

KIRK IN THE HILLS  
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH (U.S.A.)  
9:00 A.M. GARDEN | 11:00 A.M. SANCTUARY WORSHIP  
AUGUST 3, 2025





## A Note from Rev. Dr. Edwin Estevez

Hello August, and we'll see you next year, July!

As we continue our *Summer with Luke* sermon series, I write with a grateful heart. Today is my first Sunday back with you after a time of rest and renewal. Over the month of July, I had the precious gift of vacation with my family. We made memories together, laughed and rested, and enjoyed some much-needed, unhurried time. I also prayed and planned for the year ahead at the Kirk and prayed for each of you with each page of notes and calendar entries; my hope deepened for all that God is preparing in and through Kirk in the Hills.

I want to thank Rev. Dr. Phil Reed and Rev. Jasmine Smart, along with our dedicated staff, for faithfully leading worship and supporting the Kirk's ministry during my absence. I'm also deeply grateful to you, the congregation, for your prayers and encouragement—what a blessing it is to serve a church that values both pastoral leadership and pastoral renewal!

In stepping away for a time, I was reminded of the spiritual practice of Sabbath—a sacred pause that helps us listen more deeply for God's voice. If you haven't made time, it's my hope that each of you finds time this summer to step back, breathe deeply, and receive God's grace anew. In a world that too often demands more, bigger, better, and quicker, the Sabbath invites us to trust that God is God, and we are not. God is at work so that we might rest in the work God has done, is doing, and promises to do, not just in our world, but in our neighborhoods, families, and even in us.

This Sunday, we'll turn to the Gospel of Luke 12:13-21 and the Parable of the Rich Fool—a man who thought security came from storing up more and more, only to discover he had forgotten what matters most. It's a sobering and timely word, especially for those of us tempted by the myth of self-sufficiency. In contrast, Jesus invites us to be "rich toward God"—to live lives shaped by generosity, gratitude, and grace.

As we worship together on this Sunday, may our hearts be open to that invitation. May we pause, reflect, and trust again in the One who holds our lives in holy hands. **Now, let us worship God!**

The 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

*(Patio seating is "open seating," or use your own chairs/blankets on the lawn)*

# PRELUDE

## Sonata in D Major D. 177 (Andante Moderato)

Domenico Scarlatti

# WELCOME

Rev. Dr. Edwin Estevez

**\* CALL TO WORSHIP**

Rev. Dr. Philip J. Reed

O give thanks to the Lord, for our God is good;  
**God's steadfast love endures forever!**  
 Come, let us worship God!

\* HYMN 712

## As Those of Old Their Firstfruits Brought

FOREST GREEN

(see page 10.)

**\* PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

Rev. Dr. Philip J. Reed

Happy are those whose transgression is forgiven,  
whose sin is covered.

**Happy are those to whom the Lord imputes no iniquity  
and in whose spirit there is no deceit.**

Let us confess our personal sins in the silence of our hearts...

Then, O Lord, I acknowledged my sin to you,  
and I did not hide my iniquity;

**I said, “I will confess my transgressions to the Lord,” and you forgave the guilt of my sin.**

\* 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

Friends, believe the Good News of the Gospel:

**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

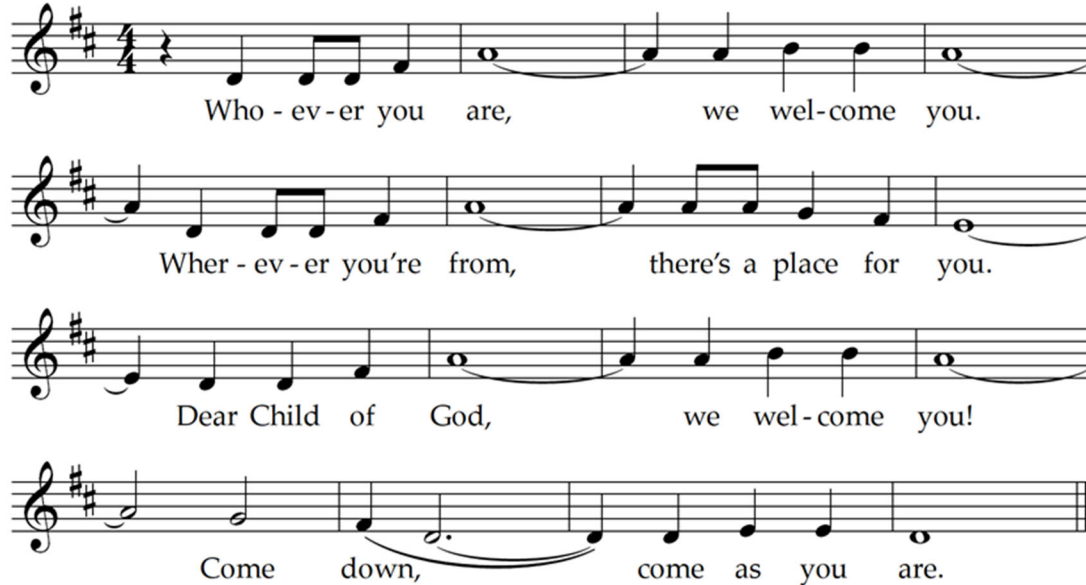
Katelyn Haan

*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*



#### SOLO

#### His Eye Is on the Sparrow

*Luigi Zaninelli*

*Why should I feel discouraged, why should the shadows come, why should my heart be lonely, and long for heav'n and home, when Jesus is my portion? My constant friend is he: his eye is on the sparrow, and I know he watches me. Whenever I am tempted, whenever clouds arise, when songs give place to sighing, when hope within me dies, I draw the closer to him, from care he sets me free; his eye is on the sparrow, and I know he cares for me. I sing because I'm happy, I sing because I'm free, for his eye is on the sparrow, and I know he watches me.*

#### SCRIPTURE READING

**Luke 12:13-21** (NT, page 74)

Elder Glenda Herb

The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

#### SERMON

#### Parable of Inheritance

Rev. Dr. Edwin Estevez

#### THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

Rev. Dr. Edwin Estevez & Rev. Dr. Philip J. Reed

#### INVITATION TO THE LORD'S TABLE

#### PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts.

**We lift them up to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.  
It is right to give our thanks and praise.

## THE LORD'S PRAYER

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 WORDS OF INSTITUTION

## SHARING IN THE SACRAMENT OF COMMUNION

*At the direction of the communion servers, please step towards the nearest communion station to receive the sacrament. We receive the bread with "Amen" after the server says, "This is the body of Christ." We receive the cup with "Thanks be to God" after the server says, "This is the cup of the new covenant"*

## COMMUNION MUSIC      *Selections for Meditation*

## PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

In your body broken and in your blood shed for all of our, Lord, we have tasted and seen that you are good. In this meal, we have experienced again your deep love for your world. May the sweet taste of this meal strengthen us for living for you and remind us that we are called to live according to your will and to love as you love. Help us to yearn for your coming again, we pray in Jesus' name. Amen.

## SENDING

\* HYMN 708

We Give Thee but Thine Own  
(See page 11.)

SCHUMANN

## CHARGE AND BENEDICTION *(seated)*

## POSTLUDE

Sonata in D Major K. 178 (Vivo)

Domenico Scarlatti

*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:** Giuseppe Domenico Scarlatti (1685 – 1757) was an Italian composer. He is considered a Baroque composer chronologically, although his music was influential in the development of the Classical style that began after about 1750. Like his father Alessandro Scarlatti, he composed in a variety of musical forms; today he is known mainly for his 555 keyboard sonatas, of which we hear two this morning. He spent much of his life in the service of the Portuguese and Spanish royal families.

The composer of the Kyrie is John Marbeck, Merbeck or Merbecke (c. 1510 – c. 1585), an English choral composer whose setting of the early Anglican liturgy became the standard for the sung Anglican service until the late 20th century.

(From LuigiZaninelli.com): Mr. Zaninelli was born in Raritan, New Jersey in 1932. At the age of 17, he played his music for renowned composer Gian Carlo Menotti who then accepted him as a student at the Curtis Institute of Music. Two years later the Curtis Institute sent Mr. Zaninelli to study composition with the legendary Rosario Scalero, the teacher of Menotti and Samuel Barber. Upon graduation, he joined the faculty of the Curtis Institute.

Zaninelli returned to Rome, Italy in 1964 to compose film music for RCA Victor Italiana. In 1968, he was appointed Composer-in-Residence at the University of Calgary, Alberta, Canada. Returning to the United States in 1973, he became Composer-in-Residence and Professor of Music at the University of Southern Mississippi.

The composer of our final hymn tune is Timothy Strand, b. 1957, longtime resident of St. Paul, Minnesota. He recently retired as music director at Gloria Dei Lutheran Church in St. Paul. The text is by Susan Palo Cherwien (1953-2021), who was born in Ohio and died in Minnesota. Her hymn texts are found in most current denominational hymnals.

**Musicians:** Rachel Hiatt, Trinity Green, soloists

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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 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).

**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

**Introduction to Hymn 536**

Marilyn Biery

**Sonata in D Major D. 177 (Andante Moderato)**

*Domenico Scarlatti*

## WELCOME

Rev. Dr. Edwin Estevez

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

## \* CALL TO WORSHIP

Rev. Dr. Philip J. Reed

O give thanks to the Lord, for our God is good;  
**God's steadfast love endures forever!**  
Come, let us worship God!

## \* OPENING HYMN 712

**As Those of Old Their Firstfruits Brought**

FOREST GREEN

## \* PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Rev. Dr. Philip J. Reed

Happy are those whose transgression is forgiven,  
whose sin is covered.  
**Happy are those to whom the Lord imputes no iniquity  
and in whose spirit there is no deceit.**

Let us confess our personal sins in the silence of our hearts...  
(silence)

Then, O Lord, I acknowledged my sin to you,  
and I did not hide my iniquity;  
**I said, "I will confess my transgressions to the Lord," and you forgave  
the guilt of my sin.**

## \* 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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## \* 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.**

**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**

**SCRIPTURE READING**

**Luke 12:13-21** (*NT, page 74*)

Elder Jennifer Fickel

The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

**SERMON**

**Parable of Inheritance**

Rev. Dr. Edwin Estevez

**\* HYMN 708**

**We Give Thee but Thine Own**

SCHUMANN

*(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 SOLO**

**His Eye Is on the Sparrow**

*Luigi Zanineli*

*Why should I feel discouraged, why should the shadows come, why should my heart be lonely, and long for heav'n and home, when Jesus is my portion? My constant friend is he: his eye is on the sparrow, and I know he watches me. Whenever I am tempted, whenever clouds arise, when songs give place to sighing, when hope within me dies, I draw the closer to him, from care he sets me free; his eye is on the sparrow, and I know he cares for me. I sing because I'm happy, I sing because I'm free, for his eye is on the sparrow, and I know he watches me.*

**THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION**

Rev. Dr. Edwin Estevez & Rev. Dr. Philip J. Reed

**INVITATION TO THE LORD'S TABLE**

**PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING**

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts.

**We lift them up to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

**SANCTUS 552**

**Holy, Holy, Holy**

LAND OF REST

**MEMORIAL ACCLAMATION Hymn 553 Christ Has Died, Christ Is Risen**

LAND OF REST

**THE LORD'S PRAYER**

**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.

AMEN

Hymn 554

LAND OF REST

## THE WORDS OF INSTITUTION

### SHARING IN THE SACRAMENT OF COMMUNION

*This morning the congregation is served in procession. Please remain seated until you are prompted by an usher to be served. For those unable to process forward, stay seated and a server will bring the sacrament to you.*

*Gluten-free bread is available in the center of the bread trays. Empty glasses are placed in the baskets provided near the communion servers.*

*We receive the bread with "Amen" after the server says, "This is the body of Christ."*

*We receive the cup with "Thanks be to God" after the server says, "This is the cup of the new covenant"*

### COMMUNION MUSIC

#### **Spirit of God, Unseen as the Wind**

*Trad. Scottish, arr. Miller*

*Spirit of God, unseen as the wind, gentle as the dove; touch us with love and teach us to sing joy to you, Lord above. Your voice the sound, heard in the wind, o'er fields and hills you sing; now I can hear the joy, my Lord, the peace your song will bring.*

*Spirit of God...Love in our hearts, praise in our prayers, we follow on your way; Lord of the sky, Lord of the earth, answer us when we pray.*

*Spirit of God... (Richard M. S. Erwin, b. 1955)*

### PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

**In your body broken and in your blood shed for all of our, Lord, we have tasted and seen that you are good. In this meal, we have experienced again your deep love for your world. May the sweet taste of this meal strengthen us for living for you and remind us that we are called to live according to your will and to love as you love. Help us to yearn for your coming again, we pray in Jesus' name. Amen.**

## SENDING

\* RECESSIONAL HYMN 536

**Rise, O Church, like Christ Arisen**

SURGE ECCLESIA


CHARGE AND BENEDICTION (*seated*)

POSTLUDE

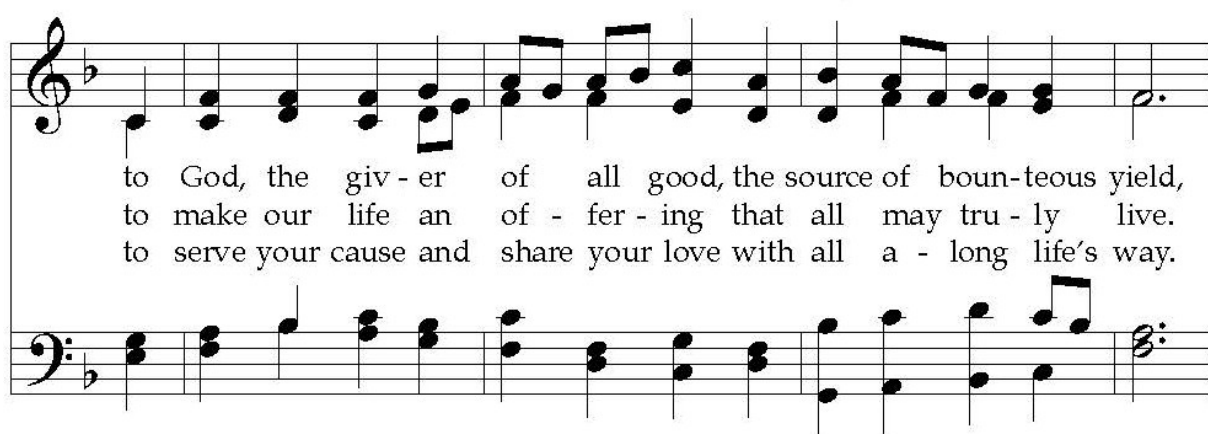
**Sonata in D Major K. 178 (Vivo)**

*Domenico Scarlatti*


# As Those of Old Their Firstfruits Brought 712



1 As those of old their first-fruits brought of vine-yard, flock, and field  
 2 A world in need now sum-mons us to la-bor, love, and give,  
 3 In grat-i-tude and hum-ble trust we bring our best to-day,



to God, the giv-er of all good, the source of boun-teous yield,  
 to make our life an of-fer-ing that all may tru-ly live.  
 to serve your cause and share your love with all a-long life's way.

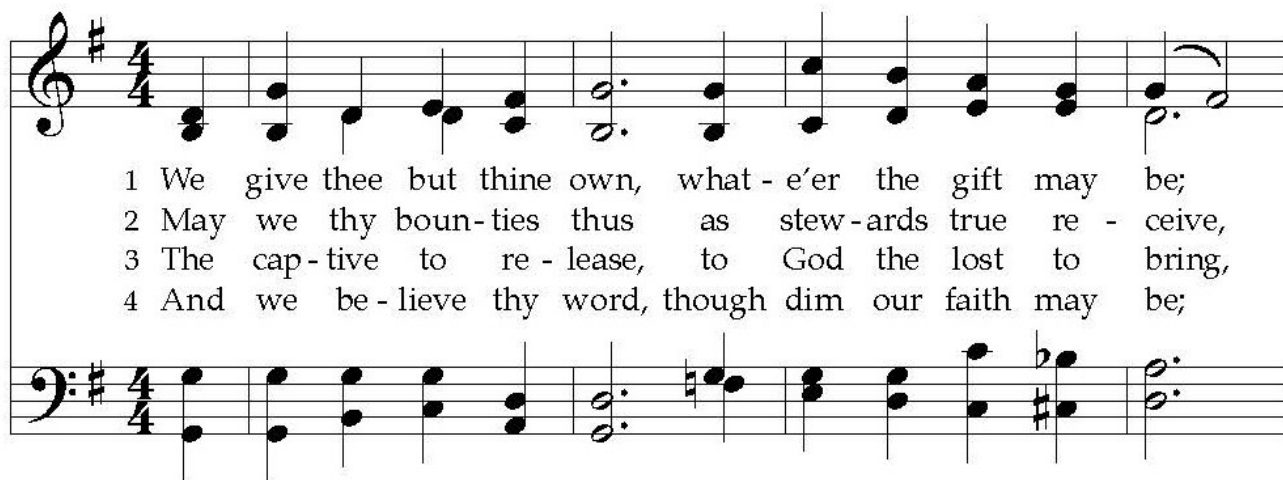


so we to-day our first-fruits bring, the wealth of this good land:  
 The church of Christ is call-ing us to make the dream come true:  
 O God who gave your-self to us in Je-sus Christ your Son,



of farm and mar-ket, shop and home, of mind and heart and hand.  
 a world re-deemed by Christ-like love, all life in Christ made new.  
 help us to give our-selves each day un-til life's work is done.

# We Give Thee but Thine Own 708



1 We give thee but thine own, what - e'er the gift may be;  
 2 May we thy boun-ties thus as stew-ards true re - ceive,  
 3 The cap-tive to re - lease, to God the lost to bring,  
 4 And we be - lieve thy word, though dim our faith may be;



all that we have is thine a - lone, a trust, O Lord, from thee.  
 and glad - ly, as thou bless - est us, to thee our first - fruits give.  
 to teach the way of life and peace: it is a Christ - like thing.  
 what - e'er we do for thine, O Lord, we do it un - to thee.

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



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