



First Presbyterian Church of Edgewood Online Worship
Third Sunday of Easter – April 26, 2020

PRELUDE

"He Hideth My Soul"

arr. Sunny Sakai

THE WELCOME & SHARING OF CHURCH LIFE

TOLLING OF THE HOUR

CALL TO WORSHIP

HYMN #286

"Breathe on Me, Breath of God"

(Please sing! Music on p. 4)

- 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.**
- 2 Breathe on me, Breath of God, until my heart is pure,
until with thee I will one will, to do and to endure.**
- 3 Breathe on me, Breath of God, till I am wholly thine,
until this earthly part of me glows with thy fire divine.**
- 4 Breathe on me, Breath of God, so shall I never die,
but live with thee the perfect life of thine eternity.**

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (unison)

**Resurrected Christ, you come to us when we least expect,
offering us lives of a different kind of abundance.
Yet we often fail to sense your presence with us and misuse your generous gifts.
Joyful Spirit, you long to turn our mourning into dancing,
to change our funeral clothes into garments of exuberance.
Sad or afraid, we often struggle to lift our feet to your music
or wear an emotion that matches your joy.
Forgive us, Creator of all, for failing to live in tune with your love.
Even when we have lost faith in you, do not lose faith in us.
Make us once again into your faithful people, inspired and inspiring others.**
(silent confession)

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

GLORIA PATRI #581

"Glory be to the Father"

(Please sing!)



Glo-ry be to the Fath-er and to the Son and to the Ho - ly Ghost. As it was in the beg-
in-ning, is now and ev-er shall be. World with-out end; A - men. A - men.

SCRIPTURE

Psalm 16

New English translation

Protect me, O God, for I have taken shelter in you.
I say to the Lord, "You are the Lord,
my only source of well-being."
As for God's chosen people who are in the land,
and the leading officials I admired so much—
their troubles multiply;
they desire other gods.
I will not pour out drink offerings of blood to their gods,
nor will I make vows in the name of their gods.
Lord, you give me stability and prosperity;
you make my future secure.
It is as if I have been given fertile fields
or received a beautiful tract of land.
I will praise the Lord who guides me;
yes, during the night I reflect and learn.
I constantly trust in the Lord;
because he is at my right hand, I will not be shaken.
So my heart rejoices
and I am happy;
my life is safe.
You will not abandon me to Sheol;
you will not allow your faithful follower to see the Pit.
You lead me in the path of life.
I experience absolute joy in your presence;
you always give me sheer delight.

ANTHEM

"Precious Lord"

arr. Arnold Sevier

*Performed by the 2018-19 North Hills Singers
Shaun Cloonan, director*

Precious Lord take my hand, lead me on, let me stand. I am tired, I am weak, I am worn.
Through the storm, through the night, lead me on to the light. Take my hand, Lord, and lead me home.
When my way grows drear, precious Lord, linger near. When my life is almost gone, at the river,
Lord, I stand; guide my feet and hold my hand. Take my hand, Lord, and lead me home.

SCRIPTURE

John 20:19-23

The Message translation

19-20 Later on that day, the disciples had gathered together, but, fearful of the Jews, had locked all the doors in the house. Jesus entered, stood among them, and said, "Peace to you." Then he showed them his hands and side.

20-21 The disciples, seeing the Master with their own eyes, were exuberant. Jesus repeated his greeting: "Peace to you. Just as the Father sent me, I send you."

22-23 Then he took a deep breath and breathed into them. "Receive the Holy Spirit," he said. "If you forgive someone's sins, they're gone for good. If you don't forgive sins, what are you going to do with them?"

SERMON***What Are We Waiting For?*****Pastor Michael Rucker****AFFIRMATION OF FAITH** (unison)

**We believe in an Easter God, who transforms darkness into light,
hatred into tolerance and despair into hope.**

**We believe God is always working for good,
changing every Good Friday nightmare into an Easter dream of new possibility.**

**We believe in the risen Christ, who befriends us on our roads of doubt and worry;
who touches us through song and silence, word and gesture;
who calls us by name to enter the dance of life.**

**We believe in the Spirit, the hidden presence behind every resurrection,
who beckons us to leave tomblike safety and trust the gracious invitation to live joyfully.**

**We believe the Spirit is always renewing the church and making us a people who
practice kindness, encourage beauty and work for justice and freedom.**

We believe we are an Easter people, a sign that with God all things are possible.

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.

HYMN #817*"We Walk by Faith and Not by Sight"*

(Please sing! Music on p. 5)

**1 We walk by faith and not by sight; with gracious words draw near,
O Christ, who spoke as none e'er spoke: "My peace be with you here."**

**2 We may not touch your hands and side, nor follow where you trod;
but in your promise we rejoice, and cry, "My Lord and God!"**

**3 Help then, O Lord, our unbelief; and may our faith abound
to call on you when you are near and seek where you are found.**

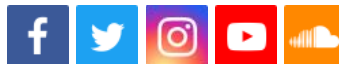
**4 And when our life of faith is done, in realms of clearer light
may we behold you as you are, with full and endless sight.**

BENEDICTION

Participants in this worship service:

The Rev. Michael P. Rucker, pastor | Shaun Cloonan, minister of music | Sunny Sakai, pianist
North Hills Singers recording from their May 3, 2019 Arts Alive performance

This service may be found posted on our website at www.fpcedgewood.org
or on our SoundCloud channel at www.soundcloud.com/fpcedgewood



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but live with thee the per - fect life of thine e - ter - ni - ty.

In both Hebrew and Greek, the words for "spirit" can equally well be translated as "breath" or "wind," so it is very appropriate to address the Holy Spirit as the "Breath of God." This tune by an English organist has become the customary one in North American hymnals.

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you are near and seek where you are found.
as you are, with full and end - less sight.

The opening line here is essentially a quotation of 2 Corinthians 5:7, but that affirmation is fleshed out by references to the appearance of the risen Christ to Thomas (John 20:19-29). The shape note tune, named for a stream in Fayette County, Pennsylvania, adds resolution to the words.

TEXT: Henry Alford, 1844, alt.
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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.

