

First Presbyterian Church of Edgewood Summer Worship 11th Sunday after Pentecost – August 21, 2022

*All who are able, please stand.

PRELUDE

WELCOME & SHARING OF CHURCH LIFE

TOLLING OF THE HOUR

*CALL TO WORSHIP Psalm 91:15

When they call to me, I will answer them, says the Lord.

I will be with them in trouble.

I will rescue and honor them.

With thanksgiving and praise, let us worship God.

*HYMN #35

"Praise Ye the Lord, the Almighty"

- 1 Praise ye the Lord, the Almighty, the King of creation! O my soul, praise him, for he is thy health and salvation! All ye who hear, now to his temple draw near; join me in glad adoration!
- 2 Praise ye the Lord, who o'er all things so wondrously reigneth, shelters thee under his wings, yea, so gently sustaineth! Hast thou not seen how thy desires e'er have been granted in what he ordaineth?
- 3 Praise ye the Lord! O let all that is in me adore him! All that hath life and breath, come now with praises before him! Let the amen sound from his people again; gladly for aye we adore him.

CALL TO CONFESSION

Our God is compassionate and merciful, knowing us with an intimacy we cannot comprehend. There is nothing we have done, or left undone, that is not already known by God, This gives us confidence to be fully ourselves, that we can be fully forgiven. Let us pray.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (unison)

God of justice and love,

we confess to you and to each other that we have not offered food to the hungry or satisfied the needs of the afflicted.

We have spoken evil of others and pointed fingers of blame.

We have turned away from you and our community, pursuing instead our own self-interest.

Parched for mercy, we cry out for your help.

Forgive us, God, and teach us your ways that we may be renewed like a garden freshly watered. Amen. (Silent Confession)

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Promising forgiveness and sustenance, God rejoices in our longing for wholeness. Give thanks that we have been known and forgiven, and set free to live the resurrected life of faith.

*RESPONSE #582

"Glory to God, Whose Goodness Shines"

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. (x3)
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.**(Please share the peace as you feel safe and comfortable.)

GATHERING SONG

"Spirit Song"

Oh, let the Son of God enfold you with his Spirit and his love; Let him fill your heart and satisfy your soul. Oh, let him have the things that hold you, and his Spirit, like a dove, Will descend upon your life and make you whole. Jesus, O Jesus, come and fill your lambs. Jesus, O Jesus, come and fill your lambs.

SCRIPTURE

Isaiah 58:9-14

⁹Then you shall call, and the LORD will answer; you shall cry for help, and he will say, here I am. If you remove the yoke from among you, the pointing of the finger, the speaking of evil, ¹⁰if you offer your food to the hungry and satisfy the needs of the afflicted, then your light shall rise in the darkness and your gloom be like the noonday. ¹¹The LORD will guide you continually, and satisfy your needs in parched places, and make your bones strong; and you shall be like a watered garden, like a spring of water, whose waters never fail. ¹²Your ancient ruins shall be rebuilt; you shall raise up the foundations of many generations; you shall be called the repairer of the breach, the restorer of streets to live in. ¹³If you refrain from trampling the sabbath, from pursuing your own interests on my holy day; if you call the sabbath a delight and the holy day of the LORD honorable; if you honor it, not going your own ways, serving your own interests, or pursuing your own affairs; ¹⁴then you shall take delight in the LORD, and I will make you ride upon the heights of the earth; I will feed you with the heritage of your ancestor Jacob, for the mouth of the LORD has spoken.

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)

SCRIPTURE Luke 13:10-17

¹⁰Now he was teaching in one of the synagogues on the sabbath. ¹¹And just then there appeared a woman with a spirit that had crippled her for eighteen years. She was bent over and was quite unable to stand up straight. ¹²When Jesus saw her, he called her over and said, "Woman, you are set free from your ailment." ¹³When he laid his hands on her, immediately she stood up straight and began praising God. ¹⁴But the leader of the synagogue, indignant because Jesus had cured on the sabbath, kept saying to the crowd, "There are six days on which work ought to be done; come on those days and be cured, and not on the sabbath day." ¹⁵But the Lord answered him and said, "You hypocrites! Does not each of you on the sabbath untie his ox or his donkey from the manger, and lead it away to give it water? ¹⁶And ought not this woman, a daughter of Abraham whom Satan bound for eighteen long years, be set free from this bondage on the sabbath day?" ¹⁷When he said this, all his opponents were put to shame; and the entire crowd was rejoicing at all the wonderful things that he was doing.

SERMON

"Healing Sabbath"

Rev. Jane Duffield

*HYMN #761

"Called as Partners in Christ's Service"

- 1 Called as partners in Christ's service, called to ministries of grace, we respond with deep commitment fresh new lines of faith to trace. May we learn the art of sharing, side by side and friend with friend, equal partners in our caring to fulfill God's chosen end.
- 2 Christ's example, Christ's inspiring, Christ's clear call to work and worth, let us follow, never faltering, reconciling folk on earth.

 Men and women, richer, poorer, all God's people, young and old, blending human skills together gracious gifts from God unfold.

- 3 Thus new patterns for Christ's mission, in a small or global sense, help us bear each other's burdens, breaking down each wall or fence.
 Words of comfort, words of vision, words of challenge, said with care, bring new power and strength for action, make us colleagues, free and fair.
- 4 So God grant us for tomorrow ways to order human life that surround each person's sorrow with a calm that conquers strife.

 Make us partners in our living, our compassion to increase, messengers of faith, thus giving hope and confidence and peace.

SHARING OF THIS WEEK'S PRAYER REQUESTS

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.

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PRAYER OF DEDICATION (unison)

O God, inspired by the knowledge of your love, giving thanks for the gifts you offer us each day, we pray that these offerings and our lives may further your kingdom on earth. Amen.

*HYMN #797

"We Cannot Measure How You Heal"

- 1 We cannot measure how you heal or answer every sufferer's prayer, yet we believe your grace responds where faith and doubt unite to care. Your hands, though bloodied on the cross, survive to hold and heal and warn, to carry all through death to life and cradle children yet unborn.
- 2 The pain that will not go away, the guilt that clings from things long past, the fear of what the future holds, are present as if meant to last.

- But present too is love which tends the hurt we never hoped to find, the private agonies inside, the memories that haunt the mind.
- 3 So some have come who need your help and some have come to make amends, as hands which shaped and saved the world are present in the touch of friends.

 Lord, let your Spirit meet us here to mend the body, mind, and soul, to disentangle peace from pain, and make your broken people whole.

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

We invite you to sit and enjoy the postlude Sunny has prepared for us. This also helps with the live-streamed recording to have clear audio for those joining us in worship online.

Participants in this worship service:

Rev. Jane Duffield, guest pastor | Elder Jim Segedy, liturgist Shaun Cloonan, minister of music | Sunny Sakai, pianist John Foster, videographer

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

IN-PERSON WORSHIP GUIDELINES: REVISED JULY 2022

Masks are optional for all in attendance. We will continue to have a supply of disposable masks at the entrances to the church for those who wish to wear one during services.

Out of respect for those who choose or need to continue wearing masks, our practice of sharing communion from our seats as well as collecting the offering at the entrance to the sanctuary will not change. Thanks to all for their cooperation in keeping our church family healthy and safe.

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!

THIS MORNING, WE WELCOME back to our pulpit the Rev. Jane Duffield as guest pastor.

BOOK CLUB MEETS WEEKLY, 10:00AM, Tuesdays at the home of Rhonda Apessos, 361 Maple Avenue, Edgewood, reading "The Fifth Gospel" by Ian Caldwell.

VOCAL CONFLUENCE: Come see Pittsburgh's mixed barbershop chorus in their annual summer show, titled "Together Again," TODAY at 3:00PM, in the FPCE Sanctuary. Please note that there is no ticketing at this event, so it will be first come first served. Donations will happily be accepted at the door. Vocal Confluence rehearses weekly at FPCE on Monday evenings.

SEPTEMBER NEWSLETTER DEADLINE is this Friday, August 26 by Noon. Email Judy with articles.

THE NEXT COMMUNITY DINNER is scheduled for Wednesday, September 7. Sign up to help or bring food by clicking the SignUp Genius link on the website and in the weekly emails.

THERE WILL BE A CONGREGATIONAL MEETING immediately following worship on Rally Day, September 11.

JOIN US FOR UPCOMING SUMMER WORSHIP SERVICES: August 28 – Heather Henkel September 4 – Rev. Chris Taylor, communion Worship returns to the 11:00 hour on September 11

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, August 21

3:00PM Vocal Confluence Show (S)

Monday, August 22

7:00PM Vocal Confluence (S)

Tuesday, August 23

10:00AM Book Club (AH) 7:00PM ESO Rehearsal (S)

Thursday, August 25

3:15PM Flute Lesson (O) 7:00PM Milepost6 (B)

7:00PM SAA (L)

Friday, August 26

12:00PM Newsletter Deadline (email Judy)

8:30PM AA (SR)

Saturday, August 27

2:00PM Edgewood Community Day (Koenig Field)

8:30PM AA (SR)

Next Sunday, August 28

10:00AM Worship (S)

Youth Sunday School (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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