



First Presbyterian Church of  
**EDGEWOOD**  
*The Community Church*



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**Summer Worship at Ten O'Clock**  
**Twelfth Sunday after Pentecost – August 15, 2021**

\*All who are able, please stand.

**PRELUDE**

**WELCOME & SHARING OF CHURCH LIFE**

**\*CALL TO WORSHIP** (responsive)

God is the source of wisdom,  
**the fount of life eternal.**

Let us listen for the wisdom of God  
**and worship the One whose words shape the world.**

**\*SONG**

“Come, Now is the Time to Worship”

Come, now is the time to worship  
Come, now is the time to give your heart  
Come, just as you are to worship  
Come, just as you are before your God  
Come

One day every tongue will confess  
You are God  
One day every knee will bow  
Still the greatest treasure remains for those  
Who gladly choose You now

**\*PRAYER OF INVOCATION** (unison)

**Redeeming God, you satisfy our soul's hunger through Jesus Christ,  
the bread of life. Filled with your steadfast love, let us live in love,  
working honestly to share with the needy, feeding others with the  
bread of kindness, tenderness, and forgiveness. Amen.**

**\*SONG #59**

“The Steadfast Love”

The steadfast love of the Lord never ceases; God's mercies never come to an end.  
They are new every morning, new every morning; great is your faithfulness, O Lord,  
great is your faithfulness.

**CALL TO CONFESSION**

**PRAYER OF CONFESSION** (unison)

**O Lord, the voice of your wisdom rings out in the world, guiding us to place our  
trust in you. The voice of your wisdom rings out in the world, challenging us to  
seek the things that matter. Too often, O Lord, we refuse to listen. We place our  
trust in things that are fleeting. We seek the things that make us comfortable,  
rather than seeking the way of your peace.**

**Forgive us, God of grace, and teach us to walk in the path lined by your wisdom.**  
(Silent Confession)

**ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

**\*RESPONSE #447**

"We are Forgiven"

We are forgiven, we are forgiven. Thanks be to God, thanks be to God.

**\*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"

Surely the presence of the Lord is in this place;

I can feel his mighty power and his grace.

I can hear the brush of angel's wings, I see glory on each face.

Surely the presence of the Lord is in this place.

**SCRIPTURE**

Psalm 22:25-31

<sup>25</sup> From you comes my praise in the great congregation;  
my vows I will pay before those who fear him.

<sup>26</sup> The poor shall eat and be satisfied;  
those who seek him shall praise the Lord.  
May your hearts live forever!

<sup>27</sup> All the ends of the earth shall remember  
and turn to the Lord;  
and all the families of the nations  
shall worship before him.

<sup>28</sup> For dominion belongs to the Lord,  
and he rules over the nations.

<sup>29</sup> To him, indeed, shall all who sleep in the earth bow down;  
before him shall bow all who go down to the dust,  
and I shall live for him.

<sup>30</sup> Posterity will serve him;  
future generations will be told about the Lord,

<sup>31</sup> and proclaim his deliverance to a people yet unborn,  
saying that he has done it.

**ANTHEM**

"The Love of God"

1 The love of God is greater far  
Than tongue or pen can ever tell;  
It goes beyond the highest star,  
And reaches to the lowest hell;  
The guilty pair, bowed down with care,  
God gave His Son to win;  
His erring child He reconciled,  
And pardoned from his sin.

Chorus:  
Oh love of God, how rich and pure!  
How measureless and strong!  
It shall forevermore endure,  
The saints' and angels' song.

**SCRIPTURE**

1 John 4:7-21

<sup>7</sup> Beloved, let us love one another, because love is from God; everyone who loves is born of God and knows God. <sup>8</sup> Whoever does not love does not know God, for God is love. <sup>9</sup> God's love was revealed among us in this way: God sent his only Son into the world so that we might live through him. <sup>10</sup> In this is love, not that we loved God but

that he loved us and sent his Son to be the atoning sacrifice for our sins. <sup>11</sup> Beloved, since God loved us so much, we also ought to love one another. <sup>12</sup> No one has ever seen God; if we love one another, God lives in us, and his love is perfected in us.

<sup>13</sup> By this we know that we abide in him and he in us, because he has given us of his Spirit. <sup>14</sup> And we have seen and do testify that the Father has sent his Son as the Savior of the world. <sup>15</sup> God abides in those who confess that Jesus is the Son of God, and they abide in God. <sup>16</sup> So we have known and believe the love that God has for us.

God is love, and those who abide in love abide in God, and God abides in them. <sup>17</sup> Love has been perfected among us in this: that we may have boldness on the day of judgment, because as he is, so are we in this world. <sup>18</sup> There is no fear in love, but perfect love casts out fear; for fear has to do with punishment, and whoever fears has not reached perfection in love. <sup>19</sup> We love because he first loved us. <sup>20</sup> Those who say, "I love God," and hate their brothers or sisters, are liars; for those who do not love a brother or sister whom they have seen, cannot love God whom they have not seen. <sup>21</sup> The commandment we have from him is this: those who love God must love their brothers and sisters also.

## **SERMON**

**"God is Love!"**

**The Rev. Bob Ruefle**

## **\*SONG**

**"Share His Love"**

1 The love of God is broader than  
earth's vast expanse,  
'Tis deeper and wider than the sea.  
Love reaches out to all  
to bring abundant life,  
For God so loved the world  
His only Son He gave.

2 All those who have trusted  
in God's only Son,  
And hold this precious treasure  
in their hearts,  
Seek ways to make it known  
to all who need to know  
That God so loved the world  
His only Son He gave. (Refrain)

Refrain:

Share His love by telling  
what the Lord has done for you,  
Share His love by sharing of your faith,  
and show the world that Jesus Christ  
is real to you ev'ry moment, ev'ry day.

3 We show the love of God  
each day we live,  
Reveal Christ's presence in our lives;  
And how the Holy Spirit  
guides us day by day,  
For God so loved the world  
His only Son He gave. (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**

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## **PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

## \*SONG

"Jesu, Jesu, Fill Us With Your Love"

Refrain:

Jesu, Jesu, fill us with your love;  
show us how to serve  
the neighbors we have from you.

1 Kneels at the feet of his friends,  
silently washes their feet,  
Master who acts as a slave to them.

2 Neighbors are wealthy and poor,  
varied in color and race;  
neighbors are near us and far away.

3 These are the ones we should serve;  
these are the ones we should love;  
all these are neighbors to us and you.

4 Loving puts us on our knees,  
willing to wash others' feet;  
this is the way we should live like you.

## BENEDICTION POSTLUDE

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### ***Participants in this worship service:***

**The Rev. Bob Ruefle**, guest pastor

**Shaun Cloonan**, minister of music | **Sunny Sakai**, pianist

The Emerging Worship Ensemble:

**Tim Hoffman, Tyler McGuigan, Mandy Rineer, Jim Segedy, Lisa Segedy**

**John Foster**, videographer | **Judy Mysels**, greeter

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

AUGUST 5, 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 transmission rate, the Worship Committee 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.



*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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