



First Presbyterian Church of Edgewood Worship
14th Sunday after Pentecost – August 29, 2021

*All who are able, please stand.

PRELUDE

WELCOME & SHARING OF CHURCH LIFE

TOLLING OF THE HOUR

***CALL TO WORSHIP** (responsive)

Listen to this, O Job, Stand and consider the wonders of God.

Do you know how God establishes them, And makes the lightning of His cloud to shine?

Do you know about the layers of the thick clouds,

The wonders of one perfect in knowledge,

You whose garments are hot, When the land is still because of the south wind?

Can you, with Him, spread out the skies, Strong as a molten mirror?

Teach us what we shall say to Him;

We cannot arrange our case because of darkness.

***HYMN #32**

"I Sing the Mighty Power of God"

1 I sing the mighty power of God
 that made the mountains rise,
 that spread the flowing seas abroad
 and built the lofty skies.
 I sing the wisdom that ordained
 the sun to rule the day.
 The moon shines full at God's command,
 and all the stars obey.

2 I sing the goodness of the Lord
 who filled the earth with food.
 God formed the creatures through the Word,
 and then pronounced them good.

Lord, how thy wonders are displayed,
 where'er I turn my eye,
 if I survey the ground I tread,
 or gaze upon the sky!

3 There's not a plant or flower below
 but makes thy glories known.
 And clouds arise, and tempests blow,
 by order from thy throne,
 while all that borrows life from thee
 is ever in thy care,
 and everywhere that we can be,
 thou, God, art present there.

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (unison)

Dear Lord God, every morning as soon as we awaken, we think only of ourselves and what we are going to DO with the precious gift of a new day. We fail to think of what we can BE, and being of service to others in your name is ever far from our minds. When we think of mission, we think of crossing saltwater. When we think of missionaries, we see rugged movie missionaries in khaki shorts having tea in their private tents. We ask that you forgive our blindness. We do not see that frail, wrinkled old woman, strengthened by the Spirit of God, who left the safe walls of her convent school to walk the filthy streets of Calcutta proclaiming God’s love and teaching slum children. Help us to see the needs in our own communities and help us to remember Mother Teresa’s words to us all, “We cannot all do great things, but we can do small things with great love.” We ask this in his precious name. Hear now my silent prayer...

(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.

SPECIAL MUSIC

“Let All Things Now Living”
Richard D’Ippolito Composer, Autoharp
Text by Katherine K. Davis

SCRIPTURES

Genesis 1:1-2a; John 1:1a; Proverbs 8:22-31; Job 38:4-13

SERMON

“In the Beginning?”

Richard D’Ippolito

***HYMN #370**

"This is My Father's World"

1 This is my Father's world,
and to my listening ears
all nature sings, and round me rings
the music of the spheres.
This is my Father's world;
I rest me in the thought
of rocks and trees, of skies and seas,
his hand the wonders wrought.

2 This is my Father's world.
O, let me ne'er forget
that though the wrong seems oft so strong,
God is the ruler yet.
This is my Father's world.
The battle is not done:
Jesus who died shall be satisfied,
and earth and heaven be one.

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 & OFFERINGSfpcedgewood.org/donate**PRAYER OF DEDICATION****HYMN #625**

"How Great Thou Art"

1 O Lord, my God, when I in awesome wonder
Consider all the worlds Thy Hands have made
I see the stars, I hear the rolling thunder
Thy power throughout the universe displayed

Refrain:

Then sings my soul, my Saviour God, to Thee
How great Thou art, how great Thou art
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How great Thou art, how great Thou art

2 When through the woods, and forest glades I wander
And hear the birds sing sweetly in the trees
When I look down, from lofty mountain grandeur
And see the brook, and feel the gentle breeze (*Refrain*)

3 And when I think of God, His Son not sparing
Sent Him to die, I scarce can take it in
That on the Cross, my burden gladly bearing
He bled and died to take away my sin (*Refrain*)

4 When Christ shall come with shout of acclamation
And lead me home, what joy shall fill my heart
Then I shall bow with humble adoration
And then proclaim, my God, how great Thou art (*Refrain*)

BENEDICTION**POSTLUDE**

Participants in this worship service:

Richard D'Ippolito, guest pastor | Rick Masten, 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:

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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