

KIRK IN THE HILLS
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH (U.S.A.)
SEPTEMBER 13, 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. Dr. Edwin Estevez

*** CALL TO WORSHIP**

The Lord is our shepherd;
We Shall not want.

**God leads us beside still waters
And restores our souls.**

God sees what the world cannot see
And calls whom the world overlooks.

**We come to the God who knows us,
calls us, and leads us.**

Let us worship the Lord, our Shepherd and our King.

*** HYMN 803**

My Shepherd Will Supply My Need

RESIGNATION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**Good Shepherd,
we confess that we have wandered.
We have trusted our own way rather than your voice;
We have judged by appearances rather than looked upon the heart.
Seek us when we stray.
Restore us when we are weary.
Lead us again in paths of righteousness.
Create in us hearts that belong wholly to you. (*Silence is held.*)**

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Friends, believe the Good News!
**In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven!
In Jesus Christ, we are a new creation!
Alleluia, Amen!**

SCRIPTURE READING

1 Samuel 16:1-13 (*OT, page 259.*)
The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

SERMON

The Life of David: The Shepherd and Anointed

Rev. Dr. Edwin Estevez

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 620

Praise, My Soul, the King of Heaven

LAUDA ANIMA

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!

*Friend there is a welcome in this church for thee;
Come in and rest and think and kneel and pray;
What men have builded for God's glory see;
Give thanks and so in peace be on thy way.*

If you entered through the main Sanctuary doors, you may have noticed these very words—or, like me, missed them many times. Painted in gold leaf above the doors, they offer a gracious message of greeting. Today is **Welcome Back to Church Sunday**, observed by churches across the country, and in the spirit of that message, I want to welcome you to the Kirk—whether you are visiting with us, returning after a time away, or have worshiped here for many years.

This Sunday marks the beginning of our **ministry program year**, when the life of our congregation becomes more fully alive again through choir and acolytes, Sunday School, youth groups, Bible studies, music, fellowship, outreach, and so much more. As summer travel winds down, children and grandchildren return to school, calendars begin to fill, and the first hints of autumn appear, I hope you will find here a church community that offers spiritual support in every season through Christ. If you are looking for a church home, prayerfully consider the Kirk.

This morning we begin a new sermon series, **Life of David**, building on our summer series, *Summer in the Psalms: Songs from the Heart of David*. Throughout the summer, we listened to David sing his way through the great movements of life—joy and sorrow, trust and fear, praise and lament, triumph and failure. Now we turn from David's songs to David's story.

Over the next three weeks—too short a journey, I know—we will encounter David in three dimensions: **The Shepherd and Anointed One; The Poet and Prophet; and The Warrior and King**. David knew ambition and insecurity, courage and fear, love and betrayal, success and failure. He knew what it meant to lead, and he knew what it meant to lose his way. In a time when our world is beset by crises of meaning, leadership, integrity, unity, purpose, and peace, David's life offers us a window into our own world, our families, and our souls.

Most of all, I pray that David's story will not remain merely a story about someone who lived long ago. I pray that, through his story, we might hear God speaking into our own stories—calling us, challenging us, forgiving us, and reminding us that we are seen, known, and loved.

Welcome to Kirk in the Hills. Let us now prepare our hearts for worship.

Let us worship God!

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Edwin", written in a cursive style.

Rev. Dr. Edwin Estevez
Sr. Pastor | Head of Staff | Kirk in the Hills