



**First Presbyterian Church of Edgewood Worship**  
**Sixth Sunday of Easter – May 9, 2021**

**PRELUDE**

**WELCOME & SHARING OF CHURCH LIFE**

**TOLLING OF THE HOUR**

**READING OF GOD’S WORD** Proverbs 31.10-31

**PRAYER**

**CALL TO WORSHIP** (responsive) *From Psalm 108*

My heart is steadfast, O God  
 I will sing. I will sing praises, even with my soul.

**Awake, harp and lyre;  
 I will awaken the dawn!**

I will give thanks to You, O Lord, among the peoples,  
 And I will sing praises to You among the nations.

**For Your lovingkindness is great above the heavens,  
 And Your truth reaches to the skies.**

**HYMN #201** "A Prophet-Woman Broke a Jar"

1 A prophet-woman broke a jar,  
 by Love’s divine appointing.  
 With rare perfume she filled the room,  
 presiding and anointing.  
 A prophet-woman broke a jar,  
 the sneers of scorn defying.  
 With rare perfume she filled the room,  
 preparing Christ for dying.

2 A faithful woman left a tomb  
 by Love’s divine commission.  
 She saw; she heard; she preached the  
 Word, arising from submission.

A faithful woman left a tomb,  
 with resurrection gospel.  
 She saw; she heard; she preached the  
 Word, apostle to apostles.

3 Though woman-wisdom, woman-truth,  
 for centuries were hidden,  
 unsung, unwritten, and unheard,  
 derided and forbidden,  
 the Spirit’s breath, the Spirit’s fire,  
 on free and slave descending,  
 can tumble our dividing walls,  
 our shame and sadness mending.

4 The Spirit knows; the Spirit calls,  
by Love's divine ordaining,  
the friends we need, to serve and lead,  
their powers and gifts unchaining.

The Spirit knows; the Spirit calls,  
from women, men and children,  
the friends we need, to serve and lead.  
Rejoice, and make them welcome!

## CALL TO CONFESSION

**PRAYER OF CONFESSION** (unison)

(Psalm 51.7-9)

**Purify me with hyssop, and I shall be clean;**

**Wash me, and I shall be whiter than snow.**

**Make me to hear joy and gladness,**

**Let the bones which You have broken rejoice.**

**Hide Your face from my sins and blot out all my iniquities.** (Silent Confession)

## ASSURANCE OF PARDON

**RESPONSE #447**

"We are Forgiven"

We are forgiven. Thanks be to God.

## CONFESSION OF OUR FAITH

*The Westminster Confession Shorter Catechism*

Q. 17. Into what estate did the fall bring mankind?

**A. The fall brought mankind into an estate of sin and misery.** (*Romans 5.12*)

## ANTHEM

"A Mother's Love"

Mark Patterson

1 Blessed are a mother's arms  
that hold a tiny child.  
Blessed are her whispered prayers  
for one so meek and mild.  
Through the years the child will learn  
of wonders up above,  
but safe within a mother's arms  
the child will know God's love.

2 Blessed are a mother's hands  
that work to do God's will.  
Blessed are her simple deeds  
that show us how to give.

As we grow and find a world  
of challenges to face,  
a mother's loving sacrifice  
still teaches us God's grace.

3 Blessed is a mother's love  
renewed by faith each day.  
Blessed are her words of comfort  
when we lose our way.  
Some may learn to place their trust  
in riches here below,  
but a mother's love reminds us of  
the treasure heaven holds.

## SCRIPTURE

2 Timothy 1.5; 3.14-17

<sup>5</sup> For I am mindful of the sincere faith within you, which first dwelled in your grandmother Lois and your mother Eunice, and I am sure that it is in you as well.

<sup>14</sup> You, however, continue in the things you have learned and become convinced of, knowing from whom you have learned them, <sup>15</sup> and that from childhood you have known the sacred writings which are able to give you the wisdom that leads to salvation through faith which is in Christ Jesus. <sup>16</sup> All Scripture is inspired by God and beneficial for teaching, for rebuke, for correction, for training in righteousness; <sup>17</sup> so that the man or woman of God may be fully capable, equipped for every good work.

## PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

## SERMON

## “The Influence of Godly Motherhood”

Rev. Tony Rivera

### HYMN #44

“Like a Mother Who Has Borne Us”

1 Like a mother who has borne us,  
held us close in her delight,  
fed us freely from her body,  
God has called us into life.

3 Though as children we have wandered,  
placed our trust in power and might,  
left behind our brothers, sisters,  
God still calls us into life.

2 Like a father who has taught us,  
grasped our hand and been our guide,  
lifted us and healed our sorrows,  
God has walked with us in life.

4 When we offer food and comfort,  
grasp our neighbor’s hand in love,  
tread the path of peace and justice,  
God still walks with us in life.

## 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.**

## INVITATION TO RECEIVE OUR TITHES & OFFERINGS

### PRAYER OF DEDICATION

### HYMN #161

“Woman in the Night”

1 Woman in the night,  
spent from giving birth,  
guard our precious light;  
peace is on the earth.  
Woman in the crowd,  
creeping up behind,  
touching is allowed:  
seek and you will find!

come and go in peace;  
love him with your hair! (Refrain)

Refrain:

Come and join the song,  
women, children, men.  
Jesus makes us free to live again!

3 Woman in the house,  
nurtured to be meek,  
leave your second place,  
listen, think, and speak!  
Woman on the road,  
from your sickness freed,  
witness and provide,  
joining word and deed: (Refrain)

2 Woman at the well,  
question the Messiah;  
find your friends and tell:  
drink your heart’s desire!  
Woman at the feast,  
let the righteous stare;

4 Women on the hill,  
stand when men have fled;  
Christ needs loving still,  
though your hope is dead.  
Women in the dawn,  
care and spices bring,  
earliest to mourn,  
earliest to sing! (Refrain)

## BENEDICTION

## POSTLUDE

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**Participants in this worship service:**

The Rev. Anthony Rivera, pastor  
Shaun Cloonan, minister of music | Sunny Sakai, pianist  
Lorraine Douthett, videographer | Judy Mysels, greeter

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**IN-PERSON WORSHIP GUIDELINES**

- everyone must wear a mask properly
- there is a 50-person maximum capacity in the sanctuary, including the pastor and worship staff
- refrain from singing, handshaking, and hugging
- please move personal discussions after the service outdoors to avoid inside gatherings
- please observe social distancing in the pews - space apart from each other in the marked pews

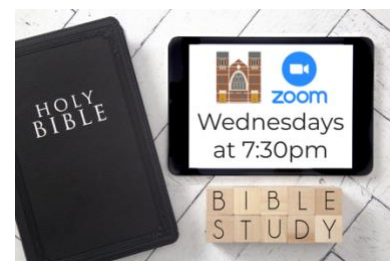
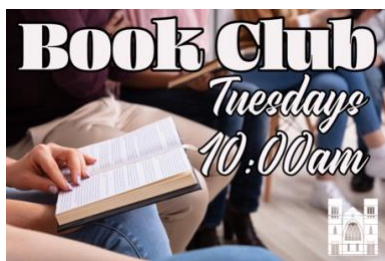
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Live-streamed online worship will continue to be available on Facebook and YouTube  
for those who choose to stay home until they feel safe to rejoin in person.

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**Weekly Zoom Meetings**

We will continue our weekly gatherings on Zoom for prayer, discussion, and study.

On Mondays at 7:30pm, we gather for intentional prayer focusing on our members, community, and world. Tuesday mornings at 10:00am is the weekly Book Club meeting. The group decides on a book that they read together and discuss the week's portion. During March, they focused on Lamentations as a Lenten study. And Wednesday evenings at 7:30pm is a Bible study led by Pastor Tony.



An e-mail invitation is sent out weekly with Zoom links, meeting ID and passcode. To be added to the email list, contact the office. And if you don't use Zoom on your device, you can call in to the meetings to participate by voice. Call Judy in the office to receive the number, meeting ID and passcode to participate if you don't receive the email.



*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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