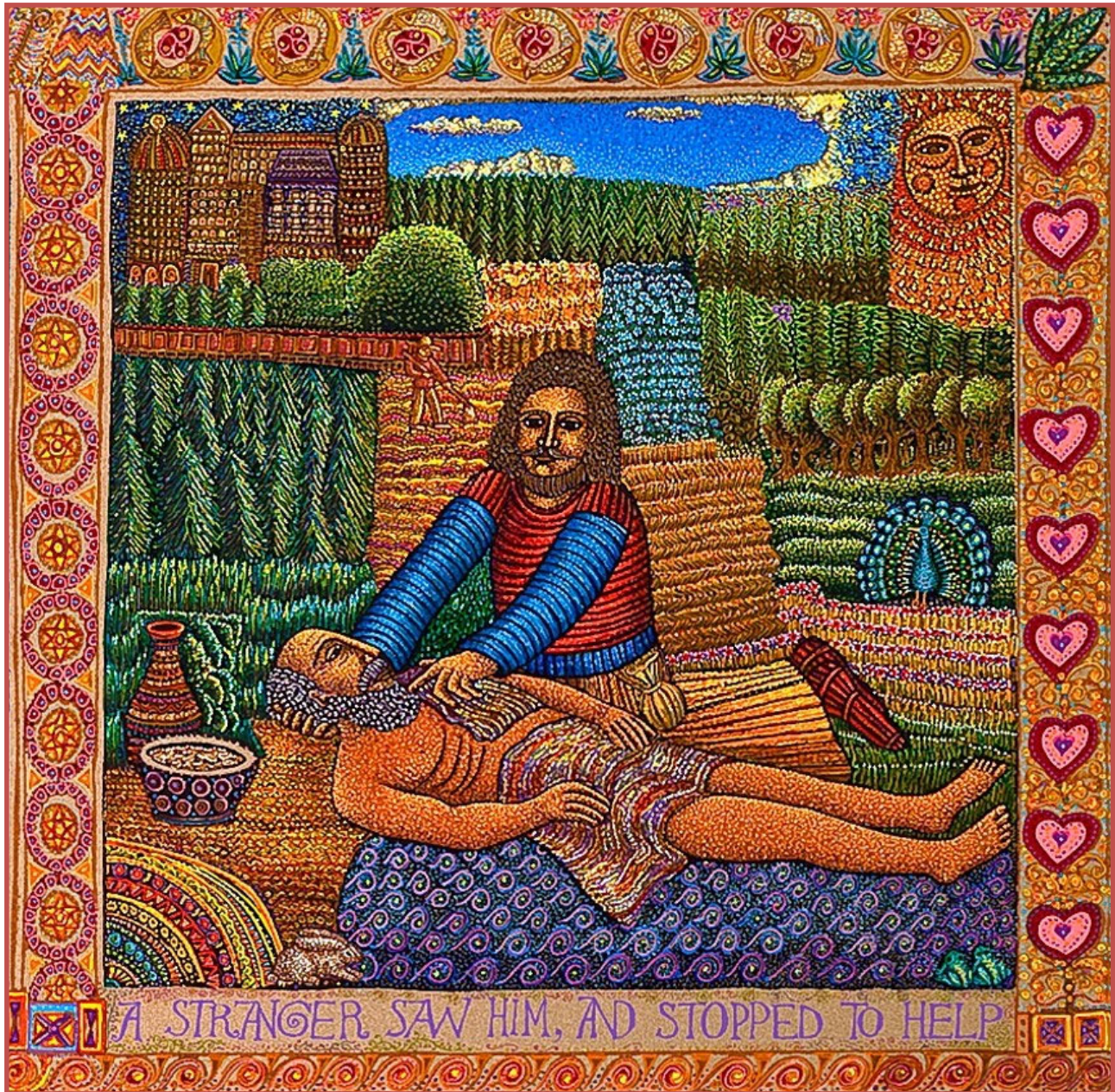


KIRK IN THE HILLS
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH (U.S.A.)
9:00 A.M. GARDEN | 11:00 A.M. SANCTUARY WORSHIP
JULY 13, 2025



Luke 10:36-37: *"Which of these three, do you think, was a neighbor to the man who fell into the hands of the robbers?" 37[The lawyer] said, "The one who showed him mercy." Jesus said to him, "Go and do likewise."*



A Note from Pastor Jasmine Smart

Fred Rogers made his mark on this world in a lasting and powerful way through his show, Mr. Rogers' Neighborhood. PBS currently has a show called Daniel Tiger that takes its inspiration from the original show, which ran from 1968-2001. Fred's lovely song, "Won't you be my neighbor?" jingles in our heads whenever the question of being a neighbor comes up. I remember seeing an episode of Mr. Rogers and Police Officer Clemens washing their feet together in a kiddie pool on a hot day. I didn't think anything of it and it wasn't until later that I realized that the episode, from 1969, was challenging racial segregation since Officer Clemens was black.

I also learned in seminary that Mr. Rogers was an ordained Presbyterian pastor. His care for children was powerful as he sought to provide quality educational television for them and the adults in their lives too. Summertime is a great time to be neighborly: many of us are out in our yards, planting and beautifying our spaces and being friendly in a casual way is pretty easy. But the type of neighborliness that Jesus talks about, that we should love God and love our neighbors, is incredibly difficult. The Samaritan's actions of putting aside his own tasks for the day and taking care of the vulnerable stranger, showing him mercy, compassion and saving his life, that takes sacrifice from us.

Even at the end of his life, Fred Rogers is said to have wondered if he had fulfilled what Christ asks of his followers: to care for the hungry, thirsty, naked and strangers among us as if they were Jesus himself: in the kingdom of heaven those who do this are known as the sheep, and those who do not are known as the goats. Mr. Rogers wondered to his wife, "Am I a sheep?" Most of us seeing his legacy would answer, of course! But it encourages all of us to keep expanding our spheres of influence, to do all we can to see the image of God in each person around us. That type of neighborliness is a challenge, but with God's help, we can all make a lasting difference.

Rev. Jasmine Smart

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Rev. Jasmine Smart". The script is fluid and cursive.

Transitional Associate Pastor | Kirk in the Hills

THE SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

9:00 a.m. Garden Worship

PRELUDE

Arioso from Cantata #156

J. S. Bach

Blessed Assurance

Phoebe Knapp, arr. Adams

WELCOME

Rev. Jasmine Smart

* CALL TO WORSHIP

Rev. Dr. Philip J. Reed

This is the day that the Lord has made!

Let us rejoice and be glad in it!

Come, let us worship God!

* HYMN 766

The Church of Christ Cannot Be Bound

MC KEE

(see page 10.)

* PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Rev. Dr. Philip J. Reed

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 others 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

Rev. Dr. Philip J. Reed

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

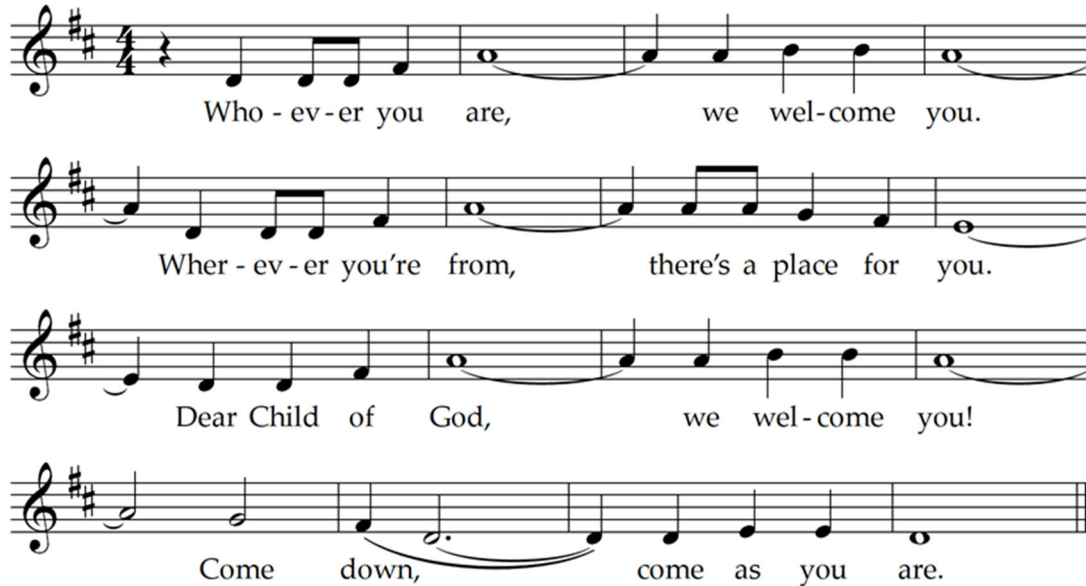
Rev. Jasmine Smart

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. Jasmine Smart

WORD

SOLO

If With All Your Hearts

Felix Mendelssohn

*"If with all your hearts ye truly seek me,
ye shall ever surely find me. "
Thus saith our God.
Oh! that I knew where I might find him,
that I might even come before his presence!
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SCRIPTURE READING

Luke 10-25-37 (*NT, page 71*)
The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

Elder Kaitlyn Haan

SERMON

Who Is My Neighbor?

Rev. Jasmine Smart

SENDING

*** HYMN 724**

O Jesus, I Have Promised
(*See page 11.*)

ANGEL'S STORY

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 11.
Join us for coffee and fellowship on the patio immediately following service!*

INFORMATION ON TODAY'S SERVICES

About the Music: The text for the processional hymn was written by Adam M. L. Tice. Tice was born in Pennsylvania, and grew up in Alabama, Oregon, and Indiana. After graduating from high school in Elkhart, Indiana, Adam went to nearby Goshen College, a Mennonite liberal arts school. He majored in music with an emphasis on composition and completed a minor in Bible and religion, graduating in 2002. He began working as a church musician and choir director while still in college. He was Associate Pastor of Hyattsville (Maryland) Mennonite Church from 2007 to 2012. He now lives with his family in Goshen, Indiana. He is text editor for the 2020 Mennonite hymnal, *Voices Together*. In early 2020 he joined GIA as Editor for Congregational Song.

The text of the sermon hymn was written by The Reverend Fred Pratt Green (1903 –2000), a British Methodist minister and hymnodist. Born in Roby, Lancashire, England, he was ordained as a Methodist minister in 1928 and served circuits in the north and south of England until 1969. During his career as a minister, he wrote numerous plays and hymns. After he retired he began writing prolifically. His hymns show his concern with social issues.

The text of the recessional hymn was written by John Ernest Bode (1816 – 1874), an Anglican priest, educator, poet, and hymnist. He wrote "O Jesus I Have Promised" for the occasion of the confirmation of his two sons and daughter in 1869. The hymn tune was written in 1881 by Arthur Henry Mann (1850-1929), who served as organist and choirmaster at King's College, Cambridge, famous for its choral music.

Musicians: Terry Farmer, tenor; Melody Wootton and Sonia Lee, violinists; 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.



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 SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

11:00 a.m., Sanctuary

PRELUDE

Arioso from Cantata #156

J. S. Bach

WELCOME

Rev. Jasmine Smart

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

* CALL TO WORSHIP

Rev. Dr. Philip J. Reed

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* PROCESSIONAL HYMN 766

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PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION Living God

Arabic Tune

Living God, help us to hear your Word that we may therefore truly understand.
Give us guidance that we would truly follow, seeking to honor and glorify you.
Amen.

WORD

THE SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

Rev. Jasmine Smart & Elder Bob Heuer

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

Grace Eleanor Elder

SCRIPTURE READING

Luke 10-25-37 (*NT, page 71*)
The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

Elder Bob Heuer

SOLO

If With All Your Hearts

Felix Mendelssohn

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SERMON

Who is My Neighbor?

Rev. Jasmine Smart

*** HYMN 320**

The Church of Christ in Every Age

WAREHAM

(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

Blessed Assurance

Phoebe Knapp, arr. Adams

*** 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

Rev. Dr. Philip J. Reed

**Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name.
Thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.
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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 724**

O Jesus, I Have Promised

ANGEL'S STORY

CHARGE AND BENEDICTION (*seated*)

POSTLUDE

A Trumpet Minuet

Alfred Hollins

766

The Church of Christ Cannot Be Bound



1 The church of Christ can - not be bound by
 2 True faith will o - pen up the door and
 3 True love will not sit i - dly by when
 4 If what we have we free - ly share to
 5 The church of Christ can - not be bound by



walls of wood or stone. Where char - i - ty and
 step in - to the street. True ser - vice will seek
 jus - tice is de - nied. True mer - cy hears the
 meet our neigh - bor's need, then we ex - tend the
 walls of wood or stone. Where char - i - ty and



love are found, there can the church be known.
 out the poor and ask to wash their feet.
 home - less cry and wel - comes them in - side.
 Spir - it's care through ev - ery self - less deed.
 love are found, there can the church be known.

724 O Jesus, I Have Promised

1 O Je - sus, I have prom - ised to serve thee to the end;
 2 O let me feel thee near me! The world is ev - er near:
 3 O let me hear thee speak - ing in ac - cents clear and still,
 4 O Je - sus, thou hast prom - ised to all who fol - low thee

be thou for - ev - er near me, my Mas - ter and my friend;
 I see the sights that daz - zle; the tempt - ing sounds I hear.
 a - bove the storms of pas - sion, the mur - murs of self - will;
 that where thou art in glo - ry there shall thy ser - vant be.

I shall not fear the bat - tle if thou art by my side,
 My foes are ev - er near me, a - round me and with - in;
 O speak to re - as - sure me, to has - ten or con - trol;
 And, Je - sus, I have prom - ised to serve thee to the end;

nor wan - der from the path - way if thou wilt be my guide.
 but, Je - sus, draw thou near - er and shield my soul from sin.
 O speak, and make me lis - ten, thou guard - ian of my soul.
 O give me grace to fol - low, my Mas - ter and my friend.



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



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