



First Presbyterian Church of Edgewood Worship
Seventh Sunday of Easter – May 16, 2021

PRELUDE

WELCOME & SHARING OF CHURCH LIFE

TOLLING OF THE HOUR

READING OF GOD'S WORD

Psalm 47

PRAYER

CALL TO WORSHIP (responsive)

We give thanks to You, O God, we give thanks.

For Your name is near; people declare Your wonderous works.

You are the God who works wonders;

You have made known Your strength among the peoples.

I shall remember the deeds of the Lord;

Surely, I will remember Your works of old.

Your way, O God, is holy; Glory be to Your name!

HYMN #826

"Lift High the Cross"

Refrain:

Lift high the cross, the love of Christ proclaim
till all the world adore his sacred name.

1 Come, Christians, follow where our Savior trod,
the Lamb victorious, Christ, the Son of God. (Refrain)

2 All newborn servants of the Crucified
bear on their brow the seal of Christ who died. (Refrain)

3 O Lord, once lifted on the glorious tree,
your death has brought us life eternally. (Refrain)

4 So shall our song of triumph ever be:
praise to the Crucified for victory. (Refrain)

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (unison)

Adapted from Psalm 130

**Out of the depths I have cried to You, O Lord.
Lord, hear my voice!
Let Your ears be attentive to the voice of my supplications.
If You, Lord, should mark iniquities,
O Lord, who could stand?
But there is forgiveness with You,
That You may be feared.
Humbly I come before Your Presence.**
(Silent Confession)

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

RESPONSE #447

"We are Forgiven"
We are forgiven. Thanks be to God.

CONFESSION OF OUR FAITH

The Westminster Confession Shorter Catechism

Q. 18. Wherein consists the sinfulness of that estate whereinto man fell?

A. The sinfulness of that estate whereinto man fell, consists in the guilt of Adam's first sin, the want of original righteousness, and the corruption of his whole nature, which is commonly called original sin; together with all actual transgressions which proceed from it.

(Rom. 5:12, 19; Rom. 5:10-20; Eph. 2:1-3; Jas. 1:14-15; Matt. 15:19.)

ANTHEM

"He is Exalted"

Twila Paris

He is exalted, the King is exalted on High: I will praise Him.
He is exalted, forever exalted and I will praise His name.
He is the Lord; forever His truth shall reign.
Heaven and earth rejoice in His holy name.
He is exalted, the King is exalted on high.

SCRIPTURE

Acts 1.9-11

⁹And after He had said these things, He was lifted up while they were watching, and a cloud took Him up, out of their sight. ¹⁰And as they were gazing intently into the sky while He was going, then behold, two men in white clothing stood beside them, ¹¹and they said, "Men of Galilee, why do you stand looking into the sky? This Jesus, who has been taken up from you into heaven, will come in the same way as you have watched Him go into heaven."

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SERMON

"The Promise That Will be Kept"

Rev. Tony Rivera

HYMN #462

"I Love to Tell the Story"

1 I love to tell the story
of unseen things above,
of Jesus and his glory,
of Jesus and his love.

I love to tell the story,
because I know 'tis true;
it satisfies my longings
as nothing else could do.

Refrain:

I love to tell the story;
'twill be my theme in glory
to tell the old, old story
of Jesus and his love.

2 I love to tell the story;
'tis pleasant to repeat
what seems, each time I tell it,
more wonderfully sweet!
I love to tell the story,
for some have never heard

the message of salvation
from God's own holy Word. (Refrain)

3 I love to tell the story,
for those who know it best
seem hungering and thirsting
to hear it, like the rest.
And when, in scenes of glory,
I sing the new, new song,
'twill be the old, old story
that I have loved so long. (Refrain)

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 #384

"Soon and Very Soon"

1 Soon and very soon we are going to see the King.
Soon and very soon we are going to see the King.
Soon and very soon we are going to see the King.
Hallelujah, hallelujah, we're going to see the King!

2 No more crying there: we are going to see the King...

3 No more dying there: we are going to see the King...

4 Soon and very soon we are going to see the King...

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

Participants in this worship service:

The Rev. Anthony Rivera, pastor
Shaun Cloonan, minister of music | Sunny Sakai, pianist
Tom Ochs, videographer | Judy Mysels, greeter

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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

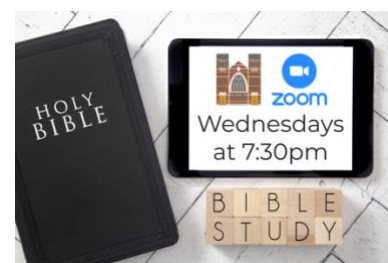
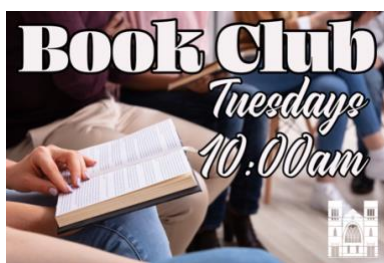
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Live-streamed online worship will continue to be available on Facebook and YouTube
for those who choose to stay home until they feel safe to rejoin in person.

Weekly Zoom Meetings

We will continue our weekly gatherings on Zoom for prayer, discussion, and study.

On Mondays at 7:30pm, we gather for intentional prayer focusing on our members, community, and world. Tuesday mornings at 10:00am is the weekly Book Club meeting. The group decides on a book that they read together and discuss the week's portion. During March, they focused on Lamentations as a Lenten study. And Wednesday evenings at 7:30pm is a Bible study led by Pastor Tony.



An e-mail invitation is sent out weekly with Zoom links, meeting ID and passcode. To be added to the email list, contact the office. And if you don't use Zoom on your device, you can call in to the meetings to participate by voice. Call Judy in the office to receive the number, meeting ID and passcode to participate if you don't receive the email.



*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.*

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