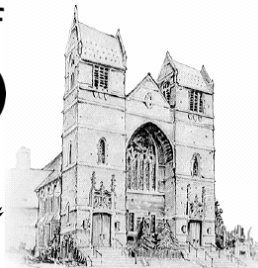




First Presbyterian Church of
EDGEWOOD
The Community Church



10:00 AM
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SUNDAYS

First Presbyterian Church of Edgewood Summer Worship
A Service in the Style of Jazz Vespers featuring "The Good Word in Music"
Fifth Sunday after Pentecost – July 10, 2022

*All who are able, please stand.

PRELUDE

WELCOME & SHARING OF CHURCH LIFE

TOLLING OF THE HOUR

***CALL TO WORSHIP** (responsive)

Psalm 92:1-2; 95:1-2

O Lord, open our lips,

and our mouth will proclaim your praise.

It is good to praise the Lord

and make music to your name, O Most High,

to proclaim your love in the morning

and your faithfulness at night.

Come, let us sing for joy to the Lord;

let us shout aloud to the Rock of our salvation.

Let us come before him with thanksgiving

and extol him with music and song.

***HYMN #267**

"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!

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!

SCRIPTURAL REFLECTION

"Many Members" Steve Garnaas-Holmes, *Unfolding Light*

"The body does not consist of one member but of many.

The eye cannot say to the hand, "I have no need of you."

—1 Corinthians 12:14, 21

RESPONSE #623

"Peace Like a River"

I've got peace like a river, I've got peace like a river, I've got peace like a river in my soul.

CALL TO CONFESSION

Claiming us in love, God beckons us to grow in that love and to reflect that love to others. Yet sin obstructs our efforts and prevents us from living as God intends.

In penitence and faith, let us seek God's forgiveness. Let us pray together:

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (unison)

Gracious God, Jesus tells us that our lives are enriched by loving you and loving our neighbors. We confess that love is hard for us. We are too selfish or too pessimistic, too hollow or too hardened, or just too tired to give ourselves to love's demands. Forgive our arrogance and our listlessness. Cleanse our hearts that we might find the strength to do what love requires and the grace to receive what love has to give. We pray in the name of Jesus, whose love has no boundary. Amen.

(Silent Confession)

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Be assured, friends, that God knows you and calls you by name. You are loved. God rejoices over you with singing. You are never alone; you will never be forsaken or forgotten. When you pass through the waters, God will be there. We have this hope as an anchor for the soul. Friends, believe the good news of the gospel:

in Jesus Christ we are forgiven! Amen!

*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. (3x)
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.

LITANY: Sing a New Song!

compiled by Christine Longhurst (re:Worship blog)

(based on verses from Psalms 30, 89, 92, 95, 96, and 100)

Come, let us sing for joy to the LORD;
let us shout aloud to the Rock of our salvation.
Let us come before God with thanksgiving—
with music and song!

**It is good to sing praise to You,
and make music to Your name, O Most High;
to proclaim Your love in the morning
and Your faithfulness at night.
For You make us glad by Your deeds, O God;
we sing for joy at the work of Your hands.**

Worship God with gladness;
come into God's presence with joyful songs—
with thanksgiving and praise!
For God has taken away our garments of sadness,
and clothed us with joy,
that we might sing praise, and not be silent!

**We will sing of God's love forever!
Young and old will hear, and rejoice.
For Your unfailing love lasts forever;
Your faithfulness is as enduring as the heavens above.**

Sing new songs to God! Praise God's name!
Each day proclaim the good news of God's salvation.
Tell everyone about the amazing things God has done.

**May Your ways be known throughout the earth, O God;
Your saving power among people everywhere.
May the nations praise You and sing for joy,
for You govern them with justice,
and guide the actions of the whole world.**

SCRIPTURAL REFLECTION

"Sing the Lord's Song"

Unfolding Light

How could we sing the Lord's song in a foreign land? —Psalm 137:4

A READING

Music. That thing which engages us, inspires us, connects us, empowers us, soothes us, and fills our spirits to the very brim, music lies within us and surrounds us in our everyday culture. The songs of the earth echo in our souls—we carry them in our hearts. In this way, music becomes a part of us. It's a form of expression, a language that knows no bounds. *When words fail, music speaks.* We cannot keep silent. So, we sing. We sing about faith and love and experiences. We sing about spring and the change in seasons. We sing about singing. How can we not?

RESPONSE #821

"How Can I Keep From Singing?"

My life flows on in endless song,
 above earth's lamentation.
 I hear the clear, though far-off hymn
 that hails a new creation.

No storm can shake my inmost calm
 while to that Rock I'm clinging.
 Since Christ is Lord of heaven and earth,
 how can I keep from singing?

"THE GOOD WORD" IN MUSIC

A series of musical offerings Sunny has prepared.

Before each selection, a story about the hymn tune you are about to hear will be read to guide your meditation and listening as we worship God through music.

READING

Composer Fanny Crosby Writes "He Hideth My Soul"

ANTHEM

"He Hideth My Soul"

arr. Bill Wollaver

*"Behold, there is a place by Me, and thou shalt stand upon a rock:
 And it shall come to pass, while My glory passeth by, that I will put thee in a cleft of the rock,
 and will cover thee with My hand while I pass by." (Exodus 33:21,22)*

READING

"Just A Closer Walk" Remains A Traditional Song For Jazz Funerals

ANTHEM

"Just a Closer Walk With Thee"

arr. Mark Hayes

*"Come close to God, and God will come close to you. Wash your hands, you sinners; purify your hearts,
 for your loyalty is divided between God and the world." (James 4:8)*

READING

A Meditation on "Hymn of Promise"

ANTHEM

"In the Bulb There is a Flower/Over the Rainbow"

arr. Sunny Sakai

*"In our end is our beginning; in our time, infinity; in our doubt there is believing; in our life, eternity.
 In our death, a resurrection; at the last, a victory, unrevealed until its season, something God alone can see."*

READING

The Story of "For Everyone Born"

ANTHEM

"For Everyone Born/We are One in the Spirit"

arr. Sunny Sakai

*And God will delight when we are creators of justice and joy, compassion and peace:
 yes, God will delight when we are creators of justice, justice and joy!
 ...and they'll know we are Christians by our love...*

SCRIPTURAL REFLECTION

"Rekindle the Gift"

Unfolded Light

Rekindle the gift of God that is within you. —2 Timothy 1:6

SHARING OF THIS WEEK'S PRAYER REQUESTS**A MUSICAL CONGREGATIONAL 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 & OFFERINGSfpcedgewood.org/donate

We sing our praises to the Lord, for God is good and worthy! We give our whole selves —
 our talents and material possessions — to the Church with the expectation that they be
 used to further God's dream for our world. Please commit yourself and give as you're able.

PRAYER OF DEDICATION (unison)

Lord, may the gifts of our voices and melodies of our hearts move with the work of your Holy Spirit. May these offerings bring light into dark places, restore hope and vision to all who are oppressed, and well-being and health to all those who suffer.

***HYMN #157**

“Lord of the Dance”

1 I danced in the morning when the world was begun,
and I danced in the moon and the stars and the sun,
and I came down from heaven and I danced on the earth.
At Bethlehem I had my birth.

Refrain:

Dance, then, wherever you may be;
I am the Lord of the Dance, said he,
and I'll lead you all, wherever you may be,
and I'll lead you all in the dance, said he.

2 I danced for the scribe and the Pharisee,
but they would not dance and they would not follow me.
I danced for the fishermen, for James and John.
They came with me and the dance went on. (Refrain)

3 I danced on the Sabbath and I cured the lame.
The holy people said it was a shame.
They whipped and they stripped and they hung me high,
and left me there on a cross to die. (Refrain)

4 I danced on a Friday when the sky turned black.
It's hard to dance with the devil on your back.
They buried my body and they thought I'd gone,
but I am the dance and I still go on. (Refrain)

5 They cut me down and I leapt up high.
I am the life that will never, never die.
I'll live in you if you'll live in me,
I am the Lord of the Dance, said he. (Refrain)

BENEDICTION

Go into your week with your ears pitched
to the sound of God's voice calling your name.
Go into your week with your eyes peeled
for the face of Jesus in unexpected places.
Go into your week with your soul poised
to receive the Spirit of God, the Spirit of Peace.

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:

Elder Jim Segedy, worship leader | Shaun Cloonan, minister of music
Sunny Sakai, pianist | Mandy Rineer, musical assistant

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

IN-PERSON WORSHIP GUIDELINES:

- **Masks are now 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.
- **Please continue to social distance in the marked pews.**
- Out of respect for those who choose or need to continue wearing masks, our practice of passing the peace and sharing communion from our seats, as well as collecting the offering at the entrance to the sanctuary will not change.

We will continue to monitor cases and transmission levels and will relax or strengthen this guidance as health and safety protocols dictate. Thanks to all for their cooperation in keeping our church family healthy and safe. 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.

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!

WE GIVE THANKS for the wonderful ministry that our talented pianist Sunny Sakai provides to us each week with her musical offerings. In particular, we are grateful for the work and preparation she put in to provide us with today's "Good Word in Music."

PORTIONS OF TODAY'S LITURGY came from a variety of resources:

Ashley Danyew's blog post "Our Music Sunday Service"
Steve Garnaas-Holmes' website Unfolding Light
The United Methodist Board of Disciples worship planning site
The Calvin Institute of Christian Worship's resource titled
"A Service of Morning Prayer for Those Who Make Music"
Pastor Carol Penner's website leadinginworship.com

BOOK CLUB MEETS WEEKLY, discussing "Pilgrims Progress in Today's English" by John Bunyan
10:00AM, Tuesdays at the home of Rhonda Apossos, 361 Maple Avenue, Edgewood.

JOIN US FOR UPCOMING SUMMER WORSHIP SERVICES:

July 17 – Heather Henkel preaching
July 24 – Heather Henkel preaching, Christmas in July
July 31 – Rev. Bob Ruefle preaching

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

Monday, July 11

7:00PM Vocal Confluence (S)

Tuesday, July 12

10:00AM Book Club (AH)

7:00PM Session Meeting (GP)

Thursday, June 14

5:00PM Flute Lesson (O)

7:00PM Milepost6 (B)

Friday, July 15

9:15AM Flute Lesson (O)

8:30PM Alcoholics Anonymous (SR)

Saturday, July 16

8:30PM Alcoholics Anonymous (SR)

Next Sunday, July 17

10:00AM Summer 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



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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.*

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