

KIRK IN THE HILLS
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH (U.S.A.)
SECOND SUNDAY IN LENT
MARCH 13, 2022



More than any other discipline, fasting reveals the things that control us.
— Richard Foster, *Celebration of Discipline*



“The earth is the LORD’s, and the fulness thereof; the world, and they that dwell therein.” (Psalm 24:1, KJV). That’s the verse that came to mind when news broke of Russia’s invasion of Ukraine. When we’re reading devastating headlines, like those about war and rumors of war, we must pray for peace. We must grieve, but not as those without hope, the Apostle Paul would remind us. We must trust in God because like the Psalmist writes, “The earth is the LORD’S...” It doesn’t always *feel* like that— with all the tragedy, chaos, injustice, and brokenness of the world and our own lives—but faith isn’t about just *feeling* something.

Faith is about believing, even when you *feel* otherwise. Faith is trusting that God is good and is mending a broken world and is working all things out for the good of those in Christ Jesus. We can’t always see it, we don’t always feel it, but faith calls us to trust in Him who was crucified and raised from the dead, the One who is, who was, and is to come. Faith calls us to an active trust and faithful action.

In God’s infinite mercy, we are called to be agents of reconciling love. One faithful act is to offer support amid the humanitarian crisis caused by Russia’s illegal and immoral invasion of Ukraine. We know that civilians have been intentionally targeted as war rages in populated cities with limited evacuation routes. This should pierce our hearts as it is a direct violation of what the great theologian St. Augustine of Hippo described as “Just War Theory,” which serves as the basis of the Geneva Conventions.

Please look at your bulletin insert from the Presbyterian Disaster Assistance and prayerfully consider giving a gift to those suffering in Ukraine. Let us pray for peace, let us trust in God, and let us give of our resources to support refugees and survivors of violent war, for “The earth is the LORD’S, and the fulness thereof...”

Pastor Edwin Estevez
Assistant Pastor for Outreach and Mission



THE SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

9:00 & 10:30 a.m., Sanctuary

*Is not this the fast that I choose: to loose the bonds of injustice, to undo the thongs of the yoke,
to let the oppressed go free, and to break every yoke? — Isaiah 58:6*

THE GATHERING

THE CARILLON

OPENING VOLUNTARY

Passacaglia in D

Dietrich Buxtehude

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

* CALL TO WORSHIP

In the goodness of God
We are travelling home.

In the justice of Jesus
We are travelling home.

In the song of the Spirit
We are travelling home.

In the worship of the Living God,
God makes home with us.

* INTROIT

Turn your eyes upon Jesus,
Look full in his wonderful face.
And the things of earth will grow strangely dim
In the light of his glory and grace.

Lemmel

* PROCESSIONAL HYMN 403

Open Now Thy Gates of Beauty

Unser Herrscher

* CALL TO CONFESSION

The sacrifice of God is a broken spirit;
a broken and contrite heart God will not despise.
Let us come to the Lord, who is full of compassion,
and acknowledge our transgressions in penitence and faith.

* PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Merciful God,
We confess that we have not loved you with our whole heart.
We have failed to be an obedient church.
We have not done your will,
We have broken your law,
We have rebelled against your love.
We have not loved our neighbors,
And we have refused to hear the cry of the needy.

Forgive us, we pray.
Free us for joyful obedience;
Through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

* *Please rise in body or spirit*

* KYRIE ELEISON

Sanders

Lord, have mercy.
Christ, have mercy.
Lord, have mercy.

* ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Oh, for the wonderful love He has promised,
Promised for you and for me.
Though we have sinned, He has mercy and pardon,
Pardon for you and for me.
Come home,
You who are weary, come home;
Earnestly, tenderly, Jesus is calling,
O sinner, come home!
In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.
Thanks be to God.

* GLORIA PATRI

Greatorrex

**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.**

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

OUR FAITH IN ACTION

Finding Home: A Lenten Musical Journey

Nicole Joseph

WORD WITH THE CHILDREN (9:00 a.m.)

**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.**

Following the Word with the Children, children and youth ages 4 through grade 8 will be dismissed for Sunday School.

PRAYER

CHORAL CALL TO PRAYER

Pilgrim's Hymn

Stephen Paulus

Even before we call on Your name
To ask You, O God,
When we seek for the words to glorify You,
You hear our prayer;
Unceasing love, O unceasing love,
Surpassing all we know.

Glory to the father,
And to the Son,
And to the Holy Spirit.

Even with darkness sealing us in,
We breathe Your name,
And through all the days that follow so fast,
We trust in You;
Endless Your grace, O endless Your grace,
Beyond all mortal dream.

Both now and forever,
And unto ages and ages,
Amen.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

THANKSGIVING

* HYMN 722

Lord, Speak to Me That I May Speak
Stanzas 1 & 2

Canonbury

PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

Our giving is an offering to God. All offerings, whether made in the worship service or outside of it, are part of our worship of God and are used to support the Kirk's ministry here and in other parts of the world.

* PRAYER OF DEDICATION

ANTHEM

Offertory

John Ness Beck

With what shall I come before the Lord,
And bow myself before God on high?
Shall I come before him with burnt offerings,
Shall I come before him with yearling calves?
Will the Lord be pleased with thousands of rams,
With ten thousand rivers of oil?
Shall I give him my firstborn for my transgressions,
The fruit of my body for the sin of my soul?
He has shown you, O man;
He has shown you what is good.
And what does the Lord require of you,
But to do justice and to love kindness
And to walk humbly before your God?
--Micah 6:6-8

* DOXOLOGY

**Praise God from whom all blessings flow;
praise God, all creatures here below;
praise God above, ye heavenly host;
praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

Old Hundredth

WORD

CHORAL PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION (10:30am)

Uffingham

Teach us to know and love you, Lord,
And humbly follow in your way.
Speak to our souls the quickening word,
And turn our darkness into day.

SCRIPTURE READING

Isaiah 58:3-9; Matthew 6:16-18
The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

SERMON

Inward Journey Home: Fasting

Rev. Edwin Estevez

SENDING

* **HYMN 320**

The Church of Christ in Every Age

Wareham

CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

CHORAL ORISON

CLOSING VOLUNTARY

Fugue in C

Dietrich Buxtehude

Worship/Music Notes

During this season of Lent, we will take an “Inward Journey Home” to Christ, as we follow the spiritual disciplines outlined in Richard Foster’s book, *Celebration of Discipline*. Throughout Lent, we will seek to “turn our eyes upon Jesus,” who is our beacon and guide during these forty days in the wilderness, and who is calling us home. As we explore today’s discipline of *Fasting*, we are led into the temple first with *Open Now Thy Gates of Beauty* in which we seek to enter into God’s presence to hear from God, and it is here that we, God’s people, are fed.

We continue with our call to prayer with Stephen Paulus’s *Pilgrim’s Hymn* from his opera *The Three Hermits*. This setting of Michael Dennis Browne’s text is probably Paulus’s most famous choral composition: beloved for its simple yet searching qualities. After prayer, and in preparation to receive the offering, we sing together *Lord, Speak to Me That I May Speak*, and ask to hear again from God for the sake of feeding God’s “hungering ones with manna sweet.”

In John Ness Beck’s *Offertory*, we hear the words from Micah 6: 6-8, that asks of us: “What does the Lord require of you, but to do justice, love kindness and walk humbly before God?” After hearing the word proclaimed, we are sent out by grace to love and serve the Lord by singing *The Church of Christ in Every Age*.

Stephen Ministers are available for personal, confidential prayer in Melrose Chapel (to the left, when facing forward in the sanctuary) immediately following service each Sunday.

If you or someone you know is in need of prayer please contact Nancy Lau at 248-835-6691.



Tour Kirk in the Hills each Sunday! Those interested in a brief tour are asked to meet in the Baptistry, to the right of the Chancel, after the 10:30 a.m. service. See an usher for direction or further details.

About today's cover art

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Cezanne was a French artist and Post Impressionist painter whose work laid the foundations of transition from 19th century conception of artistic endeavor to a new and radically different world of art in the 20th century.

Join us for coffee and fellowship in Heritage Hall after the 9:00 a.m. worship service!

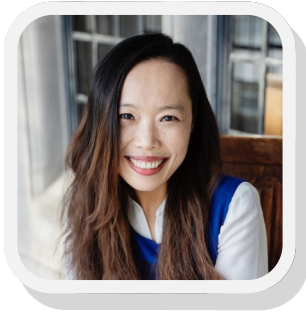
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