



**First Presbyterian Church of Edgewood Worship**  
**Third Sunday of Easter – April 18, 2021**

**PRELUDE**

**WELCOME & SHARING OF CHURCH LIFE**

**TOLLING OF THE HOUR**

**READING OF GOD'S WORD**

1 John 3.1-7

**PRAYER**

**CALL TO WORSHIP** (responsive)

Praise the Lord! Praise the Lord from the heavens; Praise Him in the heights!  
Praise Him, all His angels; Praise Him, all His hosts!

**Kings of the earth and all peoples, princes and all rulers of the earth!**

**Young men and maidens together, old men and children!**

Let them praise the name of the Lord, for his name alone is exalted;  
his majesty is above earth and heaven.

**He has raised up a horn for his people, praise for all his saints,  
for the people of Israel who are near to him. Praise the Lord!**

**HYMN #248**

"Christ is Risen! Shout Hosanna!"

1 Christ is risen! Shout Hosanna!  
Celebrate this day of days!  
Christ is risen! Hush in wonder:  
all creation is amazed.  
In the desert all-surrounding,  
see, a spreading tree has grown.  
Healing leaves of grace abounding  
bring a taste of love unknown.

2 Christ is risen! Raise your spirits  
from the caverns of despair.  
Walk with gladness in the morning.  
See what love can do and dare.

Drink the wine of resurrection,  
not a servant, but a friend.  
Jesus is our strong companion.  
Joy and peace shall never end.

3 Christ is risen! Earth and heaven  
nevermore shall be the same.  
Break the bread of new creation  
where the world is still in pain.  
Tell its grim, demonic chorus:  
"Christ is risen! Get you gone!"  
God the First and Last is with us.  
Sing Hosanna everyone!

## CALL TO CONFESSION

### PRAYER OF CONFESSION (unison)

**Almighty and Eternal God, in whom we live and move and have our being, whose face is hidden from us by our sins, and whose mercy we forget in the blindness of our hearts: cleanse us from all our offenses, and deliver us from proud thoughts and vain desires, that with reverent and humble hearts we may draw near to you, confessing our faults, confiding in your grace, and finding in you our refuge and strength; through Jesus Christ your Son. 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. 14. What is sin?

**A. Sin is any want of conformity unto, or transgression of, the law of God.**

(1 John 3.4)

### ANTHEM

"Open the Eyes of My Heart"

arr. Carol Tornquist

Open the eyes of my heart, Lord.

to see you high and lifted up,

Open the eyes of my heart;

shining in the light of your glory.

I want to see you;

Pour out your power and love

I want to see you;

as we sing "Holy, holy, holy."

### SCRIPTURE

Luke 24.36-48

<sup>36</sup> Now while they were telling these things, Jesus Himself suddenly stood in their midst and said to them, "Peace be to you." <sup>37</sup> But they were startled and frightened, and thought that they were looking at a spirit. <sup>38</sup> And He said to them, "Why are you frightened, and why are doubts arising in your hearts? <sup>39</sup> See My hands and My feet, that it is I Myself; touch Me and see, because a spirit does not have flesh and bones as you plainly see that I have." <sup>40</sup> And when He had said this, He showed them His hands and His feet. <sup>41</sup> While they still could not believe it because of their joy and astonishment, He said to them, "Have you anything here to eat?" <sup>42</sup> They served Him a piece of broiled fish; <sup>43</sup> and He took it and ate it in front of them. <sup>44</sup> Now He said to them, "These are My words which I spoke to you while I was still with you, that all the things that are written about Me in the Law of Moses and the Prophets and the Psalms must be fulfilled." <sup>45</sup> Then He opened their minds to understand the Scriptures, <sup>46</sup> and He said to them, "So it is written, that the Christ would suffer and rise from the dead on the third day, <sup>47</sup> and that repentance for forgiveness of sins would be proclaimed in His name to all the nations, beginning from Jerusalem. <sup>48</sup> You are witnesses of these things.

## PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

### SERMON

"He Opened their Minds to Understand"

Rev. Tony Rivera

## HYMN #451

"Open My Eyes, That I May See"

1 Open my eyes, that I may see  
glimpses of truth thou hast for me.  
Place in my hands the wonderful key  
that shall unclasp and set me free.  
Silently now I wait for thee,  
ready, my God, thy will to see.  
Open my eyes; illumine me, Spirit divine!

2 Open my ears, that I may hear  
voices of truth thou sendest clear.  
And while the wave notes fall on my ear,  
everything false will disappear.

Silently now I wait for thee,  
ready, my God, thy will to see.  
Open my ears; illumine me, Spirit divine!

3 Open my mouth, and let me bear  
gladly the warm truth everywhere.  
Open my heart, and let me prepare  
love with thy children thus to share.  
Silently now I wait for thee,  
ready, my God, thy will to see.  
Open my heart; illumine me, Spirit divine!

## 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 #295

"Go to the World"

1 Go to the world! Go into all the earth.  
Go preach the cross where Christ renews life's worth,  
baptizing as the sign of our rebirth.  
Alleluia. Alleluia.

2 Go to the world! Go into every place.  
Go live the word of God's redeeming grace.  
Go seek God's presence in each time and space.  
Alleluia. Alleluia.

3 Go to the world! Go struggle, bless, and pray;  
the nights of tears give way to joyous day.  
As servant church, you follow Christ's own way.  
Alleluia. Alleluia.

4 Go to the world! Go as the ones I send,  
for I am with you till the age shall end,  
when all the hosts of glory cry "Amen!"  
Alleluia. Alleluia.

## BENEDICTION

## POSTLUDE

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**Participants in this worship service:**

The Rev. Anthony Rivera, pastor  
Shaun Cloonan, minister of music | Sunny Sakai, pianist  
John Foster, videographer | 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

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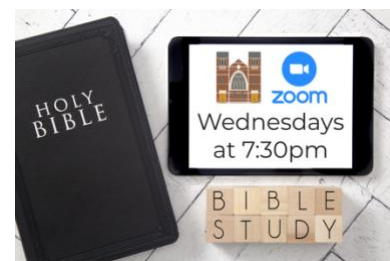
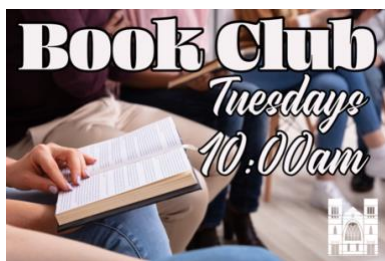
Live-streamed online worship will continue to be available on Facebook and YouTube  
for those who choose to stay home until they feel safe to rejoin in person.

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**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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