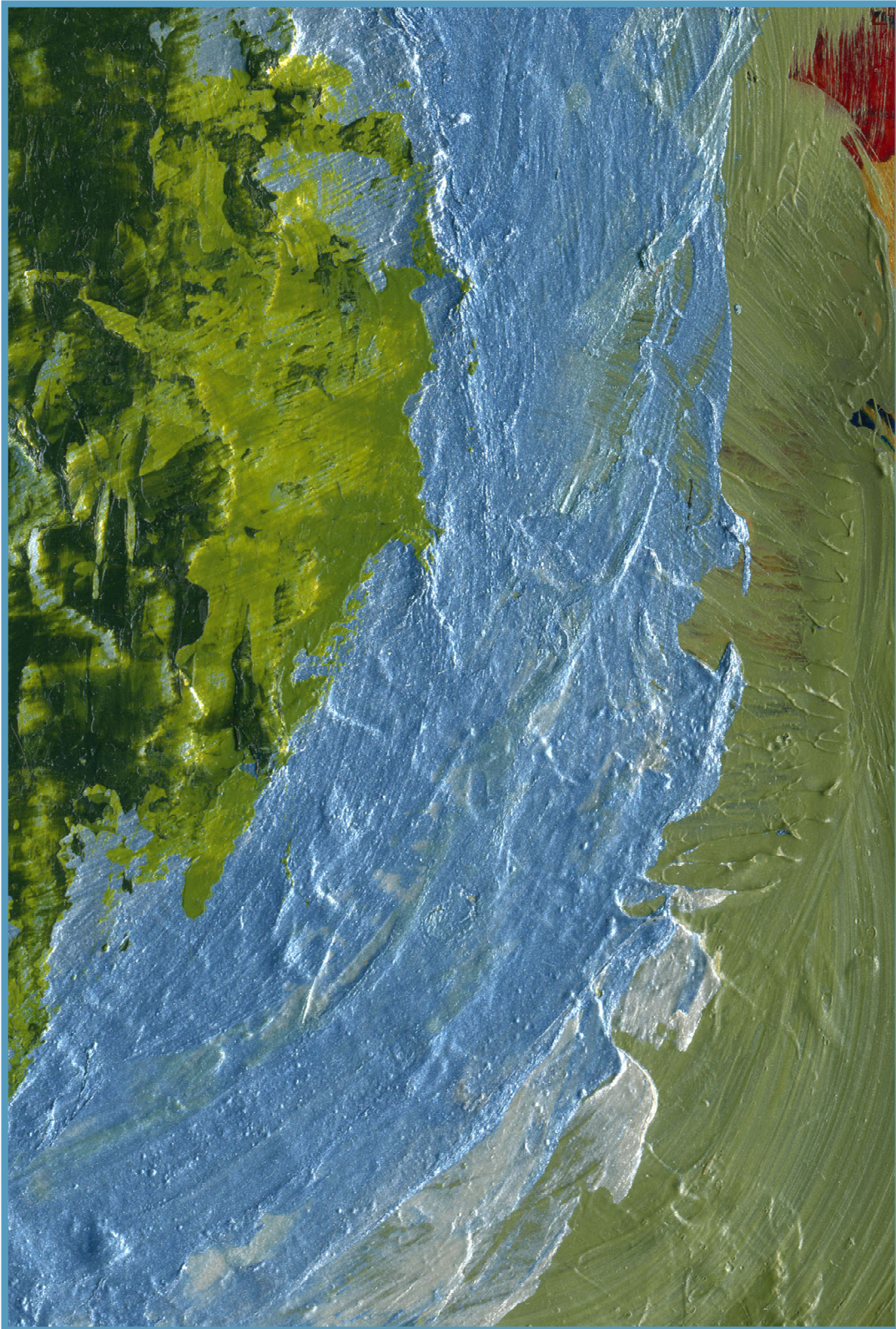


KIRK IN THE HILLS
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH (U.S.A.)
AUGUST 9, 2026 | 8:00 A.M. CHAPEL COMMUNION SERVICE
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COMMUNION SERVICE
8:00 a.m., Cedarholm Chapel

PRELUDE

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Rev. Rami Almaqdasi

*** CALL TO WORSHIP**

Psalm 90

Heavenly Father, teach us to number our days,
that we may gain wise hearts.

**The Lord is our dwelling place
throughout all generations.**

Let everything that has breath praise the Lord.
Praise the Lord!

*** HYMN 15**

All Creatures of Our God and King

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PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Eternal God,
Our days pass quickly
and we confess how often we fail to seek you.
We cling to what fades and neglect the treasure of your kingdom.

Forgive us for our pride, impatience, and unbelief.

By your Holy Spirit,

Teach us wisdom, deepen our trust,

And make us steadfast in faith and love;

Through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Hear the promise of the gospel:
"If we confess our sins, God is faithful and just
to forgive us our sins
and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness."
Friends, believe the good news of the gospel:

In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven!

In Jesus Christ, we are a new creation!

Alleluia, Amen!

SCRIPTURE READING

Psalm 40:1-4, 9-11, 16-17

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

SERMON

Summer in the Psalms: The God Who Lifts Us Up

INVITATION

THE THANKSGIVING

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

THE COMMUNION

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Gracious God,
we thank you for meeting us at this table with the gift of your
presence and grace. As you have nourished us with the bread of life
and the cup of salvation, fill us with your Holy Spirit. Send us into the
world with thankful hearts, ready to love, serve, and follow Christ
each day. In his holy name we pray. Amen.

* HYMN

Love Lifted Me *(see insert)*

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



A Note from Pastor Rami Almaqdas!

Associate Pastor, Kirk in the Hills

Every one of us carries a story of God's faithfulness—moments of joy and gratitude, as well as seasons of challenge, uncertainty, and hope. The Psalms give voice to the full range of these human experiences, reminding us that we can bring every emotion and every circumstance into the presence of God.

Today we are invited to reflect on Psalm 40, a beautiful song of praise, trust, and confidence in the Lord. As we gather for worship, may its words open our hearts to God's presence, deepen our faith, and remind us that the God who has been faithful throughout the generations continues to walk with His people today.

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