



First Presbyterian Church of Edgewood Online Worship
Eighth Sunday after Pentecost – July 26, 2020

PRELUDE

THE WELCOME & SHARING OF CHURCH LIFE

TOLLING OF THE HOUR

CALL TO WORSHIP (responsive)

A tiny seed that burgeons into a majestic tree with branches that offer shelter and shade;
or yeast, hidden within a bushel of flour, that transforms the dough in due time:

this is what the kingdom of heaven is like.

We gather 'round Jesus-our teacher and Lord-seeking wisdom and understanding.
longing for a foretaste of the kingdom of heaven.

Let anyone with ears to hear listen!

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)

God, your kingdom confounds us.

**You challenge our assumptions about right living
and stretch our understanding of what holds worth.**

**You reverse our expectations and reorder our priorities
until they reflect your vision of well-being for all.**

Your kingdom surprises us with grace upon grace.

**But we cling to the values of this world, which privilege products over people,
success over service, and competition for resources over the common good.**

**Open us to new ways of living that embody your desire for creation
and contribute to a commonwealth marked by justice and joy.**

(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

Genesis 1:1-5

¹In the beginning when God created the heavens and the earth, ²the earth was a formless void and darkness covered the face of the deep, while a wind from God swept over the face of the waters. ³Then God said, "Let there be light"; and there was light. ⁴And God saw that the light was good; and God separated the light from the darkness. ⁵God called the light Day, and the darkness he called Night. And there was evening and there was morning, the first day.

SERMON

"Creativity in Chaos"

The Rev. Kellie Weekley-Mills

HYMN #24

"God, Who Stretched the Spangled Heavens"

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.	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.
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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.

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.

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 #39

"Great is Thy Faithfulness"

1 Great is thy faithfulness, O God my Father;
there is no shadow of turning with thee.
Thou changest not; thy compassions they fail not.
As thou hast been thou forever wilt be.

2 Summer and winter, and springtime and harvest,
sun, moon, and stars in their courses above
join with all nature in manifold witness
to thy great faithfulness, mercy, and love.
(Refrain)

Refrain:

Great is thy faithfulness!
Great is thy faithfulness!
Morning by morning, new mercies I see.
All I have needed thy hand hath provided.
Great is thy faithfulness, Lord unto me!

3 Pardon for sin and a peace that endureth,
thine own dear presence to cheer and to guide,
strength for today and bright hope for tomorrow:
blessings all mine, with ten thousand beside!
(Refrain)

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

Participants in this worship service:

The Rev. Kellie Weekley-Mills, guest pastor

Shaun Cloonan, minister of music

Sunny Sakai, pianist

Elder Tom Ochs, videographer

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*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.*

