



First Presbyterian Church of Edgewood Online Worship Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost – September 20, 2020

PRELUDE

THE WELCOME & SHARING OF CHURCH LIFE

TOLLING OF THE HOUR

CALL TO WORSHIP (responsive)

Draw near to the Lord, who hears our pleas and our praise.

We come to rest in God's holy presence.

Here is bread that the Lord provides; here is manna to nourish our souls.

We gather to feast on God's sustaining Word.

Remember the Lord's wonderful works each evening; see God's glory with the morning light.

Come, let us worship the Lord!

HYMN #37

"Let All Things Now Living"

1 Let all things now living
a song of thanksgiving
to God our Creator triumphantly raise;
who fashioned and made us,
protected and stayed us,
by guiding us on to the end of our days.
God's banners are o'er us;
pure light goes before us,
a pillar of fire shining forth in the night:
till shadows have vanished,
all fearfulness banished,
as forward we travel from light into light.

2 By law God enforces,
the stars in their courses,
the sun in its orbit obediently shine;
the hills and the mountains,
the rivers and fountains,
the depths of the ocean proclaim God divine.
We too should be voicing
our love and rejoicing;
with glad adoration, a song let us raise,
till all things now living
unite in thanksgiving:
to God in the highest, hosanna and praise!

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (unison)

Lord, your generosity surprises us. For you do not meet our grace according to how hard we work, or how often we worship, or how closely we follow the rules. No, you lavish grace upon us according to your own desire. But we insist on deciding who is deserving and who is not.

We grumble that some receive too little while others have more than they deserve. Forgive us, we pray. Help us to live with humility and gratitude so that our words and deeds might embody your grace.

(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

Job 7:11-19, 38:1-7, 42:1-6

¹¹ “Therefore I will not restrain my mouth; I will speak in the anguish of my spirit; I will complain in the bitterness of my soul. ¹² Am I the Sea, or the Dragon, that you set a guard over me? ¹³ When I say, ‘My bed will comfort me, my couch will ease my complaint,’ ¹⁴ then you scare me with dreams and terrify me with visions, ¹⁵ so that I would choose strangling and death rather than this body. ¹⁶ I loathe my life; I would not live forever. Let me alone, for my days are a breath. ¹⁷ What are human beings, that you make so much of them, that you set your mind on them, ¹⁸ visit them every morning, test them every moment? ¹⁹ Will you not look away from me for a while, let me alone until I swallow my spittle?”

The LORD Answers Job

³⁸ Then the LORD answered Job out of the whirlwind: ² “Who is this that darkens counsel by words without knowledge? ³ Gird up your loins like a man, I will question you, and you shall declare to me. ⁴ “Where were you when I laid the foundation of the earth? Tell me, if you have understanding. ⁵ Who determined its measurements—surely you know! Or who stretched the line upon it? ⁶ On what were its bases sunk, or who laid its cornerstone ⁷ when the morning stars sang together and all the heavenly beings shouted for joy?”

Job Is Humbled and Satisfied

⁴² Then Job answered the LORD: ² “I know that you can do all things, and that no purpose of yours can be thwarted. ³ ‘Who is this that hides counsel without knowledge?’ Therefore I have uttered what I did not understand, things too wonderful for me, which I did not know. ⁴ ‘Hear, and I will speak; I will question you, and you declare to me.’ ⁵ I had heard of you by the hearing of the ear, but now my eye sees you; ⁶ therefore I despise myself, and repent in dust and ashes.”

ANTHEM #807*"When We Must Bear Persistent Pain"*

1 When we must bear persistent pain
and suffer with no cure in sight,
come, Holy Presence, breathe your peace
with gifts of warmth and healing light.

3 We thank you for the better days
when we may smile to greet the sun,
to do your work with clearing mind,
and bless your name when day is done.

2 Support us as we learn new ways
to care for bodies newly frail.
Help us endure, and live and love.
Hear our complaint when patience fails.

4 In ease or pain, in life and death,
to you our fragile lives belong,
and so we trust you in all things.
You are our hope, our health, our song.

SCRIPTURE

Mark 4:35-41

³⁵ On that day, when evening had come, he said to them, "Let us go across to the other side." ³⁶ And leaving the crowd behind, they took him with them in the boat, just as he was. Other boats were with him. ³⁷ A great windstorm arose, and the waves beat into the boat, so that the boat was already being swamped. ³⁸ But he was in the stern, asleep on the cushion; and they woke him up and said to him, "Teacher, do you not care that we are perishing?" ³⁹ He woke up and rebuked the wind, and said to the sea, "Peace! Be still!" Then the wind ceased, and there was a dead calm. ⁴⁰ He said to them, "Why are you afraid? Have you still no faith?" ⁴¹ And they were filled with great awe and said to one another, "Who then is this, that even the wind and the sea obey him?"

SERMON*"Let Us Cross to the Other Side"* **The Rev. Kellie Weekley-Mills****HYMN #184***"Calm to the Waves"*

Calm to the waves.
Calm to the wind.
Jesus whispers, "Peace, be still."
Balm to our hearts.
Fears at an end.
In stillness, hear his voice.

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 #840

"It is Well With My Soul"

1 When peace like a river
attendeth my way,
when sorrows like sea billows roll,
whatever my lot,
thou hast taught me to say,
it is well, it is well with my soul.

Refrain:

It is well with my soul;
it is well; it is well with my soul.

2 Though Satan should buffet,
though trials should come,
let this blest assurance control,
that Christ hath regarded
my helpless estate,
and hath shed his own blood
for my soul. (Refrain)

3 He lives: O the bliss
of this glorious thought.
My sin, not in part, but the whole,
is nailed to the cross
and I bear it no more.
Praise the Lord, praise the Lord,
O my soul!
(Refrain)

4 Lord, hasten the day
when our faith shall be sight,
the clouds be rolled back as a scroll,
the trumpet shall sound
and the Lord shall descend;
even so it is well with my soul.
(Refrain)

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

Participants in this worship service:

The Rev. **Kellie Weekley-Mills**, guest pastor

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