



First Presbyterian Church of Edgewood Worship
Sixth Sunday of Easter – May 22, 2022

*All who are able, please stand.

PRELUDE

WELCOME & SHARING OF CHURCH LIFE

TOLLING OF THE HOUR

***CALL TO WORSHIP** (responsive)

Praise the Lord! Praise the Lord from the heavens; praise him in the heights!

Praise the Lord, all his angels; praise Him all you heavenly hosts!

Let all of creation, all creatures, and all human beings praise the name of the Lord!

The Lord created them that they might live and praise God forever and ever.

**Let us worship the Lord that our praises here on Earth would participate
in the worship that is always going on in Heaven! Hallelujah!**

***HYMN #282** "Come Down, O Love Divine"

1 Come down, O Love Divine; seek out this soul of mine,
and visit it with your own ardor glowing.

O Comforter, draw near; within my heart appear,
and kindle it, your holy flame bestowing.

2 O let it freely burn, till earthly passions turn
to dust and ashes in its heat consuming.
And let your glorious light shine ever on my sight,
and clothe me round, the while my path illuming.

3 And so the yearning strong, with which the soul will long,
shall far outpass the power of human telling.
For none can guess God's grace, till Love creates a place
wherein the Holy Spirit makes a dwelling.

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (unison)

Lord of Heaven and Earth, we praise your holy name. Lord, you command us to love and yet we fall short in loving you and in loving our neighbors as equally as we love ourselves. We fail to pray "Thy Will Be Done." We too do not act to do your will "on earth as it is in heaven." We even forget to worship you and carry out your mission in the world. Have mercy on us Lord. Grant us your wisdom and next right actions to usher in your Heaven on Earth. Amen.

(Silent Confession)

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

***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.**

(For the safety of all, please share the peace with a smile or wave from your seat.)

GATHERING SONG

"Because He Lives"

refrain only

Because He lives, I can face tomorrow. Because He lives, all fear is gone.
Because I know He holds the future and life is worth a living just because He lives!

SCRIPTURE

John 14:23-29

²³ Jesus answered him, "Those who love me will keep my word, and my Father will love them, and we will come to them and make our home with them. ²⁴ Whoever does not love me does not keep my words, and the word that you hear is not mine but is from the Father who sent me. ²⁵ "I have said these things to you while I am still with you. ²⁶ But the Advocate, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, will teach you everything and remind you of all that I have said to you. ²⁷ Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you. I do not give to you as the world gives. Do not let your hearts be troubled, and do not let them be afraid. ²⁸ You heard me say to you, 'I am going away, and I am coming to you.' If you loved me, you would rejoice that I am going to the Father, because the Father is greater than I. ²⁹ And now I have told you this before it occurs, so that when it does occur you may believe.

ANTHEM

"If Ye Love Me"

Thomas Tallis

SCRIPTURE

Revelation 21:9b-12, 22-22:5

⁹ Then one of the seven angels who had the seven bowls full of the seven last plagues came and said to me, "Come, I will show you the bride, the wife of the Lamb." ¹⁰ And in the spirit he carried me away to a great, high mountain and showed me the holy city Jerusalem coming down out of heaven from God. ¹¹ It has the glory of God and a radiance like a very rare jewel, like jasper, clear as crystal. ¹² It has a great, high wall with

twelve gates, and at the gates twelve angels, and on the gates are inscribed the names that are the names of the twelve tribes of the Israelites:

22 Then the angel showed me the river of the water of life, bright as crystal, flowing from the throne of God and of the Lamb ² through the middle of the street of the city. On either side of the river is the tree of life with its twelve kinds of fruit, producing its fruit each month, and the leaves of the tree are for the healing of the nations. ³ Nothing accursed will be found there anymore. But the throne of God and of the Lamb will be in it, and his servants will worship him; ⁴ they will see his face, and his name will be on their foreheads. ⁵ And there will be no more night; they need no light of lamp or sun, for the Lord God will be their light, and they will reign forever and ever.

SERMON

“Heaven on Earth (pt. 2)”

Rev. Bob Ruefle

*HYMN #377

“I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light”

1 I want to walk as a child of the light.
I want to follow Jesus.
God set the stars to give light to the world.
The star of my life is Jesus.

Refrain: In him there is no darkness at all.
The night and the day are both alike.
The Lamb is the light of the city of God.
Shine in my heart, Lord Jesus. (Refrain)

2 I want to see the brightness of God.
I want to look at Jesus.
Clear Sun of righteousness, shine on my path,
and show me the way to the Father. (Refrain)

3 I'm looking for the coming of Christ.
I want to be with Jesus.
When we have run with patience the race,
we shall know the joy of Jesus. (Refrain)

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.

INVITATION TO RECEIVE OUR TITHES & OFFERINGS

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PRAYER OF DEDICATION (unison)

God of generosity, we are grateful you do not give as the world gives. Instead, you give unconditionally and abundantly. As we offer our time, talent, and treasure, we ask that you might transform our efforts so that our giving might come to be more and more like yours. Amen.

***HYMN #853**

"We are Marching in the Light of God"

- 1 We are marching in the light of God;
we are marching in the light of God.
We are marching, Oh, we are marching in the light of God;
We are marching, Oh, we are marching in the light of God.
- 2 We are dancing...
- 3 We are praying...
- 4 We are singing...

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. Bob Ruefle, guest pastor | Elder Jim Segedy, liturgist
Shaun Cloonan, minister of music | Sunny Sakai, pianist | The Sanctuary Choir
John Foster, videographer

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or audio only on our SoundCloud channel at www.soundcloud.com/fpcedgewood



Congregational Meeting immediately follows the service.

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

MARCH 2022 REVISED 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!

THIS MORNING, WE WELCOME back to our pulpit the Rev. Bob Ruefle as guest pastor.

NOTICE OF CONGREGATIONAL MEETING: today following morning worship, there will be a short Congregational Meeting to elect additional officers.

JUNE NEWSLETTER DEADLINE is Friday at Noon. Please email articles, joys/concerns, and other important information to Judy at office@fpcedgewood.org.

BOOK CLUB MEETS WEEKLY, discussing "Have a Little Faith" by Mitch Albom., 10:00AM, Tuesdays at the home of Rhonda Apossos, 361 Maple Avenue, Edgewood.

WEDNESDAY NIGHT ZOOM BIBLE STUDY: 7:00PM at <https://pitt.zoom.us/j/6670286724>
No password is needed. Email Tim Hoffman at HoffmanTL@gmail.com with questions.

RECYCLE BINS are located in the last pew of the sanctuary and a blue bin at the side vestibule entrance for bulletins, cups, (list of what is accepted is posted on bins).

UPCOMING WORSHIP SCHEDULE

May 29 – Seventh Sunday of Easter, Rev. Jane Duffield preaching, Memorial Day Observance follows

June 5 – Pentecost, Emerging Worship, Hunter Steinitz preaching (10AM summer worship begins)

June 12 – Trinity Sunday, Rebecca Abbott preaching

June 19 – Father's Day, Communion, Rev. Chris Taylor preaching, Donuts for Dads follows



Community
MEALS

We're Back – Almost...The Community Dinners are back, or at least they will be very soon. Yes, after our little COVID break, we'll again be hosting the ever-popular FPCE Community Dinners starting in June!

Save the Dates: The First Wednesdays of June, July, August, and September, from 6–8PM we'll be firing up the grill on the side lawn with your favorites, plus some new, soon-to-be-favorites. And, as usual, they're FREE! So bring your family, friends and neighbors for good food and fellowship!!!

June 1	Hamburgers, Hot Dogs (of course there will be meatless versions for those who prefer that), and all the fixins'
July 6	Sausage & Pierogi Fest
August 3	BBQ (Ribs, Brisket, Chicken, Pulled Pork)
September 7	Burgers and Dogs or Something Yummy.

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, May 22

12:00PM Congregational Meeting (S)
12:15PM Fellowship (GP)
7:00PM PNC Meeting (Zoom)

Monday, May 23

6:30PM Scouts (Sc/SR)
7:00PM Vocal Confluence (S)

Tuesday, May 24

10:00AM Book Club (AH)

Wednesday, May 25

7:00PM Bible Study (Zoom)

Thursday, May 26

5:00PM Flute Lesson (L)
7:00PM Milepost6 (B)

Friday, May 27

5:00PM Flute Lesson (L)
8:30PM Alcoholics Anonymous (SR)

Saturday, May 28

8:30PM Alcoholics Anonymous (SR)

Next Sunday, May 29

9:30AM Choir Rehearsal (S)
11:00AM Worship (S)
Youth Sunday School (GP)
12:00PM Memorial Day Observance
(Memorial Park)

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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The Community Church



*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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—Moderator, Florence Raisig—Clerk of Session

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2023

Marcia Haley
Tim Hoffman
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2024

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