



First Presbyterian Church of Edgewood Worship
Second Sunday of Easter – April 24, 2022

*All who are able, please stand.

PRELUDE

WELCOME & SHARING OF CHURCH LIFE

TOLLING OF THE HOUR

***CALL TO WORSHIP** (responsive)

Give thanks to our risen Lord this holy day.

May we continue to celebrate the good news of Easter Day.

Today we celebrate anew the wondrous hope and joyous promise of new life lived in the presence of our risen Lord.

Now in our worship we celebrate with great thanksgiving and join together in songs and hymns of praise and adoration.

***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.

CALL TO CONFESSION

Have we sinned, and fallen short of God's glory? Of course we have. Yet we are not without hope! Our Lord has made it possible for us to confess our wrongs to God with assurance of mercy. Let us confess our sins against God and neighbor.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (unison)

Gracious God, in our efforts to make our way in the world we have not always behaved faithfully. We have caused hurt and pain both by things we have done, and by things we have left undone. We have put our trust in the things of this world rather than you. We have failed to see you at work in our lives, our ears and eyes filled with so many distractions. Forgive us, and help us to refocus on the life and teachings of our risen Lord that our lives may know and share your peace.

(Silent Confession)

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Christ is risen! **Christ is risen, indeed!**

And sin has no power to come between us and God's love.

Thanks be to God! We are forgiven and renewed to serve!

*RESPONSE #582 "Glory to God, Whose Goodness Shines"

1 Glory to God, whose goodness shines on me,
and to the Son, whose grace has pardoned me,
and to the Spirit, whose love has set me free.
As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be. Amen.

2 World without end, without end. Amen.
World without end, without end. Amen.
World without end, without end. Amen.
As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be. Amen.

*PASSING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

The peace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you: **and also with you.**

(For the safety of all, please share the peace with a smile or wave from your seat.)

GATHERING SONG

"Because He Lives"

refrain only

Because he lives, I can face tomorrow. Because he lives, all fear is gone.
Because I know he holds the future and life is worth a living just because He lives!

SCRIPTURE

Psalm 118:14-29

¹⁴ The LORD is my strength and my might; he has become my salvation. ¹⁵ There are glad songs of victory in the tents of the righteous: "The right hand of the LORD does valiantly; ¹⁶ the right hand of the LORD is exalted; the right hand of the LORD does valiantly." ¹⁷ I shall not die, but I shall live, and recount the deeds of the LORD. ¹⁸ The LORD has punished me severely, but he did not give me over to death. ¹⁹ Open to me the gates of righteousness, that I may enter through them and give thanks to the LORD. ²⁰ This is the gate of the LORD; the righteous shall enter through it. ²¹ I thank you that you have answered me and have become my salvation. ²² The stone that the builders rejected has become the chief cornerstone. ²³ This is the LORD's doing; it is marvelous in our eyes. ²⁴ This is the day that the LORD has made; let us rejoice and be glad in it. ²⁵ Save us, we

beseech you, O LORD! O LORD, we beseech you, give us success! ²⁶ Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the LORD. We bless you from the house of the LORD.

²⁷ The LORD is God, and he has given us light. Bind the festal procession with branches, up to the horns of the altar. ²⁸ You are my God, and I will give thanks to you; you are my God, I will extol you. ²⁹ O give thanks to the LORD, for he is good, for his steadfast love endures forever.

ANTHEM

“Stay With Us”

arr. Sakai

SCRIPTURE

Luke 24:13-35

¹³ Now on that same day two of them were going to a village called Emmaus, about seven miles from Jerusalem, ¹⁴ and talking with each other about all these things that had happened. ¹⁵ While they were talking and discussing, Jesus himself came near and went with them, ¹⁶ but their eyes were kept from recognizing him. ¹⁷ And he said to them, “What are you discussing with each other while you walk along?” They stood still, looking sad. ¹⁸ Then one of them, whose name was Cleopas, answered him, “Are you the only stranger in Jerusalem who does not know the things that have taken place there in these days?” ¹⁹ He asked them, “What things?” They replied, “The things about Jesus of Nazareth, who was a prophet mighty in deed and word before God and all the people, ²⁰ and how our chief priests and leaders handed him over to be condemned to death and crucified him. ²¹ But we had hoped that he was the one to redeem Israel. Yes, and besides all this, it is now the third day since these things took place. ²² Moreover, some women of our group astounded us. They were at the tomb early this morning, ²³ and when they did not find his body there, they came back and told us that they had indeed seen a vision of angels who said that he was alive. ²⁴ Some of those who were with us went to the tomb and found it just as the women had said; but they did not see him.” ²⁵ Then he said to them, “Oh, how foolish you are, and how slow of heart to believe all that the prophets have declared! ²⁶ Was it not necessary that the Messiah should suffer these things and then enter into his glory?” ²⁷ Then beginning with Moses and all the prophets, he interpreted to them the things about himself in all the scriptures. ²⁸ As they came near the village to which they were going, he walked ahead as if he were going on. ²⁹ But they urged him strongly, saying, “Stay with us, because it is almost evening and the day is now nearly over.” So he went in to stay with them. ³⁰ When he was at the table with them, he took bread, blessed and broke it, and gave it to them. ³¹ Then their eyes were opened, and they recognized him; and he vanished from their sight. ³² They said to each other, “Were not our hearts burning within us while he was talking to us on the road, while he was opening the scriptures to us?” ³³ That same hour they got up and returned to Jerusalem; and they found the eleven and their companions gathered together. ³⁴ They were saying, “The Lord has risen indeed, and he has appeared to Simon!” ³⁵ Then they told what had happened on the road, and how he had been made known to them in the breaking of the bread.

SERMON

“The Unfinished Meal”

Rev. Kellie Weekley-Mills

***HYMN #252**

"Day of Arising"

1 Day of arising,
Christ on the roadway,
unknown companion
walks with his own.
When they invite him,
as fades the first day,
and bread is broken,
Christ is made known.

2 When we are walking,
doubtful and dreading,
blinded by sadness,
slowness of heart,
yet Christ walks with us,
ever awaiting
our invitation:
Stay, do not part.

3 Lo, I am with you,
Jesus has spoken.
This is Christ's promise,
this is Christ's sign:
when the church gathers,
when bread is broken,
there Christ is with us,
in bread and wine.

4 Christ, our companion,
hope for the journey,
bread of compassion,
open our eyes.
Grant us your vision,
set all hearts burning
that all creation
with you may rise.

SHARING OF THIS WEEK'S PRAYER REQUESTS

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

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PRAYER OF DEDICATION (unison)

God, you meet our needs and transform us for service. Accept these gifts as signs of our gratitude and our commitment to witness to Christ's ministry in your world. Amen.

***HYMN #836**

"Abide With Me"

1 Abide with me: fast falls the eventide.
The darkness deepens; Lord, with me abide!
When other helpers fail and comforts flee,
help of the helpless, O abide with me.

2 Swift to its close ebbs out life's little day;
earth's joys grow dim; its glories pass away;
change and decay in all around I see.
O thou who changest not, abide with me.

3 I need thy presence every passing hour;
what but thy grace can foil the tempter's power?
Who, like thyself, my guide and stay can be?
Through cloud and sunshine, Lord, abide with me.

4 I fear no foe, with thee at hand to bless;
ills have no weight, and tears no bitterness.
Where is death's sting? Where, grave, thy victory?
I triumph still, if thou abide with me.

5 Hold thou thy cross before my closing eyes;
shine through the gloom and point me to the skies.
Heaven's morning breaks, and earth's vain shadows flee;
in life, in death, O Lord, abide with me.

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

We invite you to sit and enjoy the postlude Sunny has prepared for us. This also helps with the live-streamed recording to have clear audio for those joining us in worship online.

Participants in this worship service:

Rev. Kellie Weekley-Mills, guest pastor | Lorraine Douthett, liturgist
Shaun Cloonan, minister of music | Sunny Sakai, pianist | The Sanctuary Choir

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Welcome! Thanks be to God for allowing us to worship with you!

UPDATED IN-PERSON GUIDELINES (MARCH 2022): Due to the CDC's updated version of tracking COVID community levels, Allegheny County is now "Low." As a result, the Worship Committee has begun to slowly relax some of our guidelines for in-person worship:

- **Masks are now optional for all in attendance.** We will continue to have a supply of disposable masks at the entrances to the church for those who wish to wear one during services.
- **Please continue to social distance in the marked pews.**
- The choir will continue to mask during their hour-long rehearsal but may choose to remove the mask during the performance of the anthem in worship.
- Out of respect for those who choose or need to continue wearing masks, our practice of passing the peace and sharing communion from our seats, as well as collecting the offering at the entrance to the sanctuary will not change.

We will continue to monitor cases and transmission levels and will relax or strengthen this guidance as health and safety protocols dictate. Thanks to all for their cooperation in keeping our church family healthy and safe. 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.

IF YOU ARE VISITING WITH US TODAY: first, welcome! Please fill out a blue visitor's card found in the pew rack. If you are interested in being on our email or newsletter mailing lists, provide that information so we can keep in touch. We hope you consider joining us more often!

THIS MORNING, WE WELCOME back to our pulpit the Rev. Kellie Weekly-Mills as guest pastor.

AFTER-WORSHIP FELLOWSHIP HAS RETURNED! Lorraine Douthett has begun coordinating our time of coffee and conversation following the worship service. To allow for social distancing, the refreshments will be served in the Gathering Place. Head down the hallway after the service and share in some Christian fellowship!

AT 12:30PM THIS AFTERNOON, following today's worship service, we will hold a memorial service for Jim Moore in the sanctuary. This will be officiated by Jim's goddaughter, the Rev. Alexis Fuller-Wright and assisted musically by Sunny and Shaun as well as a bagpiper.

BOOK CLUB MEETS WEEKLY, discussing "Have a Little Faith" by Mitch Albom., 10:00AM, Tuesdays at the home of Rhonda Apossos, 361 Maple Avenue, Edgewood.

WEDNESDAY NIGHT ZOOM BIBLE STUDY: 7:00PM at <https://pitt.zoom.us/j/6670286724>
No password is needed. Email Tim Hoffman at HoffmanTL@gmail.com with questions.

RECYCLE BINS are located in the last pew in the sanctuary and the blue bin at the side transept entrance for bulletins, cups, (list of what is accepted is posted on bins).

MARK YOUR CALENDARS for upcoming musical events:

Mozart & Schubert. On Saturday, May 7 at 7:30PM our friends at the Edgewood Symphony return to the JCC's Katz Auditorium for the first time in over two years! Join us there for our final performance of the 2021-2022 season. Our May concert features soloists Peggy Greb and Marissa Knaub Avon performing Mozart's Flute and Harp Concerto with the Edgewood Symphony Orchestra. The orchestra will also perform Franz Schubert's Symphony No. 5. Tickets are \$10 and can be purchased at edgewoodssymphony.org

Saturday, May 21, FPCE will welcome the Munhall Community Band to our sanctuary for their spring concert. Mandy Rineer and Jim Segedy both play with this ensemble. Enjoy concert band performances of music by Holst, Mozart, Led Zeppelin, Pink Floyd, Brubeck, Borges, Miranda, and more! Doors open at 4:30 pm. Raffle baskets will be available to support MCB. 5:00PM in the Sanctuary, free admission with registration at munhallband.org.

UPCOMING WORSHIP SCHEDULE

May 1 – Third Sunday of Easter, Communion, Rev. Jane Duffield preaching

May 8 – Fourth Sunday of Easter, Mother's Day, Rev. Fairlight Collins Lower preaching

May 15 – Fifth Sunday of Easter, Emerging Worship, Heather Henkel preaching

May 22 – Sixth Sunday of Easter, Rev. Bob Ruefle preaching

May 29 – Seventh Sunday of Easter, Rev. Jane Duffield preaching

CHURCH ACTIVITIES THIS WEEK

AH=Apessos Home, B=Basement Band Room, C=Choir Room,
GP=Gathering Place, L=Lounge, O=Office, PS=Pastor's Study,
S=Sanctuary, Sc=Scout Room, SL=Side Lawn, SR=Social Room

Today, Sunday, April 24

12:00PM Fellowship (GP)
12:30PM Moore Memorial Service (S)

Monday, April 25

6:30PM Scouts (Sc/SR)
7:00PM Vocal Confluence (S)

Tuesday, April 26

10:00AM Book Club (AH)
7:00PM Edgewood Symphony Orchestra (S)

Wednesday, April 27

7:00PM Bible Study (Zoom)

Thursday, April 28

5:00PM Flute Lesson (L)
7:00PM Milepost6 (B)
7:00PM ESO Board Meeting (GP)

Friday, April 29

5:00PM Flute Lesson (L)
8:30PM Alcoholics Anonymous (SR)

Saturday, April 30

8:30PM Alcoholics Anonymous (SR)

Next Sunday, May 1

9:30AM Choir Rehearsal (S)
11:00AM Worship/Communion (S)
Youth Sunday School (GP)
12:00PM Fellowship (GP)

How can you become involved?

As we reopen, working to rebuild and reimagine the ministries at FPCE, consider if you have a heart for:

- Encouraging our younger members
- Learning more about God & faith
- Praising God through music
- Serving senior citizens
- Working in publicity/advertising

...please contact a member of our FPCE Family listed below for more details on how to become involved!

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The Entire Congregation



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*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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