

KIRK IN THE HILLS  
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH (U.S.A.)  
OCTOBER 18, 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

### OUR FAITH IN ACTION

Outreach & Mission

Christopher Adams

### \* CALL TO WORSHIP

Remember the waters of baptism.

**We remember that we belong to Christ.**

Called by name, marked by grace, and sent into the world.

**We are God's beloved, and we go where Christ sends us.**

Let us worship the God who claims us and calls us.

**Let us worship the God whose grace is deeper than the sea.**

### \* HYMN 35

Praise Ye the Lord, the Almighty

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### PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Gracious God, you have called us your beloved,  
yet at times we forget whose we are.

**We week our worth in achievement, our security in possessions,  
and our identity in the approval of others.**

**Forgive us, O Lord.**

**Return us to the waters of grace.**

**Remind us that we belong to you**

**and that your gifts are given for the life of the world.**

*(Silence is held.)*

### ASSURANCE OF PARDON

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

**Matthew 14:22-33** *(NT, page 16.)*

Rev. Marilyn Borst

The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

### SERMON

**A Seafaring Faith: Walk on Water**

Rev. Marilyn Borst

### INVITATION

Rev. Matthew Means & Rev. Rami Almaqdasi

### 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 36

For the Fruit of All Creation

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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.*

## POSTLUDE

**Cover Art:** Stained glass window, located in the Baptistry (the right, or lectern side transept).



### 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.*

*(As seen above the red front exterior door of our Sanctuary.)*

### Welcome to Worship at Kirk in the Hills!

Welcome to regular Kirk congregants, friends, and community visitors. We continue our stewardship sermon series, *Full Sail Church: A Seafaring Faith!*

Stewardship is about far more than pledges and bank accounts; it is about the condition of our souls and what our hearts truly value. Offering our time, talent, and treasure is an act of worship, trust, and discipleship as we follow where Christ leads. Your generous commitment helps sustain the Kirk's ministries, nurture our children and youth, strengthen our music and Christian education, and extend Christ's love throughout our local community and around the world.

Whatever your household circumstances, we invite you to make a pledge that reflects your faith and comes wholeheartedly, at whatever amount you discern. Thank you for prayerfully considering how your household will help the Kirk into 2027.

I will be away at a Pastor's retreat in Montana beginning today, where I will be learning, planning, and praying for each of you at the Kirk—I hope you'll pray for me, too, and my family. I'm thankful to welcome to the pulpit, Rev. Marilyn Borst, our Interim Director for Mission and Kirk Women. She will preach on mission as central to our calling as the Church and part of how we steward our resources.

Together, let us open the sails of our hearts to the Spirit and follow Christ toward God's horizon!

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Edwin".

Rev. Dr. Edwin Estevez

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



### Note from Rev. Marilyn Borst!

Today's message zeros in on a most amazing incident in the life of Peter, arguably the most impetuous and boldest of Christ's disciples. As he and his fellow-followers find themselves afloat on a stormy Sea of Galilee, they spot an apparition coming towards them—striding on top of the waves! Recognizing their fear, the Lord (aka, the "ghost") calls out "Take courage. It is I!" When Christ issues the invitation, "COME" Peter doesn't miss a beat, and throwing his leg over the edge of the boat, he stands up and moves toward his Lord. And that's when his confidence flounders, and he begins to sink..

As Christ calls his Church (including *this* one!!!) to follow him out into his Kingdom-building-mission—across the city or across the world—challenges may arise and our own insecurities run the risk of sinking our efforts—unless we stay focused on the One who calls us. Join me on Sunday as we venture back out in our boat and hoist our sails to the Spirit's steady wind!