



First Presbyterian Church of Edgewood Worship
Eighth Sunday after Pentecost – July 18, 2021

*All who are able, please stand.

PRELUDE

WELCOME & SHARING OF CHURCH LIFE

TOLLING OF THE HOUR

READING OF GOD'S WORD

Isaiah 55.1-3, 6-7

PRAYER

***CALL TO WORSHIP** (responsive)

Bless the Lord, O my soul, and all that is within me, bless His holy name.

Bless the Lord, O my soul, and forget none of His benefits;

Who pardons all your iniquities,

Who heals all your diseases; who redeems your life from the pit,

Who crowns you with lovingkindness and compassion;

Who satisfies your years with good things,

So that your youth is renewed like the eagle.

Bless the Lord, O my soul, bless His holy name.

***HYMN**

"I Have Decided to Follow Jesus"

1 I have decided to follow Jesus,
I have decided to follow Jesus,
I have decided to follow Jesus,
No turning back, no turning back.

3 Tho' none go with me, still I will follow,
Tho' none go with me, still I will follow,
Tho' none go with me, still I will follow,
No turning back, no turning back.

2 The world behind me, the cross before me;
The world behind me, the cross before me;
The world behind me, the cross before me;
No turning back, no turning back.

4 Will you decide now to follow Jesus?
Will you decide now to follow Jesus?
Will you decide now to follow Jesus?
No turning back, no turning back.

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (unison)

Heavenly Father, you are the all-wise King who created and sustains all things by your wisdom. Your holiness and power are made evident in your providential care for everything you have made, including us. Yet we confess that we have not honored you and given you the thanks and praise you deserve. Instead of worshipping you, we have worshiped power, control, money, reputation, and many other things. Too often, we have praised and valued these things above all in our hearts, pursuing them as if they were true treasure.

Father, please forgive us. We thank you for Jesus who always trusted in you and treasured you above all else. Holy Spirit, we humbly ask that you grow us daily in the knowledge and fear of the Lord, and grant us a deep longing for the day when you complete your good work in us and take us to be with you forever. In Jesus' name we pray. 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.

CONFESSION OF OUR FAITH

The Westminster Confession Shorter Catechism

Q. 26. How does Christ execute the office of a king?

A. Christ executes the office of a king, in subduing us to himself, in ruling and defending us, and in restraining and conquering all his and our enemies.

(*Acts 15:14-16; Isa. 33:22; Isa. 32:1-2; 1 Cor. 15:25*)

HYMN #721

"Lord, You Have Come to the Lakeshore"

1 Lord, you have come to the lakeshore
looking neither for wealthy nor wise ones;
you only asked me to follow humbly.

2 You know so well my possessions;
my boat carries no gold and no weapons;
you will find there my nets and labor.
(Refrain)

Refrain

O Lord, with your eyes
you have searched me,
and while smiling have spoken my name;
now my boat's left
on the shoreline behind me.
By your side I will seek other seas.

3 You need my hands, full of caring,
through my labors to give others rest
and constant love that keeps on loving.
(Refrain)

4 You, who have fished other oceans,
ever longed for by souls who are waiting,
my loving friend, as thus you call me:
(Refrain)

SCRIPTURE

John 1.35-45

³⁵ Again the next day John was standing with two of his disciples, ³⁶ and he looked at Jesus as He walked, and *said, "Behold, the Lamb of God!" ³⁷ The two disciples heard him speak, and they followed Jesus. ³⁸ And Jesus turned and saw them following, and *said to them, "What do you seek?" They said to Him, "Rabbi (which translated means Teacher), where are You staying?" ³⁹ He *said to them, "Come, and you will see." So they came and saw where He was staying; and they stayed with Him that day, for it was about the tenth hour. ⁴⁰ One of the two who heard John speak and followed Him, was Andrew, Simon Peter's brother. ⁴¹ He found first his own brother Simon and said to him, "We have found the Messiah" (which translated means Christ). ⁴² He brought him to Jesus. Jesus looked at him and said, "You are Simon the son of John; you shall be called Cephas" (which is translated Peter).

⁴³ The next day He purposed to go into Galilee, and He *found Philip. And Jesus *said to him, "Follow Me." ⁴⁴ Now Philip was from Bethsaida, of the city of Andrew and Peter. ⁴⁵ Philip *found Nathanael and said to him, "We have found Him of whom Moses in the Law and also the Prophets wrote—Jesus of Nazareth, the son of Joseph."

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SERMON

"We Have Found Him!"

Rev. Tony Rivera

*HYMN #724

"O Jesus, I Have Promised"

1 O Jesus, I have promised
to serve thee to the end;
be thou forever near me,
my Master and my friend;
I shall not fear the battle
if thou art by my side,
nor wander from the pathway
if thou wilt be my guide.

3 O let me hear thee speaking
in accents clear and still,
above the storms of passion,
the murmurs of self-will;
O speak to reassure me,
to hasten or control;
O speak, and make me listen,
thou guardian of my soul.

2 O let me feel thee near me!
The world is ever near:
I see the sights that dazzle;
the tempting sounds I hear.
My foes are ever near me,
around me and within;
but, Jesus, draw thou nearer
and shield my soul from sin.

4 O Jesus, thou hast promised
to all who follow thee
that where thou art in glory
there shall thy servant be.
And, Jesus, I have promised
to serve thee to the end;
O give me grace to follow,
my Master and my friend.

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 #726

"Will You Come and Follow Me"

- 1 "Will you come and follow me if I but call your name?
Will you go where you don't know and never be the same?
Will you let my love be shown; will you let my name be known;
will you let my life be grown in you and you in me?"
- 2 "Will you leave yourself behind if I but call your name?
Will you care for cruel and kind and never be the same?
Will you risk the hostile stare should your life attract or scare?
Will you let me answer prayer in you and you in me?"
- 3 "Will you let the blinded see if I but call your name?
Will you set the prisoners free and never be the same?
Will you kiss the leper clean, and do such as this unseen,
and admit to what I mean in you and you in me?"
- 4 "Will you love the 'you' you hide if I but call your name?
Will you quell the fear inside and never be the same?
Will you use the faith you've found to reshape the world around,
through my sight and touch and sound in you and you in me?"
- 5 Lord, your summons echoes true when you but call my name.
Let me turn and follow you and never be the same.
In your company I'll go where your love and footsteps show.
Thus I'll move and live and grow in you and you in me.

BENEDICTION POSTLUDE

Participants in this worship service:

The Rev. Anthony Rivera, pastor
Tyler McGuigan, vocalist | Sunny Sakai, pianist
John Foster & Tim Hoffman, videographers | Judy Mysels, greeter

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