

KIRK IN THE HILLS
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH (U.S.A.)
SEPTEMBER 6, 2026 | 8:00 A.M. CHAPEL COMMUNION SERVICE
IN THE WAY OF IONA ABBEY, SCOTLAND



COMMUNION SERVICE
8:00 a.m. | Cedarholm Chapel

THE GATHERING

PRELUDE

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Rev. Matthew Means

*** 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 463**

How Firm a Foundation

FOUNDATION

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 6 (OT, page 491)

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

SERMON

Summer in the Psalms: Tease

Rev. Marilyn Borst

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.

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 819

Be Still, My Soul

FINLANDIA

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.

POSTLUDE



A Note from Pastor Edwin!

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

Summer invites us to slow down, reconnect, and give thanks for the many gifts God provides—family and friends, travel and recreation, beauty and rest. As we near the end of our sermon series, *Summer in the Psalms: Songs from the Heart of David*, we have been invited to pray, reflect, and discover God's presence in every season of life.

In so doing, we commemorate the 250th anniversary of American Independence, giving thanks for the blessings of freedom while remembering our Christian calling to seek the common good, love our neighbors, and serve God's kingdom.

Take in the beauty of this place today—the stained glass, gardens, music, prayers, and fellowship. May worship renew your spirit and draw you closer to God and one another.

Looking Ahead

- **25th Anniversary of 9/11 Noon Day Service** — a time of prayer and remembrance.
- **September 13 — Welcome Back to Church Ministry Fair**
- **September 20 — Visitor Sunday & State of the Kirk**, Heritage Hall
- **September 27 — Homecoming Sunday**, with activities for the whole family on the Front Lawn.

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

Let us worship God!

Rev. Dr. Edwin Estevez

Sr. Pastor | Head of Staff | Kirk in the Hills



A Note from Rev. Marilyn Borst

This coming Friday marks a solemn remembrance in the life of our country: September 11. Twenty-five years ago, on what began as an unremarkable Tuesday, everything changed as 4 planes wreaked destruction in 3 places and took 2799 innocent lives, initially. Many of us can picture exactly where we were when we heard the news as the shock and disbelief set in, with the accompanying tears to follow...

King David was no stranger to sorrow, as his life was filled with betrayal from *within* his own close circle of family and friends and from violent attacks from his enemies *without*. This fierce warrior had a tender heart which was often broken and from which he gave voice in his poignant "psalms of lament", like Psalm 6. From the man who painfully shares that "I flood my bed with weeping" comes the assurance that God has *heard* that weeping.

This Sunday we will explore how we find our way forward when life overwhelms us even as we follow the One whose body was broken and whose blood was shed for us--- the Very One who has "known our grief and carried our sorrows."