



**First Presbyterian Church of Edgewood Online Worship**  
**Fifth Sunday in Lent – March 21, 2021**

**PRELUDE**

**WELCOME & SHARING OF CHURCH LIFE**

**TOLLING OF THE HOUR**

**READING OF GOD’S WORD**

Mark 10:35-45

*The Request of James and John*

**PRAYER**

**CALL TO WORSHIP** (responsive)

*Based on Psalm 27*

The Lord is my light and my salvation; whom shall I fear?

The Lord is the defense of my life; whom shall I dread?

**One thing I have asked from the Lord, that I shall seek;**

**That I may dwell in the house of the Lord all the days of my life,**

**To behold the beauty of the Lord and to meditate in His temple.**

For in the day of trouble He will conceal me in His tabernacle;

In the secret place of His tent, He will hide me

He will lift me up on a rock.

**And now my head will be lifted up above my enemies around me,**

**And I will offer in His tent sacrifices with shouts of joy;**

**I will sing, yes, I will sing praises to the Lord.**

**HYMN #401**

“Gather Us In”

1 Here in this place the new light is streaming;  
now is the darkness vanished away;  
see in this space our fears and our dreamings  
brought here to you in the light of this day.  
Gather us in, the lost and forsaken;  
gather us in, the blind and the lame;  
call to us now, and we shall awaken;  
we shall arise at the sound of our name.

2 We are the young; our lives are a mystery.  
We are the old who yearn for your face.  
We have been sung throughout all of history,  
called to be light to the whole human race.  
Gather us in, the rich and the haughty;  
gather us in, the proud and the strong;  
give us a heart, so meek and so lowly;  
give us the courage to enter the song.

3 Here we will take the wine and the water;  
here we will take the bread of new birth.  
Here you shall call your sons and your daughters,  
call us anew to be salt for the earth.  
Give us to drink the wine of compassion;  
give us to eat the bread that is you;  
nourish us well, and teach us to fashion  
lives that are holy and hearts that are true.

4 Not in the dark of buildings confining,  
not in some heaven, light years away:  
here in this place the new light is shining;  
now is the kingdom, and now is the day.  
Gather us in and hold us forever;  
gather us in and make us your own;  
gather us in, all peoples together,  
fire of love in our flesh and our bone.

## LENTEN CANDLE RITUAL

### REFLECTION & EXTINGUISHING OF THE FIFTH 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

*based on Prone to Wander: Prayers of Confession and Celebration*

#### PRAYER OF CONFESSION (unison)

**O God, from whom all blessings flow, we have sinned countless times just this week and have repeatedly been guilty of searching for blessings in this world apart from you. Instead of delighting in your Word, we have chosen instead to be counseled by the godless wisdom of our culture. Our hearts are wild and unruly, and we confess the perversity that governs our souls day after day. Father, we thank you for Jesus and the forgiveness that is found in him alone. He gave up all the blessings of heaven to become sin for us, choosing to be cursed so that we would be richly blessed forever. May that truth from your Word captivate and delight us afresh as we find ourselves constantly in need of your mercy and forgiveness. May we bear the fruit of joy and growing obedience as we meditate on the richness of your blessings to us in Christ, in whom fearful sinners are dearly loved and crowned with glory. In Jesus' name we pray. 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. 9. What is the work of creation?

**A. The work of creation is, God's making all things of nothing, by the word of His power, in the space of six days, and all very good.**

*(Genesis 1; Hebrews 11.3)*

#### ANTHEM

"If My People Who Bear My Name"

Graham Kendrick

If my people who bear my name will humble themselves and pray  
If they seek my presence and turn their backs on their wicked ways  
Then I will hear from heaven I'll hear from heaven and will forgive  
I will forgive their sins and will heal their land. Yes, I will heal their land.

## SCRIPTURE

Luke 18.9-14

<sup>9</sup> Now He also told this parable to some people who trusted in themselves that they were righteous, and viewed others with contempt: <sup>10</sup> "Two men went up into the temple to pray, one a Pharisee and the other a tax collector. <sup>11</sup> The Pharisee stood and began praying this in regard to himself: 'God, I thank You that I am not like other people: swindlers, crooked, adulterers, or even like this tax collector. <sup>12</sup> I fast twice a week; I pay tithes of all that I get.' <sup>13</sup> But the tax collector, standing some distance away, was even unwilling to raise his eyes toward heaven, but was beating his chest, saying, 'God, be merciful to me, the sinner!' <sup>14</sup> I tell you, this man went to his house justified rather than the other one; for everyone who exalts himself will be humbled, but the one who humbles himself will be exalted."

## PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

### SERMON

**"To Jerusalem: Consider God's Sight"**

**The Rev. Anthony Rivera**

### HYMN #698

"Take, O Take Me as I Am"

Take, O take me as I am;  
summon out what I shall be;  
set your seal upon my heart and live in me.

## 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

### HYMN #442

"Just as I Am, without One Plea"

1 Just as I am, without one plea  
but that thy blood was shed for me,  
and that thou biddest me come to thee,  
O Lamb of God, I come; I come!

2 Just as I am, though tossed about  
with many\_a conflict, many\_a doubt,  
fightings and fears within, without,  
O Lamb of God, I come; I come!

3 Just as I am, thou wilt receive,  
wilt welcome, pardon, cleanse, relieve;  
because thy promise I believe,  
O Lamb of God, I come; I come!

4 Just as I am, thy love unknown  
has broken every barrier down;  
now to be thine, yea, thine alone,  
O Lamb of God, I come; I come!

## 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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- 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

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**Palm Sunday, March 28**

Worship at 11:00am

**Maundy Thursday, April 1**

Lenten Prayer Vigil, 9:00am-2:00pm

**Good Friday, April 2**

Worship at 7:00pm

**Easter Sunday, April 4**

Worship at 11:00am

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love God, to love each other, and to love our neighbors.*

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