



**First Presbyterian Church of Edgewood Online Worship**  
**Eleventh Sunday after Pentecost – August 16, 2020**

**PRELUDE**

**THE WELCOME & SHARING OF CHURCH LIFE**

**TOLLING OF THE HOUR**

**CALL TO WORSHIP** (responsive)

How very good and pleasant it is when kindred live together in unity!

**A family formed by faith, we gather to worship the Living Lord.**

Lifelong followers seeking sustenance, new disciples searching for grace-

**A family fashioned by faith, we gather to kneel before the Giver of Mercy.**

Children of God, come!

**The Lord gathers us in and calls us his own. Let us praise God!**

**HYMN #246**

"Christ is Alive!"

1 Christ is alive! Let Christians sing.  
The cross stands empty to the sky.  
Let streets and homes with praises ring.  
Love, drowned in death, shall never die.

2 Christ is alive! No longer bound  
to distant years in Palestine,  
but saving, healing, here and now,  
and touching every place and time.

3 In every insult, rift, and war  
where color, scorn, or wealth divide,

Christ suffers still, yet loves the more,  
and lives, where even hope has died.

4 Women and men, in age and youth,  
can feel the Spirit, hear the call,  
and find the way, the life, the truth,  
revealed in Jesus, freed for all.

5 Christ is alive, and comes to bring  
good news to this and every age,  
till earth and sky and ocean ring  
with joy, with justice, love, and praise.

**CALL TO CONFESSION**

**PRAYER OF CONFESSION** (unison)

**Holy One,**

**There is much we must confess:**

**When we discount another's pain or overlook neighbors in distress, forgive us.**

**when we choose callous words over compassionate impulses, forgive us.**

**When we think others less deserving of grace and ration kindness as if it could be exhausted, forgive us.**

**Have mercy upon us, Lord, and heal our brokenness so that every word and deed that proceeds from our hearts might glorify you.**

(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**

Psalm 136:1-9, 23-26

- 1 O give thanks to the LORD, for he is good,  
for his steadfast love endures forever.
- 2 O give thanks to the God of gods,  
for his steadfast love endures forever.
- 3 O give thanks to the Lord of lords,  
for his steadfast love endures forever;
- 4 who alone does great wonders,  
for his steadfast love endures forever;
- 5 who by understanding made the heavens,  
for his steadfast love endures forever;
- 6 who spread out the earth on the waters,  
for his steadfast love endures forever;
- 7 who made the great lights,  
for his steadfast love endures forever;
- 8 the sun to rule over the day,  
for his steadfast love endures forever;
- 9 the moon and stars to rule over the night,  
for his steadfast love endures forever;
  
- 23 It is he who remembered us in our low estate,  
for his steadfast love endures forever;
- 24 and rescued us from our foes,  
for his steadfast love endures forever;
- 25 who gives food to all flesh,  
for his steadfast love endures forever.
- 26 O give thanks to the God of heaven,  
for his steadfast love endures forever.

**RESPONSE****"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.

**SCRIPTURE**

Luke 24:1-12

But on the first day of the week, at early dawn, they came to the tomb, taking the spices that they had prepared. <sup>2</sup> They found the stone rolled away from the tomb, <sup>3</sup> but when they went in, they did not find the body. <sup>4</sup> While they were perplexed about this, suddenly two men in dazzling clothes stood beside them. <sup>5</sup> The women were terrified and bowed their faces to the ground, but the men said to them, "Why do you look for the living among the dead? He is not here, but has risen. <sup>6</sup> Remember how he told you, while he was still in Galilee, <sup>7</sup> that the Son of Man must be handed over to sinners, and be crucified, and on the third day rise again." <sup>8</sup> Then they remembered his words, <sup>9</sup> and returning from the tomb, they told all this to the eleven and to all the rest. <sup>10</sup> Now it was Mary Magdalene, Joanna, Mary the mother of James, and the other women with them who told this to the apostles. <sup>11</sup> But these words seemed to them an idle tale, and they did not believe them. <sup>12</sup> But Peter got up and ran to the tomb; stooping and looking in, he saw the linen cloths by themselves; then he went home, amazed at what had happened.

**SERMON****"Easter Time"****The Rev. Carol Divens Roth****HYMN #320****"The Church of Christ in Every Age"**

<p>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.</p> <p>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.</p> <p>3 Then let the servant church arise,          a caring church that longs to be</p>	<p>a partner in Christ's sacrifice,          and clothed in Christ's humanity.</p> <p>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.</p> <p>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.</p>
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**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 #238

"Thine is the Glory"

1 Thine is the glory,  
risen, conquering Son;  
endless is the victory  
thou o'er death hast won.  
Angels in bright raiment  
rolled the stone away,  
kept the folded grave-clothes  
where thy body lay.

Refrain:

Thine is the glory,  
risen, conquering Son;  
endless is the victory  
thou o'er death hast won.

2 Lo! Jesus meets us,  
risen from the tomb;  
lovingly he greets us,  
scatters fear and gloom.  
Let the church with gladness  
hymns of triumph sing,  
for the Lord now liveth;  
death hath lost its sting. (Refrain)

3 No more we doubt thee,  
glorious Prince of life!  
Life is naught without thee;  
aid us in our strife.  
Make us more than conquerors  
through thy deathless love;  
bring us safe through Jordan  
to thy home above. (Refrain)

## BENEDICTION

## POSTLUDE

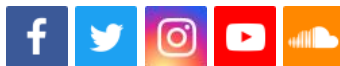
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### ***Participants in this worship service:***

The Rev. Carol Divens Roth, guest pastor | Shaun Cloonan, minister of music  
Sunny Sakai, pianist | Elder John Foster, videographer

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our mission as the First Presbyterian Church of Edgewood is to  
love God, to love each other, and to love our neighbors.*

