

KIRK IN THE HILLS
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH (U.S.A.)
OCTOBER 11, 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

OUR FAITH IN ACTION

Stewardship I

Noreen Markley, Trustee

* CALL TO WORSHIP

Todd Galloway, Stephen Minister

The Spirit of God moves where it will.

We cannot command the wind, but we can open our sails.

Christ calls us from the familiar into new life.

We trust the One who calls us, and we follow where the Spirit leads.

Come, Holy Spirit. Breathe upon us and fill our sails.

With open hearts, let us worship God!

* HYMN 300

We Are One in the Spirit

THEY'LL KNOW WE ARE CHRISTIANS

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Cynthia Niedbalski, Stephen Minister

Gracious God, we confess that we cling too tightly
to what we can control.

**We sometimes fold our sails when you call us to trust,
and remain anchored in our possessions
when you call us to venture forth.**

Forgive us, O God.

**Teach us to receive your gifts with gratitude
and to offer our lives freely in your service.**

Through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen. (*Silence is held.*)

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Cynthia Niedbalski, Stephen Minister

Hear the good news: the Spirit gives life,
and God's grace makes all things new.

In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven!

In Jesus Christ, we are a new creation!

Alleluia, Amen!

SCRIPTURE READING

The Gospel of John 3:1-8 (*NT, page 93.*) Todd Galloway, Stephen Minister
The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

SERMON

A Seafaring Faith: Catch the Wind

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 826

Lift High the Cross

CRUCIFER

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.*

Dear Members and Friends of the Kirk,

On this special Sunday, we welcome longtime members, first-time visitors, and all who have come seeking rest, reflection, prayer, and renewed hope. During worship, we announce that a Stephen Minister is available for personal and confidential prayer in Cedarholm Chapel (following the 8 AM service) or in Melrose Chapel (following the 9 AM and 11 AM services). If you are ever moved by anything in the service or are looking to pray with someone for something you're facing or looking forward to, please find our Stephen Ministers after worship.

We give thanks today for the **25th Anniversary of Stephen Ministry at the Kirk**; for all the trained Stephen Ministers who have offered confidential, one-to-one Christian care to people facing grief, transition, illness, and other difficult seasons. Their faithful presence is a living witness to Christ's compassion and to the calling we share to bear one another's burdens.

We also begin a new sermon series and Annual Stewardship Campaign, *Full Sail Church: A Seafaring Faith*, and our first theme is *Catching the Wind*. In the Gospel of John 3:1–8, Jesus speaks of the Spirit as wind: it blows where it chooses, and though we cannot always know where it comes from or where it goes, we can hear its sound and witness its movement. Like sailors raising a mast and setting a sail, we are invited to become attentive and responsive—to catch the wind of God's Spirit and allow it to carry us into lives of deeper faith, generous stewardship, and loving service.

Throughout the series, we will encounter biblical nautical imagery as we explore what it means to live generously and faithfully as Christ's people. In the Sundays ahead, we will explore and reflect on the themes: **Remember Your Baptism, Put Out Into the Deep, Hold to Hope, and Stand Watch**. Then, on Generosity and Pledge Commitment Sunday, November 15, we will answer the call to **All Hands on Deck**. May this season help each of us listen for the Spirit, discern how God is calling us, and respond with gratitude.

Welcome to the Kirk. Welcome aboard. Let us worship God!

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