



First Presbyterian Church of Edgewood Online Worship
Twelfth Sunday after Pentecost – August 23, 2020

PRELUDE

THE WELCOME & SHARING OF CHURCH LIFE

TOLLING OF THE HOUR

CALL TO WORSHIP (responsive)

As one body, we have many members, each uniquely gifted for a particular purpose.

We, who are many, are one body in Christ.

Prophets and poets, thinkers and teachers, artists and advocates, consolers and caregivers.

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With thanksgiving we offer our varied gifts in service to Christ, who makes us one.

Let us glorify the Lord!

HYMN #310

"I Love Thy Kingdom, Lord"

1 I love thy kingdom, Lord,
 the house of thine abode,
 the church our blest Redeemer saved
 with his own precious blood.

2 I love thy church, O God.
 Her walls before thee stand,
 dear as the apple of thine eye,
 and graven on thy hand.

3 For her my tears shall fall;
 for her my prayers ascend;

to her my cares and toils be given,
 till toils and cares shall end.

4 Beyond my highest joy
 I prize her heavenly ways:
 her sweet communion, solemn vows,
 her hymns of love and praise.

5 Sure as thy truth shall last,
 to Zion shall be given
 the brightest glories earth can yield,
 and brighter bliss of heaven.

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (responsive)

Jesus asks, "Who do you say that I am?"

We call you the Son of the Living God.

But we do not trust you to be at work in our world here and now.

Jesus asks, "Who do you say that I am?"

You are the Messiah, who delivers us from death to life.

But we doubt your power to transform our lives.

Jesus asks, "Who do you say that I am?"

We profess you are the Christ, the Lord of our lives.

But our attention often wanders and our loyalty is tested. Forgive us.

Help us not only to proclaim you, but to follow your way of justice and peace.

(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 26:1-8

1 Vindicate me, O LORD,
for I have walked in my integrity,
and I have trusted in the LORD without wavering.
2 Prove me, O LORD, and try me;
test my heart and mind.
3 For your steadfast love is before my eyes,
and I walk in faithfulness to you.
4 I do not sit with the worthless,
nor do I consort with hypocrites;
5 I hate the company of evildoers,
and will not sit with the wicked.
6 I wash my hands in innocence,
and go around your altar, O LORD,
7 singing aloud a song of thanksgiving,
and telling all your wondrous deeds.
8 O LORD, I love the house in which you dwell,
and the place where your glory abides.

RESPONSE #750

"Goodness is Stronger Than Evil"
Goodness is stronger than evil;
love is stronger than hate;
light is stronger than darkness;
life is stronger than death.
Victory is ours; victory is ours,
through God who loves us.

sing twice

SCRIPTURE

Romans 12:1-21

I appeal to you therefore, brothers and sisters, by the mercies of God, to present your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to God, which is your spiritual worship. ² Do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your minds, so that you may discern what is the will of God—what is good and acceptable and perfect.

³ For by the grace given to me I say to everyone among you not to think of yourself more highly than you ought to think, but to think with sober judgment, each according to the measure of faith that God has assigned. ⁴ For as in one body we have many members, and not all the members have the same function, ⁵ so we, who are many, are one body in Christ, and individually we are members one of another. ⁶ We have gifts that differ according to the grace given to us: prophecy, in proportion to faith; ⁷ ministry, in ministering; the teacher, in teaching; ⁸ the exhorter, in exhortation; the giver, in generosity; the leader, in diligence; the compassionate, in cheerfulness.

⁹ Let love be genuine; hate what is evil, hold fast to what is good; ¹⁰ love one another with mutual affection; outdo one another in showing honor. ¹¹ Do not lag in zeal, be ardent in spirit, serve the Lord. ¹² Rejoice in hope, be patient in suffering, persevere in prayer. ¹³ Contribute to the needs of the saints; extend hospitality to strangers.

¹⁴ Bless those who persecute you; bless and do not curse them. ¹⁵ Rejoice with those who rejoice, weep with those who weep. ¹⁶ Live in harmony with one another; do not be haughty, but associate with the lowly; do not claim to be wiser than you are. ¹⁷ Do not repay anyone evil for evil, but take thought for what is noble in the sight of all. ¹⁸ If it is possible, so far as it depends on you, live peaceably with all. ¹⁹ Beloved, never avenge yourselves, but leave room for the wrath of God; for it is written, "Vengeance is mine, I will repay, says the Lord." ²⁰ No, "if your enemies are hungry, feed them; if they are thirsty, give them something to drink; for by doing this you will heap burning coals on their heads." ²¹ Do not be overcome by evil, but overcome evil with good.

SERMON**"The Chicken Coop"****The Rev. Carol Divens Roth****HYMN #530****"One Bread, One Body"**

Refrain:

One bread, one body, one Lord of all,
one cup of blessing which we bless.

And we, though many,
throughout the earth,

we are one body in this one Lord.

1 Gentile or Jew, servant or free,
woman or man, no more. (Refrain)

2 Many the gifts, many the works,
one in the Lord of all. (Refrain)

3 Grain for the fields, scattered and grown,
gathered to one, for all. (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.

CALL TO STEWARDSHIP

HYMN #692

"Spirit, Open My Heart"

Refrain:

Spirit, open my heart
to the joy and pain of living.
As you love may I love,
in receiving and in giving.
Spirit, open my heart.

1 God, replace my stony heart
with a heart that's kind and tender.
All my coldness and fear
to your grace I now surrender.
(Refrain)

2 Write your love upon my heart
as my law, my goal, my story.
In each thought, word, and deed,
may my living bring you glory.
(Refrain)

3 May I weep with those who weep;
share the joy of sister, brother.
In the welcome of Christ,
may we welcome one another.
(Refrain)

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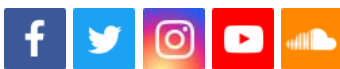
POSTLUDE

Participants in this worship service:

The Rev. Carol Divens Roth, guest pastor | Shaun Cloonan, minister of music
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*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.*

