



First Presbyterian Church of Edgewood Online Worship
First Sunday in Lent – February 21, 2021

PRELUDE

THE WELCOME & SHARING OF CHURCH LIFE

TOLLING OF THE HOUR

READING OF GOD’S WORD

PRAYER

CALL TO WORSHIP (responsive)

Based on Psalm 47

Clap your hands, all you nations; Shout to God with cries of joy.

How awesome is the Lord Most High; The great King over all the earth.

Sing praises to God, sing praises; Sing praises to our King, sing praises.

For God is the King of all the earth; Sing to Him a psalm of praise.

Praise the Lord God, for He is worthy to receive glory and honor and power,

Now and forever. Amen.

HYMN #165

“The Glory of These Forty Days”

1 The glory of these forty days
we celebrate with songs of praise;
for Christ, by whom all things were made,
himself has fasted and has prayed.

3 So Daniel trained his mystic sight,
delivered from the lions’ might;
and John, the Bridegroom’s friend, became
the herald of Messiah’s name.

2 Alone and fasting Moses saw
the loving God who gave the law;
and to Elijah, fasting, came
the steeds and chariots of flame.

4 Then grant that we like them be true,
consumed in fast and prayer with you;
our spirits strengthen with your grace,
and give us joy to see your face.

LENTEN CANDLE RITUAL

REFLECTION & EXTINGUISHING OF THE FIRST CANDLE

PRAYER

RESPONSE #695

“Change My Heart, O God”

Change my heart, O God; make it ever true. Change my heart, O God; may I be like you.

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (unison)

Gracious God, I have sinned times without number, and been guilty of pride and unbelief, and of neglect to seek you in my daily life. My sins and shortcomings present me with a list of accusations, but I thank you that they will not stand against me, for all have been laid on Christ. Deliver me from every evil habit, every interest of former sins, everything that dims the brightness of your grace in me, everything that prevents me taking delight in you. For the sake of your name, wash, cleanse, and forgive me. Amen.

(silent confession)

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

RESPONSE #468

"Be Glorified"

1 In my life, Lord, be glorified; be glorified.

In my life, Lord, be glorified today.

2 In your church, Lord, be glorified; be glorified.

In your church, Lord, be glorified today.

CONFESSION OF OUR FAITH

The Westminster Confession Shorter Catechism

Q. 5. Are there more Gods than one?

A. There is but one only, the living and true God.

(Deut 6.4; Jeremiah 10.10)

ANTHEM

"I Stand in Awe"

Mark Altrogge

You are beautiful beyond description
Too marvelous for words
Too wonderful for comprehension
Like nothing ever seen or heard
Who can grasp Your infinite wisdom?
Who can fathom the depth of Your love?

You are beautiful beyond description
Majesty, enthroned above
And I stand, I stand in awe of You
I stand, I stand in awe of You
Holy God, to whom all praise is due
I stand in awe of You

SCRIPTURE

Isaiah 40:18-24

¹⁸ To whom then will you liken God? Or what likeness will you compare with Him?

¹⁹ As for the idol, a craftsman casts it, A goldsmith plates it with gold, And a silversmith fashions chains of silver. ²⁰ He who is too impoverished for such an offering

Selects a tree that does not rot; He seeks out for himself a skillful craftsman

to prepare an idol that will not totter. ²¹ Do you not know? Have you not heard?

Has it not been declared to you from the beginning? Have you not understood from the foundations of the earth? ²² It is He who sits above the circle of the earth, And its

inhabitants are like grasshoppers, Who stretches out the heavens like a curtain And spreads them out like a tent to live in. ²³ It is He who reduces rulers to nothing,

Who makes the judges of the earth meaningless.

²⁴ Scarcely have they been planted, Scarcely have they been sown, Scarcely has their stock taken root in the earth, But He merely blows on them, and they wither, And the storm carries them away like stubble.

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SERMON

“The Incomparability of the Person of God”

Rev. Rivera

HYMN

“More Precious Than Silver”

Lord, you are more precious than silver.

Lord, you are more costly than gold.

Lord, you are more beautiful than diamonds,
and nothing I desire compares with you.

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 & OFFERINGS

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

HYMN #24

“God, Who Stretched the Spangled Heavens”

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| <p>1 God, who stretched the spangled heavens
infinite in time and place,
flung the suns in burning radiance
through the silent fields of space,
we, your children in your likeness,
share inventive powers with you.
Great Creator, still creating,
show us what we yet may do.</p> <p>2 Proudly rise our modern cities,
stately buildings row on row.
Yet their windows, blank, unfeeling,
stare on canyoned streets below,
where the lonely drift unnoticed
in the city’s ebb and flow,
lost to purpose and to meaning,
scarcely caring where they go.</p> | <p>3 We have ventured worlds undreamed of
since the childhood of our race;
known the ecstasy of winging
though untraveled realms of space;
probed the secrets of the atom,
yielding unimagined power,
facing us with life’s destruction
or our most triumphant hour.</p> <p>4 As each far horizon beckons,
may it challenge us anew,
children of creative purpose,
serving others, honoring you.
May our dreams prove rich with promise,
each endeavor well begun.
Great Creator, give us guidance
till our goals and yours are one.</p> |
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BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

Participants in this worship service:

The Rev. Anthony Rivera, pastor
Shaun Cloonan, minister of music
Sunny Sakai, pianist
Elder John Foster, videographer

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IN-PERSON WORSHIP GUIDELINES

- everyone must wear a mask properly
- there is a 50-person maximum capacity in the sanctuary, including the pastor and worship staff
- refrain from singing, handshaking, and hugging
- please move personal discussions after the service outdoors to avoid inside gatherings
- please observe social distancing in the pews - space apart from each other in the marked pews

We understand that each person is different with 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.



*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.*