

KIRK IN THE HILLS  
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH (U.S.A.)

AUGUST 24, 2025 | 8:00 A.M. CHAPEL COMMUNION SERVICE  
IN THE WAY OF IONA ABBEY, SCOTLAND



**COMMUNION SERVICE**  
8:00 a.m., Cedarholm Chapel

**PRELUDE**

**WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**CALL TO WORSHIP**

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

**\* HYMN 772**

**Live into Hope**

TRURO

**\* PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

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.**

**ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

Friends, believe the Good News of the Gospel:  
**In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven!**  
**In Jesus Christ, we are a new creation!**

**SCRIPTURE READING**

**Exodus 20:8-11** (*OT, page 66*)  
**Luke 12:49-56** (*NT, page 76*)  
The Word of the Lord.  
**Thanks be to God.**

**SERMON**

**The Lens of Love**

Rev. Dr. Charles B. Hardwick

**INVITATION**

**THE 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.**

**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

#### THE COMMUNION

#### PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

In your body broken and in your blood shed for all of us 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.

\* HYMN 766

The Church of Christ Cannot Be Bound

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#### BENEDICTION

#### TITHES AND OFFERING

*Your offering for the Kirk's ministry will be received as you leave worship. 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.*

#### CLOSING VOLUNTARY

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