



**First Presbyterian Church of Edgewood Worship
including the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper
15th Sunday after Pentecost – September 5, 2021**

*All who are able, please stand.

PRELUDE

WELCOME & SHARING OF CHURCH LIFE

TOLLING OF THE HOUR

***CALL TO WORSHIP** (responsive)

“Who do you say that I am?” Jesus asked,
and Peter answered, “The Messiah.”

Let us worship the One who is our savior
and follow in Christ’s path of love.

***OPENING PRAYER** (unison)

Good and generous God, you have blessed us with favor and counted us as your people through our glorious Lord Jesus Christ. Freed by your grace, let us extend your generosity to others, sharing our bread with the poor, pleading the cause of the afflicted, and receiving all who assemble in your name with the warmth of your love and the richness of your hospitality; in the good name of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

***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)

O Lord, you have called us to take up our cross and follow you: to carry the truth of your justice like a banner and bear the yoke of life as your servant. We are hesitant, O God, to serve anyone but ourselves. We draw away from the imagery of the cross, forgetting that, in you, it has become a source of glory.

Forgive us, O God, and call us once more to set aside our selfishness and follow in your way. (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. (*sing 3 times*)
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

"Surely the Presence"



Sure-ly the pres-ence of the Lord is in this place; I can feel his might-y pow-er and his grace. — I can



hear the brush of ang-el's wings, I see glor-y on each face. Sure-ly the pres-ence of the Lord is in this place.

SCRIPTURE

Mark 8:27-38

²⁷ Jesus went on with his disciples to the villages of Caesarea Philippi; and on the way he asked his disciples, "Who do people say that I am?" ²⁸ And they answered him, "John the Baptist; and others, Elijah; and still others, one of the prophets." ²⁹ He asked them, "But who do you say that I am?" Peter answered him, "You are the Messiah." ³⁰ And he sternly ordered them not to tell anyone about him.

³¹ Then he began to teach them that the Son of Man must undergo great suffering, and be rejected by the elders, the chief priests, and the scribes, and be killed, and after three days rise again. ³² He said all this quite openly. And Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him. ³³ But turning and looking at his disciples, he rebuked Peter and said, "Get behind me, Satan! For you are setting your mind not on divine things but on human things."

³⁴ He called the crowd with his disciples, and said to them, "If any want to become my followers, let them deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me. ³⁵ For those who want to save their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake, and for the sake of the gospel, will save it. ³⁶ For what will it profit them to gain the whole world and forfeit their life? ³⁷ Indeed, what can they give in return for their life? ³⁸ Those who are ashamed of me and of my words in this adulterous and sinful generation, of them the Son of Man will also be ashamed when he comes in the glory of his Father with the holy angels."

SERMON

"Who's it All About?"

Rev. Kellie Weekley-Mills

*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.

HYMN #521

"In Remembrance of Me"

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| 1 In remembrance of me, eat this bread. | 2 In remembrance of me, heal the sick. |
| In remembrance of me, drink this wine. | In remembrance of me, feed the poor. |
| In remembrance of me, pray for the time
when God's own will is done. | In remembrance of me, open the door
and let your neighbors in, let them in. |

Bridge:

Take, eat, and be comforted;
drink and remember too,
that this is my body and precious blood
shed for you, shed for you.

3 In remembrance of me, search for truth.
In remembrance of me, always love.
In remembrance of me, don't look above,
but in your heart, look for God.
Do this in remembrance of me.

THE SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

If you did not do so upon arrival, please take a cup and bread from the trays at the entrance to the sanctuary to have at your seat. Partake when directed.

INVITATION

Jesus said: Behold, I stand at the door and knock;
if those who hear my voice open the door,
I will come into them and eat with them, and they with me.

O taste and see that the Lord is good!

Happy are all who find refuge in God!

THE GREAT 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.

Eternal God, holy and mighty,
it is truly right and our greatest joy to give you thanks and praise,
and to worship you in every place where your glory abides.

You laid the foundation of the earth,
and the heavens are the work of your hands.

They shall perish, but you shall endure.

You are always the same and your years will never end.

**You made us in your image and called us to be your people,
but we turned from you, leaving sin and death to reign.**

Still you loved us and sought us.

In Christ your grace defeated death and opened the way to eternal life.

Therefore we praise you,
joining our voices with the heavenly choirs
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 and might, _____
Bless - sed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. _____ Ho -
hea - ven and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na in _____ the high - est.
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.
You sent your only-begotten, in whom your fullness dwells,
to be for us the way, the truth, and the life.
Revealing your love, Jesus taught those who would hear him,
healed those who believed in him,
received all who sought him and lifted the burden of their sin.

We glorify you for your great power and love at work in Christ.

**By the baptism of his suffering, death, and resurrection,
you gave birth to your church, delivered us from slavery to sin and death,
and made us a new people by water and the Spirit.**

Remembering all your mighty and merciful acts,
we take this bread and this wine from the gifts you have given us,
and celebrate with joy the redemption won for us in Jesus Christ.

**Accept this our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving
as a living and holy offering of ourselves,
that our lives may proclaim the one crucified and risen.**

Great is the mystery of faith:



Christ has died; — Christ is ris - en; Christ will come a - gain.

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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 the living Christ
and with all who are baptized in his name,
that we may be one in ministry in every place.
As this bread is Christ's body for us,
send us out to be the body of Christ in the world.

Help us, O God, to love as Christ loved.

Knowing our own weakness, may we stand with all who stumble.

Sharing in his suffering, may we remember all who suffer.

Held in his love, may we embrace all whom the world denies.

Rejoicing in his forgiveness, may we forgive all who sin against us.

**Give us strength to serve you faithfully until the promised day of resurrection,
when with the redeemed of all the ages we will feast with you at your table in glory.**

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



BREAKING OF THE BREAD & COMMUNION OF THE PEOPLE

*The sacrament of the Lord's Supper is shared.
You will be invited to eat the bread and drink the cup.*

CLOSING PRAYER

**God of grace, you renew us at your table with the bread of life.
May this food strengthen us in love and help us to serve you in each other.
We ask this in the name of Jesus the Lord. Amen.**

INVITATION TO RECEIVE OUR TITHES & OFFERINGS

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PRAYER OF DEDICATION

HYMN #743

"O God, You are My God"

O God, you are my God,
and I will ever praise you.
O God, you are my God,
and I will ever praise you.
I will seek you in the morning,
and I will learn to walk in your ways.
And step by step you'll lead me,
and I will follow you all of my days.
(repeat)

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

Participants in this worship service:

The Rev. Kellie Weekley-Mills, guest pastor | **Elder Flo Raisig**, liturgist
Shaun Cloonan, minister of music | **Sunny Sakai**, pianist
John Foster, videographer | **Judy Mysels**, greeter

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

AUGUST 2021 REVISED IN-PERSON WORSHIP GUIDELINES:

Due to the rise in cases of COVID-19 and the Delta Variant, and in response to Allegheny County moving from the moderate to substantial, then to the high transmission rate, Session has reinstated safety protocols for in-person worship following CDC recommendations as follows:

- **Properly worn masks are required for all those attending worship regardless of vaccination status**
- Please continue to observe social distancing in the marked pews
- **Congregational singing may continue while masked.** You are welcome to use the hymnals in the pews, stand and join in singing of hymns and responses. Lyrics will continue to be printed in the bulletin for those following along online.

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!

RALLY DAY IS NEXT SUNDAY! Join us as we return to the 11:00 worship hour, welcome back our Sanctuary Choir, begin youth Sunday School during worship, and celebrate fall with a Triangle hoagie lunch in the Gathering Place after the service!

PLANNING MEETING for Session, Deacons, Staff, and anyone else interested in setting the church calendar for September through February will take place on Thursday, September 9 at 7:00PM in the Gathering Place.

BOOK CLUB CONTINUES, "Women of the Bible Speak" – by Shannon Bream, 10:00AM, Tuesdays at the home of Rhonda Apossos, 361 Maple Avenue, Edgewood.

CROP WALK is set for Sunday, October 10 at 1:00PM beginning at South Avenue United Methodist Church. Judy Mysels, Mariah Mysels, and Rhonda Apossos are currently signed up to walk for the FPCE team. Contact the office to join as a walker or to make a donation in support of local and global mission. Donations can also be made online at <https://events.crophungerwalk.org/2021/team/first-presbyterian-church-of-edgewood>

INTERESTED IN BEING A LITURGIST? Contact Rhonda Apossos or Shaun Cloonan to sign up for an upcoming Sunday and assist our guest pastors in leading worship.

UPCOMING WORSHIP SCHEDULE:

September 12 – Rally Day, 11:00 worship returns with choir, Faye D'Ippolito preaching

September 19 – Emerging Worship, Faye D'Ippolito preaching

September 26 – Heather Humphries Henkel preaching

October 3 – World Communion Sunday, Rev. Kellie Weekley-Mills preaching

October 10 – CROP Walk Sunday, TBD

October 17 – Emerging Worship, Rev. Bob Ruefle preaching

CHURCH ACTIVITIES THIS WEEK

AH=Apessos 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, September 5

10:00AM Worship (S)

Monday, September 6

Labor Day – Church Office Closed

10:00AM Pastor Nominating Committee (PS)

7:00PM Vocal Confluence (S)

7:00PM Scouts (Sc/SR)

Tuesday, September 7

10:00AM Book Club (AH)

7:00PM Edgewood Symphony Orchestra (S)

8:00PM Alcoholics Anonymous (SR)

Wednesday, September 8

7:00PM Vocal Confluence (S)

Thursday, September 9

7:00PM Planning Meeting (GP)

7:00PM Milepost6 (B)

Friday, September 10

8:30PM Alcoholics Anonymous (SR)

Saturday, September 11

8:30PM Alcoholics Anonymous (SR)

Next Sunday, Rally Day, September 12

9:30AM Choir Rehearsal (S)

11:00AM Worship (S)

Youth Sunday School (GP)

12:15PM Picnic Lunch (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



*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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