

Kirkwood  
baptist church

JUNE 14, 2026  
THIRD SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST  
DEACONS ORDINATION SERVICE

# HERE IS MY SERVANT WHOM I HAVE CHOSEN



+ *This symbol invites you to rise in body as you are able, or in spirit.*

Chiming of the Hour John Frank

Welcome and Life of the Church Krissi Vandagriff

Gathering Prayer

Voluntary **Praise Medley** KBC Brass  
arr. Dana F. Everson

Lighting of the Christ Candle and Opening of the Bible Von Hulin

+ Call to Worship

Come, let us worship the Lord our God, who calls each one by name.

**We come with joy, for the Spirit of the Lord is upon us.**

Today we gather to set apart these servants for a holy calling.

**We celebrate the faithfulness of God in every generation.**

Let us worship God with reverence and praise.

**Amen.**

+ Hymn 669 **God of Grace and God of Glory** CWM RHONDDA

Prayer of Praise and Thanksgiving Becky Hendrickson

Festival Hymn of Service **The Beauty of This Sacred Place** PROSPECT  
James Biery  
*See p. 5 | Stanzas 1-4 Sanctuary Choir; Stanza 5 Congregation & Choir*

+ Gospel Reading Matthew 15:1-9 Mary Vance

The Gospel of our Lord.

**Praise be to Christ.**

Sermon Matt Vandagriff

+ Hymn **The Church of Christ in Every Age** GERMANY  
*See p. 6*

Offertory Prayer Kyle Damron

Offering and Offertory **Lord, Whose Love in Humble Service** John Frank  
Kenneth Kosche

+ Hymn **Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow** OLD HUNDREDTH  
**Praise Christ all people here below.**  
**Praise Holy Spirit evermore.**  
**Praise Triune God whom we adore.**

Question of the Candidates

Minister: My sister and brother, do you believe in one Triune God—Creator, Redeemer, and Sustainer, and do you confess Jesus Christ as your Lord and Savior?

Candidates: *This is the God in whom I trust, as I follow Jesus Christ.*

Minister: Do you believe that God has called you through this church to this office, and do you promise, in dependence upon God's grace, to exercise this ministry faithfully?

Candidates: *I do, by the grace of God.*

Minister: Will you seek to serve, not to be served, and to walk humbly with your God?

Candidates: *I will, by the Spirit's power.*

Minister: Will you support the unity and mission of the Church with integrity and love?

Candidates: *I will, to the glory of God.*

Congregational Affirmation

Minister: Do you, members of this church, confirm the call of God to our sister and brother, Jessi Fillingham and Than Landman, as deacons in the service of Christ?

Congregation: **We do.**

Minister: Will you support and encourage them in their ministry?

Congregation: **Gladly, we will.**

The Laying on of Hands

*A Note Regarding the Laying on of Hands*

*Ten to twelve minutes have been allotted for the Laying on of Hands. If you would prefer, you may use this time to write a blessing, prayer, or word of encouragement to Jessi and another to Than. Index cards are available at the end of each pew, and pens are located in the pew racks. Following the service, baskets designated for Jessi and Than will be available in both the narthex and the main lobby for you to leave your notes and cards. These written expressions of encouragement will serve as a meaningful remembrance of this sacred day.*

Pastoral Prayer

In the name of Jesus Christ and by the authority of the Church, I pronounce that Jessi Fillingham and Than Landman are ordained deacons.

**Thanks be to God!**

+ Litany

Allison Felter & Phil Maxwell

There are different gifts,  
**but it is the same Spirit who gives them.**  
 There are different ways of serving God,  
**but it is the same Lord who is served.**  
 God works through different people in different ways,  
**but God’s purpose is achieved through them all.**  
 Each one is given a gift by the Spirit,  
**to use it for the common good.**  
 Together we are the body of Christ,  
**and individually members of that body.**  
 Though we have different gifts,  
**together we are a ministry of reconciliation led by the risen Christ.**  
 We pray and work to be God’s church in the world,  
**we call all people to faith,**  
**and we yearn for God’s kingdom to come on earth as it is in heaven.**  
 Within our common ministry, some members are chosen to serve as deacons.  
 In ordination, we recognize these special ministries,  
 remembering our Lord Jesus said:  
**“Whoever wants to be great among you must become the servant of all, and whoever wants to be first among you must be the slave of all. Just as the Son of man came not to be served, but to serve, and to give His life to set others free.”**  
 (Matthew 20:26-28)

+ Hymn

**Lord, Whose Love in Humble Service**

HYFRYDOL

*See p. 7 | Stanzas 1 & 4*

Benediction

Matt Vandagriff

Postlude

**Jesus Calls Us**

KBC Brass

arr. Joy Patterson | adapt. Keith Stockberger

**The Sanctuary flowers today are given by Carolyn Belden in loving memory of Bob Belden, who is in his heavenly home, and to celebrate their 60<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary on June 18.**

**The flowers on the Communion Table today are given to the glory of God in celebration of the 10th anniversary of Rev. Dr. Matthew Vandagriff’s ministry as Senior Pastor of Kirkwood Baptist Church. We give thanks for his faithful leadership, compassionate service, and dedication to this congregation and the wider community.**

In celebration of the 150th anniversary of the founding of  
Grosse Pointe Memorial Church, Grosse Pointe Farms, Michigan

## The Beauty of This Sacred Place

### Choir:

1. *The beauty of this sacred place inspires our hearts and minds to grow.  
We sing with love, bestowed by grace; from God all richest blessings flow.*
2. *The meal, the word, the art, the song, are but a glimmer of the whole;  
with joyful hearts sing all day long, God's blessings satisfy the soul.*
3. *We look into each person's eyes and see such longing hunger there.  
Respond with love to others' cries; our neighbors' burdens gladly bear.*
4. *So many struggle and despair, we hear their silent voices plead;  
our actions show how much we care, extending help to those in need.*

### All:

The beauty of this sacred place  
in - spires our hearts and minds to grow.  
We sing with love, be - stowed by grace;  
from God all rich - est bless - ings flow.  
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from God all rich - est bless - ings flow.

The musical score is written for a single voice part in treble clef, 3/4 time, with a key signature of one sharp (F#). It consists of six lines of music. The first line begins with a treble clef, a key signature of one sharp, and a 3/4 time signature. The lyrics are: "The beau - ty of this sa - cred place". The second line continues the melody: "in - spires our hearts and minds to grow.". The third line: "We sing with love, be - stowed by grace;". The fourth line: "from God all rich - est bless - ings flow.". The fifth line: "We sing with love, be - stowed by grace;". The sixth line: "from God all rich - est bless - ings flow.". The score ends with a double bar line.

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# The Church of Christ, in Every Age

"On this rock I will build my church" — Matthew 16:18 NIV

1. The church of Christ, in ev - 'ry age Be - set by  
 2. A - cross the world, a - cross the street, The vic - tims  
 3. Then let the ser - vant church a - rise; A car - ing  
 4. For He a - lone, whose blood was shed, Can cure the  
 5. We have no mis - sion but to serve In full o -

change, but Spir - it led, Must claim and test its  
 of in - jus - tice cry For shel - ter and for  
 church that longs to be A part - ner in Christ's  
 fe - ver in our blood, And teach us how to  
 be - dience to our Lord, To care for all, with -

her - i - tage And keep on ris - ing from the dead.  
 bread to eat, And nev - er live un - til they die.  
 sac - ri - fice, And clothed in Christ's hu - man - i - ty.  
 share our bread, And feed the starv - ing mul - ti - tude.  
 out re - serve, And spread His lib - er - at - ing Word.

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GERMANY

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# Lord, Whose Love

Stanzas 1 & 4

F C F F C F

1 Lord, whose love through hum - ble serv - ice bore the weight of  
 2 Still your chil - dren wan - der home - less; still the hun - gry  
 3 As we wor - ship, grant us vi - sion, till your love's re -  
 4 Called by wor - ship to your serv - ice, forth in your dear

B♭ C F C F B♭ F C

hu - man need, who up - on the cross, for - sak - en,  
 cry for bread; still the cap - tives long for free - dom;  
 veal - ing light in its height and depth and great - ness,  
 name we go, to the child, the youth, the a - ged,

F C F B♭ C F Am Dm Gm

of - fered mer - cy's per - fect deed; we, your serv - ants, bring the  
 still in grief we mourn our dead. As, O Lord, your deep com -  
 dawns up - on our quick - ened sight, mak - ing known the needs and  
 love in liv - ing deeds to show; hope and health, good will and

C F Dm Am Gm B♭ C F Gm C

wor - ship not of voice a - lone, but heart, con - se - crat - ing  
 pas - sion healed the sick and freed the soul, use the love your  
 bur - dens your com - pas - sion bids us bear, stir - ring us to  
 com - fort, coun - sel, aid, and peace we give, that your serv - ants,

F C F Am B♭ F C F

to your pur - pose ev - ery gift that you im - part.  
 Spir - it kin - dles still to save and make us whole.  
 tire - less striv - ing, your a - bun - dant life to share.  
 Lord, in free - dom may your mer - cy know and live.

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 HYFRYDOL

*Celebrating*  
**10 YEARS**  
 OF MINISTRY  
 WITH



Rev. Dr. Matthew Vandagriff



**Celebrating 10 Years of Ministry  
 with Rev. Dr. Matthew Vandagriff**

On June 15, Rev. Dr. Matthew Vandagriff marks ten years as Pastor of Kirkwood Baptist Church. We give thanks to God for Matt's faithful leadership and ministry among us during the past decade.

The congregation is invited to a special celebration in his honor on **Sunday, August 9**, with a reception following worship. The celebration is being held in August due to the busy summer schedule at KBC, including Matt's sabbatical in July.

Please mark your calendars and plan to join us as we celebrate this milestone and give thanks for Matt's ministry.



Scan to view our *On Mission* guide and learn all about KBC!

Whether you are worshipping with us online or in-person, welcome! We are happy you are here. If you are interested in becoming a member of Kirkwood Baptist Church, or if you have questions about the church, we encourage you to go to [www.kirkwoodbaptist.org](http://www.kirkwoodbaptist.org) where you might find some answers. **Additionally, you can find answers to questions or register for events by emailing [twright@kirkwoodbaptist.org](mailto:twright@kirkwoodbaptist.org) or calling 314-965-2349.**

A nursery is available for birth - Pre-K children and hearing devices are available upon request. Please see an usher for help.

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