

KIRK IN THE HILLS
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH (U.S.A.)
9:00 & 11:00 A.M. SANCTUARY WORSHIP
WORLD COMMUNION SUNDAY | OCTOBER 5, 2025





A Note from Rev. Dr. Keith O. Provost

Welcome to Worship at Kirk in the Hills!

It is hard for me to realize that it was 18 years ago that I first became a member of the staff here at Kirk in the Hills. As I have told some of you, if you had told me in 2007 that I would be part of the staff in 2025... well, I would have laughed out loud! Back then I was the Temporary Supply Associate Pastor, a form of Interim Pastor. (I spent months explaining my title!) After over 4 years in that "temporary" position I retired. But God had other plans for me.

I served two other churches as a short-term Interim Pastor, each time thinking it was the last time I would serve a congregation.

An unexpected phone call from Rev. Dr. Nate Phillips in 2017 asking me to consider coming back as a Parish Associate for Congregational Care altered my plans. It was an offer I couldn't refuse. The tug on my heart to be back here among you was just too strong.

I am so grateful to Pastor Nate, the interim pastors, Pastor Edwin and the Session for allowing me to continue as a member of the clergy staff. It's not often a pastor struggles to find words... but that is where I am now... struggling to adequately tell you how much I have loved serving here... to tell you how touched I am by the kind words I have heard since we announced my departure... to thank you for allowing me to visit you in your homes, in hospitals and rehab facilities... to let you know what a privilege it has been to officiate your weddings and memorials... to be given the opportunity to preach from the pulpit. I never saw it coming.

But that is the way it is in life. I believe God places opportunities in front of us, and it is up to us to recognize those gifts and take them. I urge every one of you to open your hearts and minds to the possibilities God has for you.

Younger me never expected to be a pastor. But what began as a metaphorical tug on my sleeve, "I have something to show you" followed by the feeling of an arm around my shoulder and words whispered in my ear, "I need you to do something for me" has resulted in the most rewarding period of my life.

Thank you for accepting me, holding me in your prayers, and for the opportunity to walk alongside you on your faith journey.

Today's text is from Proverbs. They are a collection of lessons learned by Solomon... an ethical will, passed on through the ages. Today I will offer you an ethical will... lessons I have learned... especially those I have learned as I have walked with you and God.

Let us worship God.

In Christ,
Rev. Dr. Keith O. Provost

THE SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

9:00 a.m. & 11:00 a.m., Sanctuary

PRELUDE

Oboe Concerto in C Major
Andante

att. to Joseph Haydn/Ignaz Malzat

WELCOME

Rev. Dr. Edwin Estevez

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

* INTROIT

Praise to the Lord

Sung Mo Moon

Praise to the Lord and glory to God.

We gather in worship and fall upon our knees.

Raise high your voices; sing to the Lord;

give thanks for God's love and grace.

Praise to the Lord! (Sung in Korean.)

Be with us, Lord, as we come to you. You are the King of peace, the God of love.

Unite us, Lord, that we would be one;

Your love is the bond of peace. Praise to the Lord!

* CALL TO WORSHIP

Rev. Jasmine Smart, 9:00 a.m.

Rev. Dr. Edwin Estevez, 11:00 a.m.

Listen! Wisdom is calling!

Before time began God was creating!

Listen! Wisdom is calling

from the mountain tops, fields and sea.

Listen! Wisdom is calling!

Daily, we are given hope, grace, and love

as the foundation of our lives

Listen! Wisdom is calling!

God's love is poured into our hearts that we may become

Christ's hands and heart

with love as the foundation of our lives.

Listen! Wisdom is calling! Let us worship God!

* PROCESSIONAL HYMN 35

Praise Ye the Lord, the Almighty

LOBE DEN HERREN

* PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Rev. Annemarie Kidder, 9:00 a.m.

Rev. Dr. Edwin Estevez, 11:00 a.m.

We come before God not as despised sinners, but as God's beloved children. With the confidence of children of God, let us humbly confess our sin.

Merciful God, in your gracious presence we confess our sin and the sin of this world. We are a people divided against ourselves as we cling to the values of a broken world. The profit and pleasures we pursue lay waste to the land and pollute the seas. The fears and jealousies that we harbor set neighbor against neighbor, and nation against nation. We abuse your good gifts of imagination, intellect and reason and have turned them into instruments of division.

Lord, have mercy upon us; heal and forgive us.
 Set us free to serve you in the world as agents of your reconciling love
 in Jesus Christ.
 (A moment for silent personal confession.)

* KYRIE

Lord, Have Mercy

John Merbecke



* ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Rev. Annemarie Kidder, 9:00 a.m.

Rev. Dr. Edwin Estevez, 11:00 a.m.

In recognition of World Communion Sunday, we thank those sharing their languages during our Assurance of Pardon this morning; Rev. Annemarie Kidder, German; Rev. Dr. Edwin Estevez, Spanish; May Wang, Chinese; Jinho Park, Korean.

By the tender mercy of our god, the dawn will break upon us,
Giving light to those who sit in darkness,
Guiding our feet into the way of peace.

In order at 9:00 a.m.: German, Spanish, Chinese, then all join in in English.
In order at 11:00 a.m.: Spanish, Chinese, Korean, then all join in in English.

Beloved, hear the Good News:
In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven!
In Jesus Christ, we are a new creation!

* ACCLAMATION OF PRAISE

Thou Art Giving and Forgiving

HYMN TO JOY



WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Gracious God

Arabic tune

Gracious God you are the source of all light. By your Word you give light to the soul. Pour on us the source of your wisdom that we may hear your Word through Jesus Christ. Amen.

SCRIPTURE READING

Proverbs (*Select verses*)

9:00 a.m.: Elder Bobi Tallinger

The Word of the Lord.

11:00 a.m.: Elder Ryan Webb

Thanks be to God.

SERMON

Lessons Learned

Rev. Dr. Keith O. Provost

* HYMN 507

Come to the Table of Grace

TABLE OF GRACE

(Please be seated after the hymn.)

THANKSGIVING

HONORING THE MINISTRY OF REV. DR. KEITH O. PROVOST

Rev. Dr. Edwin Estevez, Elder Jeff Haynes

CALL TO OFFERING AND DEDICATION

Rev. Dr. Edwin Estevez

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

With a Voice of Singing

Martin Shaw

With a voice of singing declare ye this, and let it be heard, Alleluia. Utter it even unto the ends of the earth. The Lord hath delivered his people, Alleluia. O be joyful in God, all ye lands, O sing praises to the honor of his name, make his praise to be glorious. With a voice of singing...

THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

Rev. Dr. Edwin Estevez & Rev. Dr. Keith O. Provost

INVITATION TO THE LORD'S TABLE AND WORD WITH CHILDREN (*Children, 9:00 a.m. only*)

*Children are invited forward to lead the congregation in **The Lord's Prayer**. Today's **The Lord's Prayer** is led by Rev. Dr. Edwin Estevez and includes children in multiple languages, as well as English in recognition of World Communion Sunday.*

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.

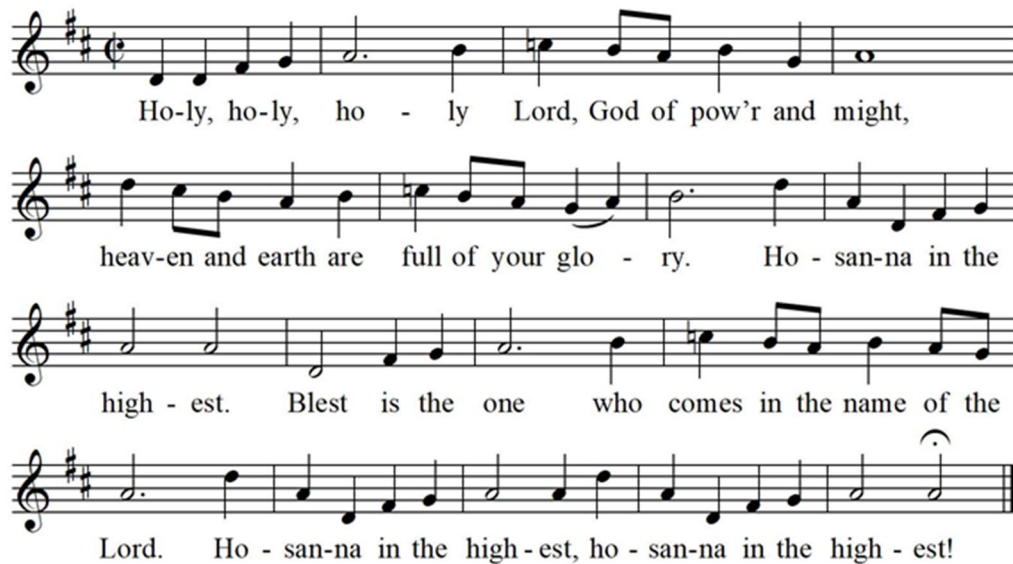
It is right to give our thanks and praise.

GREAT THANKSGIVING AND SANCTUS

Please join the choir in singing the responses

Holy, Holy, Holy

James Biery



Ho-ly, ho-ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might,
heav-en and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho - san-na in the
high - est. Blest is the one who comes in the name of the
Lord. Ho - san-na in the high - est, ho - san-na in the high - est!

MEMORIAL ACCLAMATION Christ Has Died, Christ Is Risen

James Biery



Christ has died, Christ is ris-en, Christ will come a - gain.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

(Led by Rev. Dr. Edwin Estevez and children)

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

James Biery



A - men, a - men, a - men.

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

Laudate Dominum

W. A. Mozart

O praise the Lord, all you nations; praise him, all ye peoples. For his loving kindness has been bestowed upon us, and the truth of the Lord endures forever. Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen. (Psalm 117)

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Gracious God, you have made us one with all your people in heaven and throughout the earth. You have fed us with the bread of life and renewed us for your service. Help us who have shared Christ's body and received his cup to be his faithful disciples. Send us now into the world in peace; and grant us strength and courage to love and serve you with gladness and singleness of heart, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

SENDING

CHARGE AND BENEDICTION *(seated)*

CHORAL RESPONSE

A Clare Benediction

John Rutter

May the Lord show his mercy upon you; may the light of his presence be your guide: may he guard you and uphold you; may his spirit be ever by your side. When you sleep, may his angels watch over you; when you wake, may he fill you with his grace: may you love him and serve him all your days, then in heaven may you see his face.

* RECESSIONAL HYMN 307

God of Grace and God of Glory

CWM RHONDDA

POSTLUDE

Concerto in B Minor; Allegro

J. G. Walther

There will be a short congregational meeting after the 9:00 a.m. worship service. Please remain seated if you plan to join the meeting.

There will be a coffee hour after BOTH worship services today in honor of Rev. Dr. Keith O. Provost. Please make your way to coffee hour in Heritage Hall to give your well-wishes to Pastor Keith.

INFORMATION ON TODAY'S SERVICES

About the music: Adam Ignaz Franz Joseph Malzat (1757–1804) was born in Vienna. He served as court musician in Salzburg and was the chamber musician for the Prince-Bishop of Passau. The Concerto for Oboe was previously attributed to the Austrian composer Franz Joseph Haydn (1732–1809).

The Introit is a hymn in our *Glory to God* hymnal (615). The first stanza is sung by a soloist in Korean, the second in English by the Kirk Choir. The music dates from 1989, by Sung Mo Moon. Protestant Christianity in Korea began through the sending of U.S. Presbyterian missionaries to Korea in 1885. The first Presbyterian seminary was founded in 1907 in Pyongyang. Over the past century, Presbyterians in Korea have demonstrated phenomenal growth even amid opposition. In the 1960s, the US immigration law changed, opening the doors for many Koreans to immigrate to the United States, leading to many Korean Presbyterian Churches in the United States. Today there are 350 Korean congregations in the PC(USA) with nearly 50,000 active members.

The Prayer for Illumination sung today is based on an Arabic tune found in the *Book of Spiritual Hymns for Evangelical Churches*, published in Beirut, Lebanon, in 1965. The source of the tune is unknown. Marilyn Biery set the tune to a traditional Prayer for Illumination found in the *Book of Common Worship* published by the Presbyterian Church USA.

Sir John Milford Rutter (who celebrated his 80th birthday in September), is an English composer and conductor, mainly of choral music. His compositions, extended pieces for choir and orchestra, such as Requiem and Magnificat, and many choral works including For the Beauty of the Earth and A Clare Benediction, are popular, especially in the UK and the United States.

Musicians: Merideth Estevez, oboe; Jinho Park, baritone; Rachel Hiatt, soprano (9:00 a.m.); Amber Rogers, soprano (11:00 a.m.); Marilyn Biery, organist and director

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Are you feeling called to be part of the Kirk Church Family or into servant leadership with our neighbors, community and global partners? Mercy Adams, our Kirk Member, Usher and Staff support, is here to help you take the next step. Meet Mercy in the Narthex after Sunday Worship or during Coffee Hour to be connected to Small Groups, Women of the Kirk, a Ministry leader or to learn more about Membership or Outreach & Mission. Registration is open for the 2025 Advent season's Kirk Life & Membership Brunch & Learn Sunday December 7. Scan the QR code to reserve your seat.

The flowers on the altar are presented to the Glory of God in loving memory of Robert "Bobby" A. Tremain, Jr. by Mason and Sharon Capitani.

The flowers in Cedarholm Chapel are presented to the glory of God in loving memory of Robert Tremain and Bobby Tremain by the Tremain family.