



First Presbyterian Church of Edgewood Online Worship
Third Sunday in Lent – March 7, 2021

PRELUDE

THE WELCOME & SHARING OF CHURCH LIFE

TOLLING OF THE HOUR

READING OF GOD’S WORD

PRAYER

CALL TO WORSHIP (responsive)

Based on Psalm 96

Ascribe to the Lord, O families of nations,
Ascribe to the Lord glory and strength.

**Ascribe to the Lord the glory due His name;
Bring an offering and come into His courts.**

Worship the Lord in the splendor of His holiness;
Tremble before Him all the earth.

**Say among the nations, “The Lord reigns.”
Amen.**

HYMN

“Adoration”

Worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness!
Bow down before Him, His glory proclaim.
With gold of obedience and incense of lowliness,
Kneel and adore Him--the Lord is His name!

Fear not to enter His presence is poverty,
Bearing no gifts to present as your own.
Bring truth in its beauty and love in its purity--
These are the offerings to lay at His throne.

LENTEN CANDLE RITUAL

REFLECTION & EXTINGUISHING OF THE THIRD 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)Abridged from *A Cry for Renewing Grace*

We cry to you, God, for renewing grace. Create in me a new heart and renew a right spirit within me. Renew me in the spirit of my mind and renew me in my inner soul. Take away this old mind that is so blind, so vain, so carnal. Take away this old will that is so obstinate, so perverse, so rebellious. Take away this old conscience that is so partial, so seared, so senseless. Take away this old heart that will never delight in, comply with, or submit to you. Work in me. Make me anew. For your Name's sake I 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. 7. What are the decrees of God?

A. The decrees of God are, his eternal purpose, according to the counsel of his will, whereby, for his own glory, he hath foreordained whatsoever comes to pass. (*Ephesians 1.4,11; Romans 9.22-23*)

HYMN #470

"There is a Longing in our Hearts"

Refrain:

There is a longing in our hearts, O Lord,
for you to reveal yourself to us.

There is a longing in our hearts for love
we only find in you, our God.

1 For justice, for freedom, for mercy:
hear our prayer.

In sorrow, in grief:
be near; hear our prayer, O God.

2 For wisdom, for courage, for comfort:
hear our prayer.

In weakness, in fear:
be near; hear our prayer, O God.

3 For healing, for wholeness, for new life:
hear our prayer.

In sickness, in death:
be near; hear our prayer, O God.

4 Lord save us, take pity,
Light in our darkness.

We call you; we wait:
be near; hear our prayer, O God.

SCRIPTURE

Luke 11.29-32

²⁹ Now as the crowds were increasing, He began to say, "This generation is a wicked generation; it demands a sign, and so no sign will be given to it except the sign of Jonah. ³⁰ For just as Jonah became a sign to the Ninevites, so will the Son of Man be to this generation. ³¹ The Queen of the South will rise up with the men of this generation at the judgment and condemn them, because she came from the ends of the earth to listen to the wisdom of Solomon; and behold, something greater than Solomon is here. ³² The men of Nineveh will stand up with this generation at the judgment and condemn it, because they repented at the preaching of Jonah; and behold, something greater than Jonah is here.

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SERMON

"To Jerusalem: Consider the Sign of Jonah"

Rev. A. Rivera

HYMN #783

"When We are Tested"

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| 1 When we are tested and wrestle alone,
famished for bread when the world offers stone,
nourish us, God, by your word and your way,
food that sustains us by night and by day. | 3 When we are tempted to barter our souls,
trading the truth for the power to control,
teach us to worship and praise only you,
seeking your will in the work that we do. |
| 2 When in the desert we cry for relief,
pleading for paths marked by certain belief,
lift us to love you beyond sign and test,
trusting your presence, our only true rest. | 4 When we have struggled and searched
through the night,
sorting and sifting the wrong from the right,
Savior, surround us with circles of care,
angels of healing, of hope, and of prayer. |

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.

THE SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

INVITATION TO THE LORD'S TABLE

Jesus said: Come to me all you that are weary and carrying heavy burdens and I will give you rest.

Take my yoke upon you and learn from me;

For I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls.

I am the bread of life.

Whoever comes to me will never be hungry,

Whoever believes in me will never be thirsty.

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

BREAKING OF THE BREAD & COMMUNION OF THE PEOPLE

INVITATION TO RECEIVE OUR TITHES & OFFERINGS

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

HYMN #720

"Jesus Calls Us"

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| 1 Jesus calls us: o'er the tumult
of our life's wild, restless sea;
day by day his sweet voice soundeth
saying, "Christian, follow me." | 2 Jesus calls us from the worship
of the vain world's golden store,
from each idol that would keep us,
saying, "Christian, love me more." |
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3 In our joys and in our sorrows,
days of toil and hours of ease,
still he calls, in cares and pleasures,
"Christian, love me more than these."

4 Jesus calls us: by thy mercies,
Savior, may we hear thy call,
give our hearts to thy obedience,
serve and love thee best of all.

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

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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on our **YouTube channel**, or audio only on our SoundCloud channel at
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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.



*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.*