



**First Presbyterian Church of Edgewood Online Worship**  
**Nineteenth Sunday after Pentecost – October 11, 2020**

**PRELUDE**

**THE WELCOME & SHARING OF CHURCH LIFE**

**TOLLING OF THE HOUR**

**CALL TO WORSHIP** (responsive)

Come, all who hunger for good news.

**We thirst for words of hope and healing.**

Come, from rural road and city street.

**We gather at the King's invitation.**

Come, join the celebration.

**Let us worship the Lord!**

**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!

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!

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!

**CALL TO CONFESSION & PRAYER OF CONFESSION** (unison)

**Extravagant God, you invite us to your table in the kingdom of heaven.**

**But we do not take our place at the feast.**

**We say, "We have more important things to do,"**

**and turn back to labors that threaten to consume us.**

**Beckon us again, we pray, that we may respond with gratitude.**

**In your mercy, gather us in that we might experience the joy of your kingdom  
and taste the abundance of your grace.**

(silent confession)

**ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

**RESPONSE #582**

"Glory to God"

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.

**SCRIPTURE**

Psalm 106:1-6, 19-23

<sup>1</sup> Praise the LORD! O give thanks to the LORD, for he is good; for his steadfast love endures forever.

<sup>2</sup> Who can utter the mighty doings of the LORD, or declare all his praise? <sup>3</sup> Happy are those who observe justice, who do righteousness at all times. <sup>4</sup> Remember me, O LORD, when you show favor to your people; help me when you deliver them; <sup>5</sup> that I may see the prosperity of your chosen ones, that I may rejoice in the gladness of your nation, that I may glory in your heritage. <sup>6</sup> Both we and our ancestors have sinned; we have committed iniquity, have done wickedly.

<sup>19</sup> They made a calf at Horeb and worshiped a cast image. <sup>20</sup> They exchanged the glory of God for the image of an ox that eats grass. <sup>21</sup> They forgot God, their Savior, who had done great things in Egypt, <sup>22</sup> wondrous works in the land of Ham, and awesome deeds by the Red Sea. <sup>23</sup> Therefore he said he would destroy them—had not Moses, his chosen one, stood in the breach before him, to turn away his wrath from destroying them.

**ANTHEM #373**

"O Day of Peace"

1 O day of peace that dimly shines  
through all our hopes and prayers and dreams,  
guide us to justice, truth, and love,  
delivered from our selfish schemes.  
May swords of hate fall from our hands,  
our hearts from envy find release,  
till by God's grace our warring world  
shall see Christ's promised reign of peace.

2 Then shall the wolf dwell with the lamb,  
nor shall the fierce devour the small;  
as beasts and cattle calmly graze,  
a little child shall lead them all.  
Then enemies shall learn to love,  
all creatures find their true accord;  
the hope of peace shall be fulfilled,  
for all the earth shall know the Lord.

## SCRIPTURE

Matthew 22:1-14

<sup>1</sup>Once more Jesus spoke to them in parables, saying: <sup>2</sup>"The kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who gave a wedding banquet for his son. <sup>3</sup>He sent his slaves to call those who had been invited to the wedding banquet, but they would not come. <sup>4</sup>Again he sent other slaves, saying, 'Tell those who have been invited: Look, I have prepared my dinner, my oxen and my fat calves have been slaughtered, and everything is ready; come to the wedding banquet.' <sup>5</sup>But they made light of it and went away, one to his farm, another to his business, <sup>6</sup>while the rest seized his slaves, mistreated them, and killed them. <sup>7</sup>The king was enraged. He sent his troops, destroyed those murderers, and burned their city. <sup>8</sup>Then he said to his slaves, 'The wedding is ready, but those invited were not worthy. <sup>9</sup>Go therefore into the main streets, and invite everyone you find to the wedding banquet.' <sup>10</sup>Those slaves went out into the streets and gathered all whom they found, both good and bad; so the wedding hall was filled with guests. <sup>11</sup>"But when the king came in to see the guests, he noticed a man there who was not wearing a wedding robe, <sup>12</sup>and he said to him, 'Friend, how did you get in here without a wedding robe?' And he was speechless. <sup>13</sup>Then the king said to the attendants, 'Bind him hand and foot, and throw him into the outer darkness, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.' <sup>14</sup>For many are called, but few are chosen."

## SERMON

**"The Invitation"**

**The Rev. Carol Divens-Roth**

## HYMN #503

"Lord, We Have Come at Your Own Invitation"

- 1 Lord, we have come at your own invitation,  
chosen by you, to be counted your friends;  
yours is the strength that sustains dedication;  
ours, a commitment we know never ends.
- 2 Here, at your table, confirm our intention;  
give it your seal of forgiveness and grace;  
teach us to serve without pride or pretension,  
Lord, in your kingdom, whatever our place.
- 3 When, at your table, each time of returning,  
vows are renewed and our courage restored,  
may we increasingly glory in learning  
all that it means to accept you as Lord.

## 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

## HYMN #770

"I'm Gonna Eat at the Welcome Table"

1 I'm gonna eat at the welcome table;  
I'm gonna eat at the welcome table,  
Alleluia.  
I'm gonna eat at the welcome table;  
I'm gonna eat at the welcome table,  
Alleluia.

2 I'm gonna eat and drink with my Jesus; ...

3 I'm gonna join with sisters, brothers; ...

4 Here all the world will find a welcome; ...

5 We're gonna feast on milk and honey; ...

## BENEDICTION

## POSTLUDE

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### ***Participants in this worship service:***

**The Rev. Carol Divens-Roth**, guest pastor

**Shaun Cloonan**, minister of music

**Sunny Sakai**, pianist

**Elder John Foster**, videographer

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our mission as the First Presbyterian Church of Edgewood is to  
love God, to love each other, and to love our neighbors.*

