

# First Presbyterian Church of Edgewood Online Worship Sixth Sunday after Pentecost – July 12, 2020

#### **PRELUDE**

#### THE WELCOME & SHARING OF CHURCH LIFE

#### **TOLLING OF THE HOUR**

**CALL TO WORSHIP** (responsive)

God's word is a lamp to our feet and a light to our path.

We gather 'round table, font, and pulpit to root ourselves in sacred story and grow in faith.

God's teachings are our heritage; They bring joy to searching hearts.

# We gather in God's presence to offer our thanks and praise!

# **HYMN #49**

"The God of Abraham Praise"

- 1 The God of Abraham praise, who reigns enthroned above, the Ancient of Eternal Days, the God of love!

  The Lord, the great I am, by earth and heaven confessed, we bow before your holy name, forever blest.
- 2 Your spirit still flows free, high surging where it will. In prophet's word you spoke of old and you speak still. Established is your law, and changeless it shall stand, deep writ upon the human heart by your strong hand.
- 3 Your goodly land we seek, with peace and plenty blest, a land of sacred liberty and Sabbath rest.

  There milk and honey flow, and oil and wine abound, and trees of life forever grow with mercy crowned.
- 4 You have eternal life implanted in the soul; your love shall be our strength and stay, while ages roll.

  We praise you, living God!

  We praise your holy name: the first, the last, beyond all thought, and still the same!

#### **CALL TO CONFESSION**

## **PRAYER OF CONFESSION** (unison)

God the Sower, we confess that we do not always live as people who obey your law. Sometimes, we are like rocky ground.

We welcome your word when life is simple.

But as soon as we face challenge, we forget your teachings and our faith withers.

Sometimes, we are a thicket full of thorns.

We clamor for more and step over the needy.

Your word is choked out of our hearts.

Forgive us, Lord.

Let your Spirit work within and among us; make us good soil.

Weed out our resistance and water us with your grace,

that your word might grow within us and we might bear fruit for the sake of your kingdom.

(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.

World without end, without end, Amen.

World without end, without end. Amen.

As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be. Amen.

#### **SCRIPTURE**

Exodus 3:13-15

(page 50 in the Old Testament)

13 But Moses said to God, "If I come to the Israelites and say to them, 'The God of your ancestors has sent me to you,' and they ask me, 'What is his name?' what shall I say to them?" 14 God said to Moses, "I AM WHO I AM." He said further, "Thus you shall say to the Israelites, 'I AM has sent me to you.'" 15 God also said to Moses, "Thus you shall say to the Israelites, 'The LORD, the God of your ancestors, the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob, has sent me to you':

This is my name forever, and this my title for all generations.

#### **RESPONSE**

"We Will Glorify"

- 1 We will glorify the King of kings We will glorify the Lamb We will glorify the Lord of lords Who is the great I AM
- 2 Lord Jehovah reigns in majestyWe will bow before His throneWe will worship Him in righteousnessWe will worship Him alone
- 3 He is Lord of Heaven, Lord of Earth He is Lord of all who live He is Lord above the universe All praise to Him we give
- 4 Hallelujah to the King of kings Hallelujah to the Lamb Hallelujah to the Lord of Lords Who is the great I AM

#### **SCRIPTURE**

Colossians 2:8-10 (pages 200-201 in the New Testament)

8 See to it that no one takes you captive through philosophy and empty deceit, according to human tradition, according to the elemental spirits of the universe, and not according to Christ. 9 For in him the whole fullness of deity dwells bodily, 10 and you have come to fullness in him, who is the head of every ruler and authority.

#### **SERMON**

## "The Enigmatic God"

The Rev. Kellie Weekley-Mills

#### **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 Then sings my soul, my Saviour God, to Thee 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

# 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.

## **CALL TO STEWARDSHIP**

#### **HYMN #634**

## "To God be the Glory"

1 To God be the glory; great things he has done! So loved he the world that he gave us his Son, who yielded his life an atonement for sin, and opened the life-gate that all may go in.

#### Refrain:

Praise the Lord, praise the Lord; let the earth hear his voice! Praise the Lord, praise the Lord; let the people rejoice! O come to the Father through Jesus the Son, and give him the glory: great things he has done!

2 Great things he has taught us; great things he has done, and great our rejoicing through Jesus the Son; but purer and higher and greater will be our wonder, our transport, when Jesus we see. (Refrain)

#### **BENEDICTION**

#### **POSTLUDE**

# Participants in this worship service:

The Rev. Kellie Weekley-Mills, guest pastor Shaun Cloonan, minister of music Sunny Sakai, pianist Elder John Foster, videographer

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