



**First Presbyterian Church of Edgewood Online Worship**  
**Fourth Sunday after Pentecost – June 28, 2020**

**PRELUDE**

**THE WELCOME & SHARING OF CHURCH LIFE**

**TOLLING OF THE HOUR**

**CALL TO WORSHIP** (responsive)

O God, you sing us a love song every time we gather,

**Every time the bread is broken,**

Every time the cup is blessed.

**O God, sing to us again.**

Let our lives blossom in your love

**Till the whole world knows your love song.**

**HYMN #450**

“Be Thou My Vision”

- 1 Be thou my vision, O Lord of my heart;  
naught be all else to me, save that thou art;  
thou my best thought, by day or by night,  
waking or sleeping, thy presence my light.
- 2 Be thou my wisdom, and thou my true Word;  
I ever with thee and thou with me, Lord;  
thou my soul’s shelter, and thou my high tower;  
raise thou me heavenward, O Power of my power.
- 3 Riches I heed not, nor vain, empty praise;  
thou, mine inheritance, now and always;  
thou and thou only, first in my heart,  
High King of Heaven, my treasure thou art.
- 4 High King of Heaven, my victory won,  
may I reach heaven’s joys, O bright heaven’s Sun!  
Heart of my own heart, whatever befall,  
still be my vision, O Ruler of all.

## CALL TO CONFESSION

### PRAYER OF CONFESSION (unison)

**God above all and within all, you desire a harmony of heart and mind, of humanity and creation that flows as steadily as a mountain stream. Yet how often we block the flow. We prefer to notice differences, point out flaws, look for contradictions. The inner connections with all creation, the shared breath of the universe, get lost in a sea of distinctions. We let divisive words pass without challenge and let skin color and dress and language push us apart. Healing God, weave us together. Break down the walls that divide us and let your unity flow within us. In the name of Jesus. 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.  
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.

### PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION (unison)

**Holy God, may the soil of our hearts be fertile ground in which your word may take root. Speak to us today the word we need to hear, whether it is a word of comfort or conviction, courage or correction. Plant it deep within us, and bring it to fruition, for the sake of the Word incarnate. Amen.**

### SCRIPTURE

Philippians 2:1-13

**2** Therefore if you have any encouragement from being united with Christ, if any comfort from his love, if any common sharing in the Spirit, if any tenderness and compassion, <sup>2</sup> then make my joy complete by being like-minded, having the same love, being one in spirit and of one mind. <sup>3</sup> Do nothing out of selfish ambition or vain conceit. Rather, in humility value others above yourselves, <sup>4</sup> not looking to your own interests but each of you to the interests of the others.

<sup>5</sup> In your relationships with one another, have the same mindset as Christ Jesus:

<sup>6</sup> Who, being in very nature God,  
did not consider equality with God something to be used to his own advantage;

<sup>7</sup> rather, he made himself nothing  
by taking the very nature of a servant,  
being made in human likeness.

<sup>8</sup> And being found in appearance as a man,  
he humbled himself

by becoming obedient to death—  
even death on a cross!

<sup>9</sup> Therefore God exalted him to the highest place  
and gave him the name that is above every name,  
<sup>10</sup> that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow,  
in heaven and on earth and under the earth,  
<sup>11</sup> and every tongue acknowledge that Jesus Christ is Lord,  
to the glory of God the Father.

<sup>12</sup> Therefore, my dear friends, as you have always obeyed—not only in my presence, but  
now much more in my absence—continue to work out your salvation with fear and  
trembling, <sup>13</sup> for it is God who works in you to will and to act in order to fulfill his good  
purpose.

## HYMN

### “All Hail the Power of Jesus’ Name”

1 All hail the power of Jesus' name! Let angels prostrate fall; bring forth the royal diadem, and crown him Lord of all! Bring forth the royal diadem, and crown him Lord of all!	3 Let every kindred, every tribe on this terrestrial ball to him all majesty ascribe, and crown him Lord of all! To him all majesty ascribe, and crown him Lord of all!
2 Ye chosen seed of Israel's race, ye ransomed from the fall, hail him who saves you by his grace, and crown him Lord of all! Hail him who saves you by his grace, and crown him Lord of all!	4 O that with yonder sacred throng we at his feet may fall! We'll join the everlasting song, and crown him Lord of all! We'll join the everlasting song, and crown him Lord of all!

## SCRIPTURE

Mark 4:21-32

### *A Lamp on a Stand*

<sup>21</sup> He said to them, “Do you bring in a lamp to put it under a bowl or a bed? Instead, don’t you put it on its stand? <sup>22</sup> For whatever is hidden is meant to be disclosed, and whatever is concealed is meant to be brought out into the open. <sup>23</sup> If anyone has ears to hear, let them hear.”

<sup>24</sup> “Consider carefully what you hear,” he continued. “With the measure you use, it will be measured to you—and even more. <sup>25</sup> Whoever has will be given more; whoever does not have, even what they have will be taken from them.”

### *The Parable of the Growing Seed*

<sup>26</sup> He also said, “This is what the kingdom of God is like. A man scatters seed on the ground. <sup>27</sup> Night and day, whether he sleeps or gets up, the seed sprouts and grows, though he does not know how. <sup>28</sup> All by itself the soil produces grain—first the stalk, then the head, then the full kernel in the head. <sup>29</sup> As soon as the grain is ripe, he puts the sickle to it, because the harvest has come.”

## *The Parable of the Mustard Seed*

<sup>30</sup> Again he said, "What shall we say the kingdom of God is like, or what parable shall we use to describe it? <sup>31</sup> It is like a mustard seed, which is the smallest of all seeds on earth. <sup>32</sup> Yet when planted, it grows and becomes the largest of all garden plants, with such big branches that the birds can perch in its shade."

### **SERMON**

**Pastor Michael Rucker**

### **HYMN #801**

"The Lord's My Shepherd, I'll Not Want"

1 The Lord's my Shepherd, I'll not want;  
he makes me down to lie  
in pastures green; he leadeth me  
the quiet waters by.

2 My soul he doth restore again,  
and me to walk doth make  
within the paths of righteousness,  
e'en for his own name's sake.

3 Yea, though I walk through death's dark vale,  
yet will I fear none ill,

for thou art with me; and thy rod  
and staff me comfort still.

4 My table thou hast furnished  
in presence of my foes;  
my head thou dost with oil anoint,  
and my cup overflows.

5 Goodness and mercy all my life  
shall surely follow me;  
and in God's house forevermore  
my dwelling place shall be.

### **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**

#### **COMMUNION ANTHEM**

"Come, Share the Lord"

#### **THE SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER**

##### **INVITATION TO THE LORD'S TABLE**

The God of heaven has made his home on earth,

**Christ dwells among us and is one with us.**

Highest in all creation, he lives among the least,

**He journeys with the rejected and welcomes the weary.**

Come now all who hunger

**And be filled with the bread of heaven.**

Come now all who thirst,

**And drink from the cup of salvation.**

Come now all who seek

**And be warmed by the fire of love.**

## GREAT THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts.

**We lift them up to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

Blessed are you, strong and faithful God.

All your works, the height and the depth, echo the silent music of your praise.

In the beginning your Word summoned light,  
night withdrew, and creation dawned.

As ages passed unseen,  
waters gathered on the face of the earth and life appeared.

**When the times at last had ripened  
and the earth grown full in abundance,  
you created in your image man and woman,  
the stewards of all creation.**

**You gave us breath and speech,  
that all the living might find a voice to sing your praise,  
and to celebrate the creation you call good.**

So now, with all the powers of heaven and earth,  
we sing the ageless hymn of your glory:

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow - er and might, \_\_\_\_\_  
Bless - sed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. \_\_\_\_\_ Ho -  
hea - ven and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the high - est.  
san - na in the high - est, ho - san - na in the high - est.

All holy God,

how wonderful is the work of your hands!

When sin had scarred the world,

you entered into covenant to renew the whole creation.

As a mother tenderly gathers her children,  
as a father joyfully welcomes his own,

you embraced a people as your own and filled them with longing  
for a peace that would last and for a justice that would never fail.

**Through countless generations**

**your people hungered for the bread of freedom.**

**From them you raised up Jesus, your Son, the living bread,  
in whom ancient hungers are satisfied.**

He healed the sick,  
**though he himself would suffer;**  
he offered life to sinners,  
**though death would hunt him down.**  
But with a love stronger than death,  
**he opened wide his arms and surrendered his spirit.**

Gracious God,  
as we offer you our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving,  
we commemorate Jesus, your Son.  
Death could not bind him,  
for you raised him up in the Spirit of holiness  
and exalted him as Lord of creation  
Great is the mystery of faith:

Christ has died; — Christ is ris - en; Christ will come a - gain.

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Eternal God,  
let your Holy Spirit move in power over us  
and over these earthly gifts of bread and wine,  
that they may be the communion of the body and blood of Christ,  
and that we may become one in him.

**May his coming in glory find us  
ever watchful in prayer, strong in truth and love,  
and faithful in the breaking of the bread.**  
**Then, at last, all peoples will be free,  
all divisions healed, and with your whole creation,  
we will sing your praise,  
through your Son, Jesus Christ.**

Through Christ, with Christ, in Christ,  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
all glory and honor are yours, almighty Father,  
forever and ever.

## **BREAKING OF THE BREAD & COMMUNION OF THE PEOPLE**

The sacrament of the Lord's Supper is shared.  
You will be invited to eat the bread and drink the cup.

## **CLOSING PRAYER**

## **RECOGNITION OF HONORABLE RETIREMENT FROM THE MINISTRY OF WORD AND SACRAMENT**

The Rev. Brian Wallace  
*Pittsburgh Presbytery*

## HYMN #307

"God of Grace and God of Glory"

1 God of grace and God of glory,  
on thy people pour thy power;  
crown thine ancient church's story;  
bring its bud to glorious flower.  
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage,  
for the facing of this hour,  
for the facing of this hour.

2 Lo! the hosts of evil round us  
scorn thy Christ, assail his ways!  
From the fears that long have bound us  
free our hearts to faith and praise.  
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage,  
for the living of these days,  
for the living of these days.

3 Cure thy children's warring madness;  
bend our pride to thy control;  
shame our wanton, selfish gladness,  
rich in things and poor in soul.  
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage,  
lest we miss thy kingdom's goal,  
lest we miss thy kingdom's goal.

4 Save us from weak resignation  
to the evils we deplore.  
Let the gift of thy salvation  
be our glory evermore.  
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage,  
serving thee whom we adore,  
serving thee whom we adore.

## BENEDICTION

## POSTLUDE

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### ***Participants in this worship service:***

The Rev. Michael P. Rucker, pastor | Shaun Cloonan, minister of music | Sunny Sakai, pianist  
Elder John Foster, videographer | The Rev. Brian Wallace, associate minister, Pittsburgh Presbytery

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our mission as the First Presbyterian Church of Edgewood is to  
love God, to love each other, and to love our neighbors.*

