



First Presbyterian Church of Edgewood Worship
Second Sunday of Easter – April 11, 2021

PRELUDE

WELCOME & SHARING OF CHURCH LIFE

TOLLING OF THE HOUR

READING OF GOD'S WORD 1 John 1.1-2.2

PRAYER

CALL TO WORSHIP (responsive) *Based on Psalm 133*

Behold, how good and how pleasant it is for brothers to dwell together in unity!

**It is like the precious oil upon the head, coming down upon the beard,
even Aaron's beard, coming down upon the edge of his robes.**

It is like the dew of Hermon Coming down upon the mountains of Zion;

For there the Lord commanded the blessing—life forever.

HYMN #398 "How Very Good and Pleasant"

How very good and pleasant when we live in unity.

It is like precious oil, like fresh morning dew.

We gather here together with our hearts and voices raised

to God, who's the center of our unity and praise!

CALL TO CONFESSION *From Daniel 9.4-5*

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (unison)

**O Lord, the great and awesome God, who keeps covenant and steadfast love with
those who love him and keep his commandments, we have sinned and done wrong
and acted wickedly and rebelled, turning aside from your commandments and
rules. For your Name's sake, forgive us and restore us anew. Amen.**

(silent confession)

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

RESPONSE #447 "We are Forgiven"

We are forgiven. We are forgiven. Thanks be to God. Thanks be to God.

CONFESSION OF OUR FAITH

The Westminster Confession Shorter Catechism

Q. 13. Did our first parents continue in the estate wherein they were created?

A. Our first parents, being left to the freedom of their own will, fell from the estate wherein they were created, by sinning against God.

(Genesis 3.6-8,13; Ecclesiastes 7.29)

HYMN #257

"The Risen Christ"

- 1 The risen Christ, who walks on wounded feet
from garden tomb through darkened city street,
unlocks the door of grief, despair, and fear,
and speaks a word of peace to all who hear.
- 2 The risen Christ, who stands with wounded side,
breathes out his Spirit on them to abide
whose faith still wavers, who dare not believe;
new grace, new strength, new purpose they receive.
- 3 The risen Christ, who breaks with wounded hand
the bread for those who fail to understand,
reveals himself, despite their lingering tears,
enflames their hearts, then quickly disappears.
- 4 May we, Christ's body, walk and serve and stand
with the oppressed in this and every land,
till all are blessed and can a blessing be,
restored in Christ to true humanity.

SCRIPTURE

John 20.19-23

¹⁹ On the evening of that first day of the week, when the disciples were together, with the doors locked for fear of the Jewish leaders, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you!" ²⁰ After he said this, he showed them his hands and side. The disciples were overjoyed when they saw the Lord. ²¹ Again Jesus said, "Peace be with you! As the Father has sent me, I am sending you." ²² And with that he breathed on them and said, "Receive the Holy Spirit. ²³ If you forgive anyone's sins, their sins are forgiven; if you do not forgive them, they are not forgiven."

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SERMON

"As the Father has Sent Me"

Rev. Tony Rivera

HYMN #286

"Breathe on Me, Breath of God"

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| 1 Breathe on me, Breath of God;
fill me with life anew,
that I may love what thou dost love,
and do what thou wouldst do. | 3 Breathe on me, Breath of God,
till I am wholly thine,
until this earthly part of me
glows with thy fire divine. |
| 2 Breathe on me, Breath of God,
until my heart is pure,
until with thee I will one will,
to do and to endure. | 4 Breathe on me, Breath of God,
so shall I never die,
but live with thee the perfect life
of thine eternity. |

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE & PASTORAL PRAYER

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.

INVITATION TO RECEIVE OUR TITHES & OFFERINGS

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

HYMN #747

"The Lord Now Sends Us Forth"

The Lord now sends us forth
with hands to serve and give,
to make of all the earth
a better place to live.

The angels are not sent
into our world of pain
to do what we were meant
to do in Jesus' name;
that falls to you and me
and all who are made free.
Help us, O Lord, we pray,
to do your will today.

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

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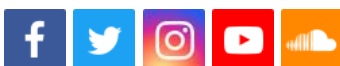
The Rev. Anthony Rivera, pastor

Shaun Cloonan, minister of music | **Sunny Sakai**, pianist

Elder John Foster, videographer | **Elder Judy Mysels**, greeter

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IN-PERSON WORSHIP GUIDELINES

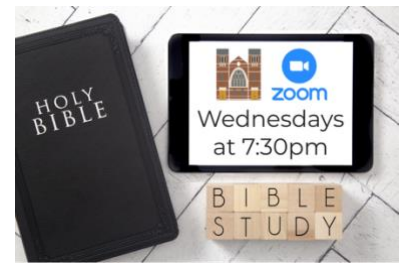
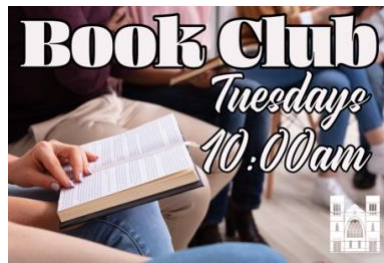
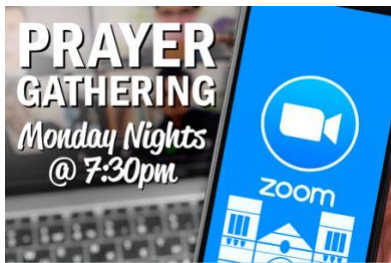
- everyone must wear a mask properly
- there is a 50-person maximum capacity in the sanctuary, including the pastor and worship staff
- refrain from singing, handshaking, and hugging
- please move personal discussions after the service outdoors to avoid inside gatherings
- please observe social distancing in the pews - space apart from each other in the marked pews

We understand that each person is different with the possible risks he or she may have. Live-streamed online worship will continue to be available on Facebook and YouTube for those who choose to stay home until they feel safe to rejoin in person.

Weekly Zoom Meetings

We will continue our weekly gatherings on Zoom for prayer, discussion, and study.

On Mondays at 7:30pm, we gather for intentional prayer focusing on our members, community, and world. Tuesday mornings at 10:00am is the weekly Book Club meeting. The group decides on a book that they read together and discuss the week's portion. During March, they focused on Lamentations as a Lenten study. And Wednesday evenings at 7:30pm is a Bible study led by Pastor Tony.



An e-mail invitation is sent out weekly with Zoom links, meeting ID and passcode. To be added to the email list, contact the office. And if you don't use Zoom on your device, you can call in to the meetings to participate by voice. Call Judy in the office to receive the number, meeting ID and passcode to participate if you don't receive the email.



Believing we are called together by God's love through Jesus Christ, our mission as the First Presbyterian Church of Edgewood is to love God, to love each other, and to love our neighbors.

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