



**First Presbyterian Church of Edgewood Online Worship  
Fourth Sunday in Lent – March 14, 2021**

**PRELUDE**

**THE WELCOME & SHARING OF CHURCH LIFE**

**TOLLING OF THE HOUR**

**READING OF GOD’S WORD**

Luke 4:16-30

*The Rejection of Jesus at Nazareth*

**PRAYER**

**CALL TO WORSHIP** (responsive)

*Based on Psalm 138*

I will praise you, O Lord, with all my heart;  
Before the “gods” I will sing your praise.

**I will bow down toward your holy temple and will praise your name  
For your love and your faithfulness, for you have exalted above all things  
Your Name and Your word.**

May the kings of the earth praise You, O Lord,  
When they hear the words of Your mouth.

**May they sing of the ways of the Lord,  
For the glory of the Lord is great.**

**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.

**LENTEN CANDLE RITUAL**

**REFLECTION & EXTINGUISHING OF THE FOURTH 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 blessed be Your glorious name, and may it be exalted above all blessing and praise. You alone are the Lord. We confess we have sinned by our arrogance, stiff-neckedness, and refusal to obey your commands. Because of Your great compassion, do not abandon us, and for Your Name's sake, forgive us. 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. 8. How does God execute His decrees?

**A. God executes His decrees in the works of creation and providence.**

*(Psalm 148.8; Isaiah 40.26; Daniel 4.35; Acts 4.24-28; Revelation 4.11)*

## ANTHEM #177

"You are Mine"

1 "I will come to you in the silence;  
I will lift you from all your fear.  
You will hear my voice;  
I claim you as my choice.  
Be still and know I am here.

In the shadows of the night,  
I will be your light.  
Come and rest in me. (Refrain)

Refrain:

"Do not be afraid, I am with you.  
I have called you each by name.  
Come and follow me,  
I will bring you home;  
I love you and you are mine."

3 "I am strength for all the despairing,  
healing for the ones who dwell in shame.  
All the blind will see;  
the lame will all run free,  
and all will know my name. (Refrain)

2 "I am hope for all who are hopeless;  
I am eyes for all who long to see.

4 "I am the Word that leads all to freedom;  
I am the peace the world cannot give.  
I will call your name,  
embracing all your pain.  
Stand up, now walk and live! (Refrain)

## SCRIPTURE

Luke 14.25-33

<sup>25</sup> Now large crowds were going along with Him, and He turned and said to them, <sup>26</sup> "If anyone comes to Me and does not hate his own father, mother, wife, children, brothers, sisters, yes, and even his own life, he cannot be My disciple. <sup>27</sup> Whoever does not carry his own cross and come after Me cannot be My disciple. <sup>28</sup> For which one of you, when he wants to build a tower, does not first sit down and calculate the cost, to see if he has enough to complete it? <sup>29</sup> Otherwise, when he has laid a foundation and is not able to finish, all who are watching it will begin to ridicule him, <sup>30</sup> saying, 'This person began to build, and was not able to finish!' <sup>31</sup> Or what king, when he sets out to meet another

king in battle, will not first sit down and consider whether he is strong enough with ten thousand men to face the one coming against him with twenty thousand? <sup>32</sup> Otherwise, while the other is still far away, he sends a delegation and requests terms of peace. <sup>33</sup> So then, none of you can be My disciple who does not give up all his own possessions.

## **PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION**

### **SERMON**

**“To Jerusalem: Consider the Cost”**

**The Rev. Anthony Rivera**

### **HYMN #718**

**“Take Up Your Cross, the Savior Said”**

1 Take up your cross, the Savior said,  
if you would my disciple be;  
take up your cross with willing heart,  
and humbly follow after me.

3 Take up your cross; heed not the shame,  
and let your foolish pride be still;  
the Lord for you accepted death  
upon a cross, on Calvary's hill.

2 Take up your cross; let not its weight  
fill your weak spirit with alarm;  
Christ's strength shall bear your spirit up  
and brace your heart and nerve your arm.

4 Take up your cross, then, in Christ's strength,  
and calmly every danger brave:  
it guides you to abundant life  
and leads to victory o'er the grave.

## **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

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### ***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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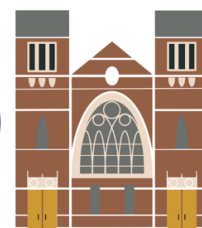
## **IN-PERSON WORSHIP GUIDELINES**

- 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 the possible 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.



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**EDGEWOOD**  
*The Community Church*



*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.*