

First Presbyterian Church of Edgewood Online Worship Third Sunday after Pentecost – June 21, 2020

PRELUDE

THE WELCOME & SHARING OF CHURCH LIFE

TOLLING OF THE HOUR

CALL TO WORSHIP (responsive)

Holy, Holy God, Giver of Life, Source of Hope,
Present in all our questions, Hidden in every "Why?"
Holy, Holy God, Walking through every valley,
Wiping away every tear, Blessing each precious memory,
Letting pass each cry of anger, Working for a new day and a renewed song;
Holy, Holy God, Giver of Life, our Source of Hope and Peace.

HYMN "Faith of our Fathers" (Please sing!)

- 1 Faith of our fathers! Living still
 In spite of dungeon, fire, and sword:
 O how our hearts beat high with joy,
 Whene'er we hear that glorious word:
 Faith of our fathers, holy faith!
 We will be true to thee till death.
- 2 The martyrs, chained in prisons dark, Were still in heart and conscience free: And truly blest would be our fate, If we, like them, should die for thee. Faith of the martyrs, holy faith! We will be true to thee till death.
- 3 Faith of our mothers! Mary's pray'rs
 Shall win all nations unto thee;
 And through the truth that comes from God,
 We all shall then indeed be free.

Faith of our mothers, holy faith! We will be true to thee till death.

4 Faith of our fathers! we will love
Both friend and foe in all our strife:
And preach thee, too, as love knows how,
By kindly words and virtuous life.
Faith of our fathers, holy faith!
We will be true to thee till death.

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (unison)

We have failed as your church, O God.
You call us to live faithfully, act justly and bring peace to the earth.
Instead, our lives and your church reflect more of our needs
and worries and less of the needs and worries of all peoples.
Move us beyond ourselves to hear the cry of the world
and to respond with acts and deeds of kindness, mercy and justice.
May your grace shine through a church that, even with its shortcomings,
accepts the call of Christ to serve and care and love and bring peace.
May we feel your forgiving spirit now. Amen.

(silent confession)

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

RESPONSE #582 "Glory to God" (Please sing!)

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.

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION (unison)

God, source of all light, by your Word you give light to the soul. Pour out on us the spirit of wisdom and understanding that our hearts and minds may be opened. Amen.

SCRIPTURE Psalm 86:1-10, 16-17

ANTHEM "Incline Your Ear, O Lord, to Me (Psalm 86)" Hymn #844

SCRIPTURE Matthew 10:26-39

SERMON Pastor Michael Rucker

- 1 Once to every man and nation
 Comes the moment to decide,
 In the strife of truth with falsehood,
 For the good or evil side;
 Some great cause, some great decision,
 Off'ring each the bloom or blight,
 And the choice goes by forever
 'Twixt that darkness and that light.
- 2 Then to side with truth is noble,
 When we share her wretched crust,
 Ere her cause bring fame and profit,
 And 'tis prosp'rous to be just;
 Then it is the brave man chooses
 While the coward stands aside,
 Till the multitude make virtue
 Of the faith they had denied.
- 3 Though the cause of evil prosper, Yet the truth alone is strong; Though her portion be the scaffold, And upon the throne be wrong, Yet that scaffold sways the future, And, behind the dim unknown, Standeth God, within the shadow, Keeping watch above His own.

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

- 1 "Will you come and follow me if I but call your name?
 Will you go where you don't know and never be the same?
 Will you let my love be shown; will you let my name be known;
 will you let my life be grown in you and you in me?"
- 2 "Will you leave yourself behind if I but call your name? Will you care for cruel and kind and never be the same? Will you risk the hostile stare should your life attract or scare? Will you let me answer prayer in you and you in me?"
- 3 "Will you let the blinded see if I but call your name? Will you set the prisoners free and never be the same? Will you kiss the leper clean, and do such as this unseen, and admit to what I mean in you and you in me?"
- 4 "Will you love the 'you' you hide if I but call your name?
 Will you quell the fear inside and never be the same?
 Will you use the faith you've found to reshape the world around, through my sight and touch and sound in you and you in me?"
- 5 Lord, your summons echoes true when you but call my name. Let me turn and follow you and never be the same. In your company I'll go where your love and footsteps show. Thus I'll move and live and grow in you and you in me.

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

Participants in this worship service:

The Rev. Michael P. Rucker, pastor | Shaun Cloonan, minister of music | Sunny Sakai, pianist Elder John Foster, videographer

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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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