



First Presbyterian Church of Edgewood Online Worship
Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost – September 13, 2020

PRELUDE

THE WELCOME & SHARING OF CHURCH LIFE

TOLLING OF THE HOUR

CALL TO WORSHIP (responsive)

Our God is majestic in holiness,
awesome in splendor, and worthy of our highest praise.

Who is like the Lord?

Our God blew back the waters, prepared a path through the sea,
and appeared as a pillar of fire to light the pilgrim way.

Who is like the Lord?

The Lord is our strength and our salvation.

Let us sing to the Lord who triumphs gloriously!

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.

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

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

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

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (unison)

**Merciful God, we are quick to ask for grace when we have fallen short,
for patience when we have stubbornly turned away from you.**

Why are we slow to show the same mercy to others?

**We keep track of wrongs and cling to old hurts, rather than offering
the forgiveness that could free others and ourselves.**

We strive to be more faithful, Lord; we want to be more loving.

So, we kneel before you once again to ask for patience and grace.

**Transform us, we pray. Pour out your mercy upon us,
until it flows forth from us through acts of love.**

(silent confession)

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

RESPONSE #582

"Glory to God"

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.

SCRIPTURE

Luke 14:25-33

25 Now large crowds were traveling with him; and he turned and said to them,
26 "Whoever comes to me and does not hate father and mother, wife and children,
brothers and sisters, yes, and even life itself, cannot be my disciple. 27 Whoever does not
carry the cross and follow me cannot be my disciple. 28 For which of you, intending to
build a tower, does not first sit down and estimate the cost, to see whether he has
enough to complete it? 29 Otherwise, when he has laid a foundation and is not able to
finish, all who see it will begin to ridicule him, 30 saying, 'This fellow began to build and
was not able to finish.' 31 Or what king, going out to wage war against another king, will
not sit down first and consider whether he is able with ten thousand to oppose the one
who comes against him with twenty thousand? 32 If he cannot, then, while the other is
still far away, he sends a delegation and asks for the terms of peace. 33 So therefore,
none of you can become my disciple if you do not give up all your possessions.

SERMON

"Availability..."

The Rev. Daniel B. Merry

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.

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.

CALL TO STEWARDSHIP

HYMN #69

"Here I Am, Lord"

1 I, the Lord of sea and sky,
 I have heard my people cry.
 All who dwell in dark and sin
 my hand will save.
 I, who made the stars of night,
 I will make their darkness bright.
 Who will bear my light to them?
 Whom shall I send?

Refrain:

Here I am, Lord. Is it I, Lord?
 I have heard you calling in the night.
 I will go, Lord, if you lead me.
 I will hold your people in my heart.

2 I, the Lord of snow and rain,
 I have borne my people's pain.

I have wept for love of them.
 They turn away.
 I will break their hearts of stone,
 give them hearts for love alone.
 I will speak my word to them.
 Whom shall I send?
 (Refrain)

3 I, the Lord of wind and flame,
 I will tend the poor and lame.
 I will set a feast for them.
 My hand will save.
 Finest bread I will provide
 till their hearts be satisfied.
 I will give my life to them.
 Whom shall I send?
 (Refrain)

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

Participants in this worship service:

The Rev. Daniel B. Merry, guest pastor

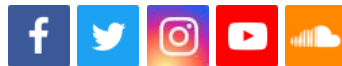
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