



First Presbyterian Church of Edgewood Worship
including the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper
Tenth Sunday after Pentecost – August 1, 2021

*All who are able, please stand.

PRELUDE

WELCOME & SHARING OF CHURCH LIFE

TOLLING OF THE HOUR

***CALL TO WORSHIP** (responsive)

Jesus said: I am the bread of life,
Give us this bread always.
 You have been raised with Christ.
Let us seek the things that are above.

***OPENING PRAYER** (unison)

Almighty God
Your Son Jesus Christ fed the hungry
with the bread of life and the Word of his kingdom.
Renew your people with your heavenly grace,
and in all our weakness sustain us by your true and living bread,
Jesus Christ our Lord,
who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and forever. Amen.

***HYMN #396**

"Brethren, We Have Met to Worship"

1 Brethren, we have met to worship
 and adore the Lord our God.
 Will you pray with all your power
 while we try to preach the word?
 All is vain unless the Spirit
 of the holy One comes down.
 Brethren, pray, and holy manna
 will be showered all around.

2 Sisters, will you come and help us?
 Moses' sister aided him.
 Will you help the trembling mourners
 who are struggling hard with sin?
 Tell them all about the Savior.
 Tell them that he will be found.
 Sisters, pray, and holy manna
 will be showered all around.

3 Is there here a trembling jailer,
seeking grace and filled with fears?
Is there here a weeping Mary
pouring forth a flood of tears?
Brethren, join your cries to help them;
sisters, let your prayers abound!
Pray, O pray, that holy manna
will be scattered all around.

4 Let us love our God supremely;
let us love each other, too.
Let us love and pray for sinners
till our God makes all things new.
Christ will call us home to heaven;
at his table we'll sit down.
Christ will gird himself and serve us
with sweet manna all around.

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (unison)

**O God, gladly we live and move and have our being in you.
Yet in the midst of this glorious creation,
we see sin's shadow and feel death's darkness:
around us in the earth, sea, and sky, the abuse of matter;
beside us in the broken, the hungry and the poor,
the betrayal of one another;
and often, deep within us, a striving against your Spirit.
O Trinity of love,
forgive us that we may forgive one another,
heal us that we may be people of healing,
and renew us that we also may be makers of peace.
Through Jesus Christ, your Son, our Savior. Amen.**
(Silent Confession)

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

*RESPONSE #582

"Glory to God"

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. (*sing 3 times*)
As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be. Amen.

*PASSING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

The peace of our Lord and Savior 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

"Surely the Presence"



Sure-ly the pres-ence of the Lord is in this place; I can feel his might-y pow-er and his grace. — I can



hear the brush of ang-el's wings, I see glor-y on each face. Sure-ly the pres-ence of the Lord is in this place.

SCRIPTURE

Ephesians 4:1-6

⁴ I therefore, the prisoner in the Lord, beg you to lead a life worthy of the calling to which you have been called, ² with all humility and gentleness, with patience, bearing with one another in love, ³ making every effort to maintain the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace. ⁴ There is one body and one Spirit, just as you were called to the one hope of your calling, ⁵ one Lord, one faith, one baptism, ⁶ one God and Father of all, who is above all and through all and in all.

ANTHEM

"One Spirit of Love"

1 Many are the wonders of God,
many doors open wide,
Many roads that are still untraveled
Many are the gifts that we share,
many burdens we bear
Many mysteries still unraveled

2 Some will be teachers of life,
some the preachers of love,
Some the Fathers and some the Mothers
Some will be the ones who will care,
some will listen and share
Serving God while they serve each other
(refrain)

Refrain:

Many gifts,
one spirit of love,
one spirit of love
Many gifts,
one spirit of love,
one spirit of love

3 Living as the body of Christ,
and the heart of the earth,
And the hands that will break new ground
Celebrate the gifts from within,
now it's time to begin,
God's people can turn the world
around now. (refrain)

SCRIPTURE

John 6:24-35

²⁴ So when the crowd saw that neither Jesus nor his disciples were there, they themselves got into the boats and went to Capernaum looking for Jesus.

²⁵ When they found him on the other side of the sea, they said to him, "Rabbi, when did you come here?" ²⁶ Jesus answered them, "Very truly, I tell you, you are looking for me, not because you saw signs, but because you ate your fill of the loaves. ²⁷ Do not work for the food that perishes, but for the food that endures for eternal life, which the Son of Man will give you. For it is on him that God the Father has set his seal." ²⁸ Then they said to him, "What must we do to perform the works of God?" ²⁹ Jesus answered them, "This is the work of God, that you believe in him whom he has sent." ³⁰ So they said to him, "What sign are you going to give us then, so that we may see it and believe you? What work are you performing?" ³¹ Our ancestors ate the manna in the wilderness; as it is written, 'He gave them bread from heaven to eat.'" ³² Then Jesus said to them, "Very truly, I tell you, it was not Moses who gave you the bread from heaven, but it is my Father who gives you the true bread from heaven. ³³ For the bread of God is that which comes down from heaven and gives life to the world." ³⁴ They said to him, "Sir, give us this bread always."

³⁵ Jesus said to them, "I am the bread of life. Whoever comes to me will never be hungry, and whoever believes in me will never be thirsty.

SERMON

"Getting to Know Me"

Rev. Michael Rucker

***HYMN #522**

"I Am the Bread of Life"

1 "I am the bread of life.

You who come to me shall not hunger,
and who believe in me shall not thirst.

No one can come to me
unless the Father beckons."

Refrain:

"And I will raise you up,
and I will raise you up,
and I will raise you up on the last day."

2 "The bread that I will give
is my flesh for the life of the world,
and if you eat of this bread,
you shall live forever;
you shall live forever." (Refrain)

3 "Unless you eat of the flesh
of the Son of Man
and drink of his blood,
and drink of his blood,
you shall not have life within you." (Refrain)

4 "I am the resurrection;
I am the life.
If you believe in me,
even though you die,
you shall live forever." (Refrain)

5 Yes, Lord, I believe
that you are the Christ,
the Son of God,
who has come into the world. (Refrain)

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.

A TIME OF REMEMBRANCE, REFLECTION, & CELEBRATION

While Sunny plays a musical offering, you are invited to come forward and light a candle for a person, event, or situation that took place during our time apart. Please allow for social distancing as you come forward, and be mindful of the camera in the center aisle.

PRAYER FOR THE SECOND SUMMER IN A PANDEMIC

by Jay Blossom

Creator of the stars of night:
You time the seasons and the tides,
You set the planets in the sky,
You water the earth with refreshing rain,
And bless us day by day with moonrise and sunset.

**Give us, we pray, renewed appreciation for your handiwork.
Whether at home or away, grant us zeal to love our neighbors,
to lift the downcast and to encourage the faint-hearted.**

Redeemer of a suffering world:
You see our sins and frailties with unblinking eye,
You mourn our petty jealousies and unchecked greed,
You weep at our hard-hearted tolerance for injustice,
And offer yourself as our guide, our friend and our savior.

**Make us, we ask, into your hands and feet.
As we forge new connections and repair old ones,**

**empower us to serve Christ, live Christ
and be Christ wherever we may be.**

Sanctifier of the faithful:

You bless our celebrations and longed-for reunions,
our birthdays and graduations, our childbirths and weddings.

You meet your children at postponed funerals,
at the bedsides of the sick and in the lonely hours.

You transform turmoil into peace,
And dry every tear-filled eye.

**Refine us and purify us, we beg, strengthening us to become more wholly your people,
Loving and beloved, forgiving and forgiven, caring and cared for, life-giving and alive.
And at all times, and in all places, draw us ever closer to you,
the author and finisher of our faith, who lives forever and ever.
Amen.**

THE SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

*If you did not do so upon arrival, please take a cup and bread from the trays
at the entrance to the sanctuary to have at your seat. Partake when directed.*

INVITATION

The table of bread and wine is now to be made ready.

It is the table of companions of Jesus,

and all who love him.

It is the sharing with the poor of the world,

with whom Jesus identified himself.

It is the table of communion with the earth,

in which Christ became incarnate.

So come to this table,

you who have much faith and you who would like to have more;

you who have been here often and you who have not been here for a long time;

you who have tried to follow Jesus, and you who have failed;

come, it is Christ who invites to meet him here.

GREAT THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts. **We lift them up to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

In the beginning, God made the world;

Made it and mothered it, shaped it and fathered it;

Filled it seed and signs of fertility,

Filled it with life and song and variety.

All that is green, blue, deep and growing.

God's is the hand that created you.

All that is tender, firm, fragrant and curious.

God's is the hand that created you.

All that crawls, flies, swims, walks or is motionless,

God's is the hand that created you.

All that speaks, sings, cries, laughs, or keeps silence,

God's is the hand that created you.

All that suffers, lacks, limps or longs for an end,

God's is the hand that created you.

The world belongs to God,

the earth and all its people.

When the time was right, God sent the Son.

Sent him and suckled him, reared him and risked him.

Filled him with laughter and tears and compassion,

Filled him with anger and love and devotion.

Unwelcomed child, refugee and runaway.

Christ is God's own Son.

Skilled carpenter and homeless wayfarer,

Christ is God's own Son.

Feeder and teacher, healer and antagonist,

Christ is God's own Son.

Lover of the unlovable, toucher of the untouchable,

Forgiver of the unforgivable.

Christ is God's own Son.

Loved by the least, feared by the leaders;

Befriended by the weak, despised by the strong;

Deserted by his listeners, denied by his friends;

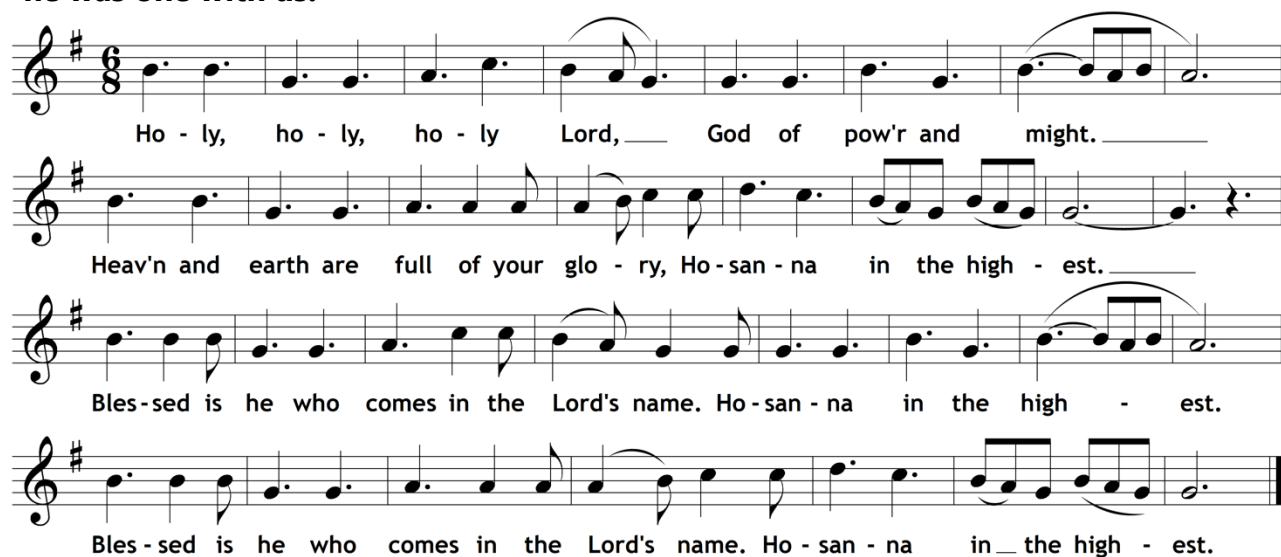
Bone of our bone, flesh of our flesh,

Writing heaven's pardon over earth's mistakes,

Christ is God's own Son.

The Word became flesh, he lived among us,

he was one with us.



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might.

Heav'n and earth are full of your glo - ry, Ho - san - na in the high - est.

Bles - sed is he who comes in the Lord's name. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

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When the world could wait no longer,

The carpenters took up their tools,

They made a cross for God's own Son,
**Fashioned from wood and skill of human hands,
Fashioned from hate and the will of human minds,**
He was a man of sorrows and acquainted with grief,
For us he grieved.

He was summoned to the judgement hall,
An enemy of the state, a danger to religion,
By us he was judged.
He was lashed with tongues and scourged with thongs,
By his stripes we are healed.
Bone of our bone, flesh of our flesh.
He died declaring God's forgiveness.
He rose on the third day, transforming death.
He ascended into heaven, that he might be everywhere on earth.
He sent the Holy Spirit as the seal of his intention.
He sets before us bread and wine, and invites us to his table
**This is the place where we are made well again,
And all will be well.**
For God sent his Son not to condemn the world,
But that the world through him might be saved.

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INVITATION TO RECEIVE OUR TITHES & OFFERINGS

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PRAYER OF DEDICATION

***HYMN #530**

"One Bread, One Body"

Refrain:

One bread, one body, one Lord of all,
one cup of blessing which we bless.
And we, though many,
throughout the earth,
we are one body in this one Lord.

1 Gentile or Jew, servant or free,
woman or man, no more. (Refrain)

2 Many the gifts, many the works,
one in the Lord of all. (Refrain)

3 Grain for the fields, scattered and grown,
gathered to one, for all. (Refrain)

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

**All active members of FPCE are asked to remain for a brief congregational meeting
for the purpose of electing a pastor nominating committee.**

***Immediately following the meeting, please join us in the Gathering Place for
a reception to formally honor Pastor Michael's June 2020 retirement.***

Participants in this worship service:

The Rev. Michael P. Rucker, pastor
Shaun Cloonan, minister of music | Sunny Sakai, pianist
John Foster, videographer | Elaine Cloonan, greeter

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

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!

BOOK CLUB CONTINUES, "Women of the Bible Speak" – by Shannon Bream, 10:00AM, Tuesdays at the home of Rhonda Apossos, 361 Maple Avenue, Edgewood.

TO HELP BEAUTIFY FPCE, weeding/gardening was started on the side lawn/prayer garden area of the church. This is only a start and needs on-going help. If you find yourself with extra time any time of the day or evening, come over and pull some weeds, trim, etc. If this upkeep is done on a more regular basis, it won't be as hard to control.

INTERESTED IN BEING A LITURGIST? Contact worship committee chair Rhonda Apossos to sign up for an upcoming Sunday and assist our guest pastors in leading worship.

Upcoming Events at FPCE

Sunday, August 8 at 10:00AM

Summer Worship, The Rev. Kellie Weekley-Mills preaching

Saturday, August 14 at 10:00AM

Ed Masten Memorial Service, The Rev. Michael Rucker officiating

Sunday, August 15 at 10:00AM

Emerging Worship, The Rev. Bob Ruefle preaching

Saturday, August 21 at 10:00AM

Doris Hamilton Memorial Service

Sunday, August 22 at 10:00AM

Summer Worship with Baptism, The Rev. Bob Ruefle preaching



*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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