

# First Presbyterian Church of Edgewood Online Worship including the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper Tenth Sunday after Pentecost – August 9, 2020

# PRELUDE

# THE WELCOME & SHARING OF CHURCH LIFE

## **TOLLING OF THE HOUR**

#### **CALL TO WORSHIP** (responsive)

Children of God, come to the waters. We gather to be restored and renewed.

Come, with your faith and your doubt.

We respond to the one who claims and calls us.

Come, Christ summons us to draw near.

#### Let us worship God with joy and thanksgiving.

#### HYMN #276

"Come, Christians, Join to Sing"

- 1 Come, Christians, join to sing: Alleluia! Amen!
  Loud praise to Christ our King: Alleluia! Amen!
  Let all, with heart and voice, before his throne rejoice; praise is his gracious choice: Alleluia! Amen!
- 2 Come, lift your hearts on high: Alleluia! Amen! Let praises fill the sky: Alleluia! Amen!

# **CALL TO CONFESSION**

He is our guide and friend; to us he'll condescend; his love shall never end: Alleluia! Amen!

3 Praise yet our Christ again: Alleluia! Amen! Life shall not end the strain: Alleluia! Amen! On heaven's blissful shore his goodness we'll adore, singing forevermore: Alleluia! Amen!

#### PRAYER OF CONFESSION (unison)

Lord, we long to draw close to you, but we are afraid. We are afraid to heed your summons for we do not know what awaits us when we step out in faith. We are wary of taking risks for your sake because the forces of chaos seem stronger than your assurances to us. We worry that we will not have enough faith in you or in the gifts you've given us to do the things you ask. Forgive us Lord, and save us. Reach out your hand, and lift us from our fear that we might follow you faithfully. (silent confession)

## **ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

#### **RESPONSE #582**

"Glory to God"

- 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

# Matthew 16:5-12

When the disciples reached the other side, they had forgotten to bring any bread. Jesus said to them, "Watch out, and beware of the yeast of the Pharisees and Sadducees." They said to one another, "It is because we have brought no bread." And becoming aware of it, Jesus said, "You of little faith, why are you talking about having no bread?" Do you still not perceive? Do you not remember the five loaves for the five thousand, and how many baskets you gathered? Or the seven loaves for the four thousand, and how many baskets you gathered? How could you fail to perceive that I was not speaking about bread? Beware of the yeast of the Pharisees and Sadducees? Then they understood that he had not told them to beware of the yeast of the bread, but of the teaching the Pharisees and Sadducees.

#### HYMN #457

"How Happy are the Saints of God"

- How happy are the saints of God who do not heed the wicked way; delighting in the holy Word they seek God's wisdom night and day.
- 2 Like deeply rooted trees, they stand beside an ever-flowing stream.

Their fruit is plentiful and good; their leaves are always growing green.

3 While wicked ones are whisked away like straw before the driving wind, the saints are firmly planted still, and God will keep them to the end.

#### SCRIPTURE

#### Psalm 1

Happy are those who do not follow the advice of the wicked, or take the path that sinners tread, or sit in the seat of scoffers; but their delight is in the law of the LORD, and on his law they meditate day and night. They are like trees planted by streams of water, which yield their fruit in its season, and their leaves do not wither. In all that they do, they prosper. The wicked are not so, but are like chaff that the wind drives away. Therefore the wicked will not stand in the judgment, nor sinners in the congregation of the righteous; for the LORD watches over the way of the righteous, but the way of the wicked will perish.

#### SERMON

# "What Gives You Life?"

#### The Rev. Brian Wallace

#### HYMN #522

"I Am the Bread of Life"

1 "I am the bread of life.You who come to me shall not hunger, and who believe in me shall not thirst.No one can come to me unless the Father beckons."

#### Refrain:

"And I will raise you up, and I will raise you up, and I will raise you up on the last day."

2 "The bread that I will give is my flesh for the life of the world, and if you eat of this bread, you shall live forever; you shall live forever." (Refrain)

# PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE & PASTORAL PRAYER THE LORD'S PRAYER (unison)

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. 3 "Unless you eat of the flesh of the Son of Man and drink of his blood, and drink of his blood, you shall not have life within you." (Refrain)

- 4 "I am the resurrection;
  I am the life.
  If you believe in me,
  even though you die,
  you shall live forever." (Refrain)
- 5 Yes, Lord, I believe that you are the Christ, the Son of God, who has come into the world. (Refrain)

**CALL TO STEWARDSHIP** 

#### **COMMUNION HYMN #525**

"Let Us Break Bread Together"

1 Let us break bread together on our knees; let us break bread together on our knees.

Refrain:

When I fall on my knees, with my face to the rising sun, O Lord, have mercy on me.

## THE SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER INVITATION TO THE LORD'S TABLE

The God of heaven has made his home on earth, **Christ dwells among us and is one with us.** Highest in all creation, he lives among the least, **He journeys with the rejected and welcomes the weary.** Come now all who hunger **And be filled with the bread of heaven.** Come now all who thirst, **And drink from the cup of salvation.** Come now all who seek **And be warmed by the fire of love.** 

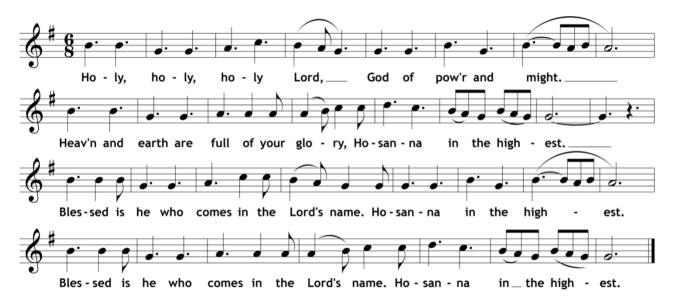
## **GREAT THANKSGIVING**

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.** 

Blessed are you, strong and faithful God. All your works, the height and the depth, echo the silent music of your praise. In the beginning your Word summoned light, night withdrew, and creation dawned. As ages passed unseen, waters gathered on the face of the earth and life appeared. **When the times at last had ripened and the earth grown full in abundance,** you created in your image man and woman, the stewards of all creation. You gave us breath and speech, that all the living might find a voice to sing your praise, and to celebrate the creation you call good.

So now, with all the powers of heaven and earth, we sing the ageless hymn of your glory:

- 2 Let us drink wine together on our knees; let us drink wine together on our knees. (Refrain)
- 3 Let us praise God together on our knees; let us praise God together on our knees. (Refrain)



#### All holy God,

how wonderful is the work of your hands!

When sin had scarred the world,

you entered into covenant to renew the whole

creation. As a mother tenderly gathers her children,

as a father joyfully welcomes his own,

you embraced a people as your own and filled them with longing

for a peace that would last and for a justice that would never fail.

#### **Through countless generations**

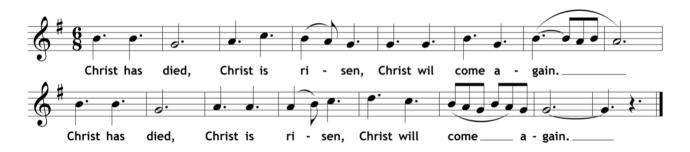
your people hungered for the bread of freedom.

From them you raised up Jesus, your Son, the living bread, in whom ancient hungers are satisfied.

He healed the sick,

though he himself would suffer;
he offered life to sinners,
though death would hunt him down.
But with a love stronger than death,
he opened wide his arms and surrendered his spirit.

Gracious God, as we offer you our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving, we commemorate Jesus, your Son. Death could not bind him, for you raised him up in the Spirit of holiness and exalted him as Lord of creation Great is the mystery of faith:



Eternal God,

let your Holy Spirit move in power over us and over these earthly gifts of bread and wine,

that they may be the communion of the body and blood of Christ, and that we may become one in him.

May his coming in glory find us ever watchful in prayer, strong in truth and love, and faithful in the breaking of the bread. Then, at last, all peoples will be free, all divisions healed, and with your whole creation, we will sing your praise, through your Son, Jesus Christ.

Through Christ, with Christ, in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all glory and honor are yours, almighty Father, forever and ever.



# **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**

# HYMN #526

"Let Us Talents and Tongues Employ"

- 1 Let us talents and tongues employ, reaching out with a shout of joy:
  - bread is broken; the wine is poured;
  - Christ is spoken and seen and heard.

Refrain:

Jesus lives again; earth can breathe again; pass the Word around: loaves abound! Jesus lives again; earth can breathe again; pass the Word around: loaves abound!

- 2 Christ is able to make us one; at the table he sets the tone, teaching people to live to bless, love in word and in deed express. (Refrain)
- 3 Jesus calls us in, sends us out bearing fruit in a world of doubt, gives us love to tell, bread to share: God (Immanuel) everywhere! (Refrain)

#### BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

# Participants in this worship service:

The Rev. Brian Wallace, associate minister, Pittsburgh Presbytery, guest pastor Shaun Cloonan, minister of music | Sunny Sakai, pianist Elder John Foster, videographer

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