



First Presbyterian Church of Edgewood Worship Thirteenth Sunday after Pentecost – August 22, 2021

*All who are able, please stand.

PRELUDE

WELCOME & SHARING OF CHURCH LIFE

TOLLING OF THE HOUR

*CALL TO WORSHIP (responsive)

We serve the Creator, who loves us into life.

We follow Christ, who loves us unto death.

We listen for the Spirit, who loves us into transformation.

We worship God, whose love knows no bounds.

*OPENING PRAYER (unison)

**Give your church, O God, the grace to serve you with courage,
that our lives may be a witness to your compassion and our actions
a testimony to your mercy. Though Jesus Christ our Lord,
by the power of the Holy Spirit, we pray. Amen.**

*HYMN #62

“Love the Lord Your God”

(sing twice)

Love the Lord your God with all your heart. Love the Lord your God with all your soul.

Love the Lord your God with all your mind. Love the Lord your God with all that you are.

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (unison)

**Holy God, we have heard your command to love you, to love our neighbor,
and to love ourselves, yet we fall into patterns of shallow devotion,
false kindness, and self-doubt. We have heard your call to do justice,
to love kindness, to walk humbly with you, yet we're drawn to safety,
not justice; apathy, not kindness; pacing, not walking.**

Hear our prayers, O God.

Forgive us for what we have done and for what we have left undone.

Hear our prayers, O God,

and move us to deeper trust and more faithful action. (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 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

Luke 10:25-37

²⁵ Just then a lawyer stood up to test Jesus. "Teacher," he said, "what must I do to inherit eternal life?" ²⁶ He said to him, "What is written in the law? What do you read there?" ²⁷ He answered, "You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your strength, and with all your mind; and your neighbor as yourself." ²⁸ And he said to him, "You have given the right answer; do this, and you will live."

²⁹ But wanting to justify himself, he asked Jesus, "And who is my neighbor?" ³⁰ Jesus replied, "A man was going down from Jerusalem to Jericho, and fell into the hands of robbers, who stripped him, beat him, and went away, leaving him half dead. ³¹ Now by chance a priest was going down that road; and when he saw him, he passed by on the other side. ³² So likewise a Levite, when he came to the place and saw him, passed by on the other side. ³³ But a Samaritan while traveling came near him; and when he saw him, he was moved with pity. ³⁴ He went to him and bandaged his wounds, having poured oil and wine on them. Then he put him on his own animal, brought him to an inn, and took care of him. ³⁵ The next day he took out two denarii, gave them to the innkeeper, and said, 'Take care of him; and when I come back, I will repay you whatever more you spend.' ³⁶ Which of these three, do you think, was a neighbor to the man who fell into the hands of the robbers?" ³⁷ He said, "The one who showed him mercy." Jesus said to him, "Go and do likewise."

SERMON

"Love Your Neighbor"

Rev. Bob Ruele

***HYMN #623**

“I’ve Got Peace Like a River”

1 I’ve got peace like a river; I’ve got peace like a river;
I’ve got peace like a river, in my soul.
I’ve got peace like a river; I’ve got peace like a river;
I’ve got peace like a river, in my soul.

2 I’ve got joy like a fountain...

3 I’ve got love like an ocean...

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.

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PRAYER OF DEDICATION

***HYMN #300**

“We are One in the Spirit”

1 We are one in the Spirit; we are one in the Lord;
we are one in the Spirit; we are one in the Lord,
and we pray that all unity may one day be restored:

Refrain:

And they’ll know we are Christians by our love, by our love;
yes, they’ll know we are Christians by our love.

2 We will walk with each other; we will walk hand in hand;
we will walk with each other; we will walk hand in hand,
and together we’ll spread the news that God is in our land: (Refrain)

3 We will work with each other; we will work side by side;
we will work with each other; we will work side by side,
and we’ll guard human dignity and save human pride: (Refrain)

4 All praise to the Father, from whom all things come,
and all praise to Christ Jesus, God’s only Son,
and all praise to the Spirit, who makes us one: (Refrain)

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

Participants in this worship service:

The Rev. Bob Ruefle, guest pastor | Elder Lisa Segedy, liturgist
Shaun Cloonan, minister of music | Sunny Sakai, pianist
John Foster, videographer | Judy Mysels, greeter

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

AUGUST 5, 2021 REVISED IN-PERSON WORSHIP GUIDELINES:

Due to the rise in cases of COVID-19 and the Delta Variant, and in response to Allegheny County moving from the moderate to substantial transmission rate, the Worship Committee has reinstated safety protocols for in-person worship following CDC recommendations as follows:

- **Properly worn masks are required for all those attending worship regardless of vaccination status**
- Please continue to observe social distancing in the marked pews
- **Congregational singing may continue while masked.** You are welcome to use the hymnals in the pews, stand and join in singing of hymns and responses. Lyrics will continue to be printed in the bulletin for those following along online.

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!

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

INTERESTED IN BEING A LITURGIST? Contact Shaun Cloonan to sign up for an upcoming Sunday and assist our guest pastors in leading worship.

UPCOMING WORSHIP SCHEDULE:

August 29 – Dr. Richard D'Ippolito preaching

September 5 – Communion worship with the Rev. Kellie Weekley-Mills preaching

September 12 – Rally Day, Worship returns to 11:00 with choir, Faye D'Ippolito 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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