

KIRK IN THE HILLS
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH (U.S.A.)
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COMMUNION SERVICE
8:00 a.m., Cedarholm Chapel

PRELUDE

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Rev. Dr. Edwin Estevez

*** 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 421**

Have Mercy, God, upon My Life

IRISH

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 51 (OT, Page 520)

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

SERMON

Summer in the Psalms: A Broken Spirit

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 341

O God, Show Mercy to Us

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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



A Note from Pastor Edwin!

Welcome to worship at the Kirk in the Hills. Whether you are a long-time member, a returning friend, or a first-time visitor, we are grateful that you are here.

This year, as our nation commemorates the 250th anniversary of American Independence, we give thanks for the blessings of freedom while recommitting ourselves to working toward *a more perfect union, with liberty and justice for all*, with our ultimate allegiance to Christ and his Kingdom.

Our worship series, **Summer in the Psalms: Songs from the Heart of David**, invites us to pray, sing, reflect, and grow through the Bible's ancient songbook. The Psalms speak honestly about joy and sorrow, gratitude and struggle, worship and wonder, helping us discover God's presence in every season of life. Today, we will focus on Psalm 51, written by King David as he reflected on his failures as a husband, father, and especially as a child of God, anointed to lead Israel. Sharing the Good News of Jesus Christ for all of us who have failed and fallen short of the glory of God is the Rev. Dr. Nathaniel D. Phillips, fifth Senior Pastor of Kirk in the Hills. Currently, he serves as Senior Pastor at Red Clay Creek Presbyterian in Delaware and as a facilitator for Princeton Seminary's *Damascus Road*. Following the 9:00 a.m. service, you can hear more about the *Damascus Road* ministry initiative that Princeton hopes will bless leaders in transition and in discernment.

As you worship today, take in the beauty around you, the sunlight hitting the stained-glass windows just so, the gardens in bloom, the music that lifts our hearts, the prayers we offer, and the community gathered beside you. May this be a time to connect more deeply with God, with your own soul, and with the people God has placed in your life.

May you experience the Holy God today through worship and fellowship.

Join us next Sunday for **Psalm 63** and **Summer in the Psalms: Thirsty for God**. We will welcome back Rev. Dr. Annemarie S. Kidder to the pulpit.

Let us worship God!

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