



First Presbyterian Church of Edgewood Worship
including the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper
Third Sunday of Easter – May 1, 2022

*All who are able, please stand.

PRELUDE

WELCOME & SHARING OF CHURCH LIFE

TOLLING OF THE HOUR

***CALL TO WORSHIP** (responsive)

The Spirit of Christ calls us out of the familiar

And sets us on daring adventures for the sake of love.

We enter this time of worship with courage.

May our hearts be open to receive the Spirit's call.

***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

When your soul is suffering in silence, call out to the Lord, who heals our brokenness,
and restores our lives.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (unison)

We rejoice in the wonder of your resurrection, O Christ. We come seeking the new beginnings you offer. And yet, we doubt that we can change, we doubt that others can be transformed. Sometimes we wonder what real difference you make in our lives. Come to us this day and let us see you. Confront us with your presence and so move us to courageous discipleship. Amen.

(Silent confession)

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Anyone who is in Christ is a new creation, the old life has gone; a new life has begun. Know that you are forgiven and be at peace.

*RESPONSE #582 "Glory to God, Whose Goodness Shines"

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.

*PASSING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

The peace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you: **and also with you.**

(For the safety of all, please share the peace with a smile or wave from your seat.)

GATHERING SONG

"Because He Lives"

refrain only

Because he lives, I can face tomorrow. Because he lives, all fear is gone.
Because I know he holds the future and life is worth a living just because He lives!

SCRIPTURE

Psalm 30

¹I will extol you, O LORD, for you have drawn me up, and did not let my foes rejoice over me.

²O LORD my God, I cried to you for help, and you have healed me. ³O LORD, you brought up my soul from Sheol, restored me to life from among those gone down to the Pit.

⁴Sing praises to the LORD, O you his faithful ones, and give thanks to his holy name. ⁵For his anger is but for a moment; his favor is for a lifetime. Weeping may linger for the night, but joy comes with the morning. ⁶As for me, I said in my prosperity, "I shall never be moved."

⁷By your favor, O LORD, you had established me as a strong mountain; you hid your face; I was dismayed. ⁸To you, O LORD, I cried, and to the LORD I made supplication: ⁹"What profit is there in my death, if I go down to the Pit? Will the dust praise you? Will it tell of your faithfulness? ¹⁰Hear, O LORD, and be gracious to me! O LORD, be my helper!"

¹¹You have turned my mourning into dancing; you have taken off my sackcloth and clothed me with joy,

¹²so that my soul may praise you and not be silent. O LORD my God, I will give thanks to you forever.

ANTHEM

"Open the Eyes of My Heart"

arr. Jack Schrader

SCRIPTURE

Acts 9:1-20

9 Meanwhile Saul, still breathing threats and murder against the disciples of the Lord, went to the high priest ²and asked him for letters to the synagogues at Damascus, so that if he found any who belonged to the Way, men or women, he might bring them bound to Jerusalem. ³Now as he was going along and approaching Damascus, suddenly a light from heaven flashed around him. ⁴He fell to the ground and heard a voice saying to him, "Saul, Saul, why do you persecute me?" ⁵He asked, "Who are you, Lord?" The reply came, "I am Jesus, whom you are persecuting. ⁶But get up and enter the city, and you will be told what you are to do." ⁷The men who were traveling with him stood speechless because they heard the voice but saw no one. ⁸Saul got up from the ground, and though his eyes were open, he could see nothing; so they led him by the hand and brought him into Damascus. ⁹For three days he was without sight, and neither ate nor drank. ¹⁰Now there was a disciple in Damascus named Ananias. The Lord said to him in a vision, "Ananias." He answered, "Here I am, Lord." ¹¹The Lord said to him, "Get up and go to the street called Straight, and at the house of Judas look for a man of Tarsus named Saul. At this moment he is praying, ¹²and he has seen in a vision a man named Ananias come in and lay his hands on him so that he might regain his sight." ¹³But Ananias answered, "Lord, I have heard from many about this man, how much evil he has done to your saints in Jerusalem; ¹⁴and here he has authority from the chief priests to bind all who invoke your name." ¹⁵But the Lord said to him, "Go, for he is an instrument whom I have chosen to bring my name before Gentiles and kings and before the people of Israel; ¹⁶I myself will show him how much he must suffer for the sake of my name." ¹⁷So Ananias went and entered the house. He laid his hands on Saul and said, "Brother Saul, the Lord Jesus, who appeared to you on your way here, has sent me so that you may regain your sight and be filled with the Holy Spirit." ¹⁸And immediately something like scales fell from his eyes, and his sight was restored. Then he got up and was baptized, ¹⁹and after taking some food, he regained his strength. For several days he was with the disciples in Damascus, ²⁰and immediately he began to proclaim Jesus in the synagogues, saying, "He is the Son of God."

SERMON

"What's Next?"

Rev. Jane Duffield

*HYMN #720

"Jesus Calls Us"

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."

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."

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."

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.

SHARING OF THIS WEEK'S PRAYER REQUESTS

PASTORAL PRAYER

INVITATION TO RECEIVE OUR TITHES & OFFERINGS

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PRAYER OF DEDICATION

RESPONSE

“Open Our Eyes, Lord”

Open our eyes, Lord, we want to see Jesus,
to reach out and touch him and say that we love him.
Open our ears, Lord, and help us to listen.
Open our eyes, Lord, we want to see Jesus.

THE SACRAMENT OF THE LORD’S SUPPER

If you have not already done so, please get a serving of bread and cup from the trays at the entrance to partake of the elements from your seat when directed.

INVITATION TO THE LORD’S TABLE

GREAT PRAYER OF 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.

It is truly right and our greatest joy to give you thanks and praise,
O Lord our God, creator and ruler of the universe.
You made a way through the sea, a path through the waters.

**Even now you are doing a new thing—making rivers flow in the desert,
forming a people for yourself, that we might declare your praise.**

Therefore; we praise you, joining our voices with choirs of angels
with prophets, apostles, and martyrs,
and with all the faithful of every time and place
who forever sing to the glory of your name:

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

You are holy, O God of majesty,
and blessed is Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord.

**Jesus healed the sick, fed the hungry, and cast out demons,
seeking to gather your children as a hen shelters her brood beneath her wings.
He wept over Jerusalem when we rejected his saving love.**

Remembering your gracious acts in Jesus Christ,
we take from your creation this bread and this cup
**and joyfully celebrate his dying and rising,
as we await the day of his coming.**

Great is the mystery of faith:



Gracious God, pour out your Holy Spirit upon us
and upon these your gifts of bread and wine,
that the bread we break and the cup we bless
may be the communion of the body and blood of Christ.

**By your Spirit, unite us with Christ and with your church in all the world.
Help us to stand firm in the faith, as citizens of heaven,
awaiting the coming of our Savior, the Lord Jesus Christ.**

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

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.

BREAKING OF THE BREAD & COMMUNION OF THE PEOPLE

The sacrament of the Lord's Supper is shared. Partake from your seat when directed.

CLOSING PRAYER

*HYMN #320

"The Church of Christ in Every Age"

1 The church of Christ in every age,
beset by change but Spirit-led,
must claim and test its heritage
and keep on rising from the dead.

2 Across the world, across the street,
the victims of injustice cry
for shelter and for bread to eat,
and never live before they die.

3 Then let the servant church arise,
a caring church that longs to be

a partner in Christ's sacrifice,
and clothed in Christ's humanity.

4 For Christ alone, whose blood was shed,
can cure the fever in our blood,
and teach us how to share our bread
and feed the starving multitude.

5 We have no mission but to serve
in full obedience to our Lord:
to care for all, without reserve,
and spread Christ's liberating word.

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

We invite you to sit and enjoy the postlude Sunny has prepared for us. This also helps with the live-streamed recording to have clear audio for those joining us in worship online.

Participants in this worship service:

The Rev. Jane Duffield, guest pastor | Rick Masten, liturgist
Shaun Cloonan, minister of music | Sunny Sakai, pianist | The Sanctuary Choir
John Foster, videographer

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Welcome! Thanks be to God for allowing us to worship with you!

UPDATED IN-PERSON GUIDELINES (MARCH 2022): Due to the CDC's updated version of tracking COVID community levels, Allegheny County is now "Low." As a result, the Worship Committee has begun to slowly relax some of our guidelines for in-person worship:

- **Masks are now optional for all in attendance.** We will continue to have a supply of disposable masks at the entrances to the church for those who wish to wear one during services.
- **Please continue to social distance in the marked pews.**
- The choir will continue to mask during their hour-long rehearsal but may choose to remove the mask during the performance of the anthem in worship.
- Out of respect for those who choose or need to continue wearing masks, our practice of passing the peace and sharing communion from our seats, as well as collecting the offering at the entrance to the sanctuary will not change.

We will continue to monitor cases and transmission levels and will relax or strengthen this guidance as health and safety protocols dictate. Thanks to all for their cooperation in keeping our church family healthy and safe. 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.

IF YOU ARE VISITING WITH US TODAY: first, welcome! Please fill out a blue visitor's card found in the pew rack. If you are interested in being on our email or newsletter mailing lists, provide that information so we can keep in touch. We hope you consider joining us more often!

WE WELCOME TO OUR PULPIT the Rev. Jane Duffield as guest pastor this morning. Rev. Duffield served Waverly Presbyterian Church in the Regent Square neighborhood of Pittsburgh, as their interim pastor. Prior to that, she served interims at St. John's United Church of Christ in Evans City, Pa. and Chevy Chase Presbyterian Church in Washington, D.C. Rev. Duffield is a graduate of Union Theological Seminary in New York City. Prior to entering seminary, she retired from a 30-year career in public relations as director of the News Bureau and spokesperson for the University of Pittsburgh Medical Center (UPMC).

AFTER-WORSHIP FELLOWSHIP HAS RETURNED! Lorraine Douthett has begun coordinating our time of coffee and conversation following the worship service. To allow for social distancing, the refreshments will be served in the Gathering Place. Head down the hallway after the service and share in some Christian fellowship!

BOOK CLUB MEETS WEEKLY, discussing "Have a Little Faith" by Mitch Albom. 10:00AM, Tuesdays at the home of Rhonda Apossos, 361 Maple Avenue, Edgewood.

WEDNESDAY NIGHT ZOOM BIBLE STUDY: 7:00PM at <https://pitt.zoom.us/j/6670286724>
No password is needed. Email Tim Hoffman at HoffmanTL@gmail.com with questions.

NEXT SUNDAY, MAY 8, let's celebrate Mom by coming to Fellowship/Muffins for Mom, sponsored by the Board of Deacons, immediately following worship in the Gathering Place.

NOTICE OF CONGREGATIONAL MEETING: May 22, following morning worship, there will be a short Congregational Meeting to elect additional officers.

RECYCLE BINS are located in the last pew in sanctuary and blue bin at side vestibule entrance for bulletins, cups, (list of what is accepted is posted on bins).

MARK YOUR CALENDARS for upcoming musical events:

Mozart & Schubert. On Saturday, May 7 at 7:30PM our friends at the Edgewood Symphony return to the JCC's Katz Auditorium for the first time in over two years! Join us there for our final performance of the 2021-2022 season. Our May concert features soloists Peggy Greb and Marissa Knaub Avon performing Mozart's Flute and Harp Concerto with the Edgewood Symphony Orchestra. The orchestra will also perform Franz Schubert's Symphony No. 5. Tickets are \$10 and can be purchased at edgewoodsymphony.org

Saturday, May 21, FPCE will welcome the Munhall Community Band to our sanctuary for their spring concert. Mandy Rineer and Jim Segedy both play with this ensemble. Enjoy concert band performances of music by Holst, Mozart, Led Zeppelin, Pink Floyd, Brubeck, Borges, Miranda, and more! Doors open at 4:30 pm. Raffle baskets will be available to support MCB. 5:00PM in the Sanctuary, free admission with registration at munhallband.org.

JOIN US FOR UPCOMING WORSHIP SERVICES:

May 8 – Fourth Sunday of Easter, Mother's Day, Rev. Fairlight Collins Lower preaching
Muffins for Mom follows the service

May 15 – Fifth Sunday of Easter, Emerging Worship, Heather Henkel preaching

May 22 – Sixth Sunday of Easter, Rev. Bob Ruefle preaching, Congregational Meeting follows

May 29 – Seventh Sunday of Easter, Rev. Jane Duffield preaching,

Memorial Day Observance follows at Memorial Park (pending confirmation)

CHURCH ACTIVITIES THIS WEEK

AH=Apepos Home, B=Basement Band Room, C=Choir Room,
GP=Gathering Place, L=Lounge, O=Office, PS=Pastor's Study,
S=Sanctuary, Sc=Scout Room, SL=Side Lawn, SR=Social Room

Today, Sunday, May 1

12:00PM Fellowship (GP)

Monday, May 2

6:30PM Scouts (Sc/SR)

7:00PM Vocal Confluence (S)

Tuesday, May 3

10:00AM Book Club (AH)

7:00PM Edgewood Symphony Orchestra (S)

Wednesday, May 4

7:00PM Bible Study (Zoom)

Thursday, May 5

5:00PM Flute Lesson (L)

7:00PM Milepost6 (B)

Friday, May 6

5:00PM Flute Lesson (L)

8:30PM Alcoholics Anonymous (SR)

Saturday, May 7

8:30PM Alcoholics Anonymous (SR)

Next Sunday, May 8

9:30AM Choir Rehearsal (S)

11:00AM Worship (S)

Youth Sunday School (GP)

12:00Noon Muffins for Mom (GP)

How can you become involved?

As we reopen, working to rebuild and reimagine the ministries at FPCE, consider if you have a heart for:

- Encouraging our younger members
- Learning more about God & faith
- Praising God through music
- Serving senior citizens
- Working in publicity/advertising

...please contact a member of our FPCE Family listed below for more details on how to become involved!

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The Entire Congregation



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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.*

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