



Worship at Eleven O'Clock

Twenty-First Sunday after Pentecost – October 17, 2021

*All who are able, please stand.

PRELUDE

WELCOME & SHARING OF CHURCH LIFE

***CALL TO WORSHIP** (responsive)

My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?

Why are you so far from saving me, from the words of my groaning?

O my God, I cry by day, but you do not answer, and by night, but I find no rest.

Yet you are holy, enthroned on the praises of Israel.

In you our fathers trusted; they trusted, and you delivered them.

To you they cried and were rescued; in you they trusted and were not put to shame.

***SONG #621**

"I Will Call Upon the Lord"

I will call upon the Lord
who is worthy to be praised.
So shall I be saved from my enemies.
I will call upon the Lord.

The Lord liveth, and blessed be the Rock,
and let the God of my salvation be exalted.
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***PRAYER OF INVOCATION** (unison)

God, sometimes we do not understand why bad things happen to good people. Sometimes all we can do is lift up our eyes and hearts to heaven, and scream out loud, Why? Sometimes we do not want to persist in our integrity; we allow our suffering to lead us into despair. Yet wisdom comes from listening to your Word. Enable us to see the life you have given us through the laughter, joy, trial, and tribulation of your son Jesus Christ, who lived, suffered, died, and was raised for us. In his name we pray. Amen.

***SONG #458**

"Thy Word"

Thy word is a lamp unto my feet
and a light unto my path.
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and a light unto my path.

When I feel afraid,
and I think I've lost my way,
still you're there right beside me.
Nothing will I fear as long as you are near.
Please be near me to the end.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (unison)

Merciful God, you show us your care in so much of life around us. You invite us into your great life of love. But often we refuse your invitation and turn away from your call. We have not loved one another as Christ loved us. We have not forgiven one another as we have been forgiven. We have not given ourselves in love and

service for the world, as Christ gave himself for us. Forgive us, we pray. By your Holy Spirit, grant us the power to live as bearers of your peace and grace, through Christ our Lord. Amen.

(Silent Confession)

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

***RESPONSE #447**

"We are Forgiven"

We are forgiven, we are forgiven. Thanks be to God, thanks be to God.

We are forgiven, we are forgiven. Thanks be to God, thanks be to God.

***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

"Surely the Presence"

Surely the presence of the Lord is in this place;

I can feel his mighty power and his grace.

I can hear the brush of angel's wings, I see glory on each face.

Surely the presence of the Lord is in this place.

SCRIPTURE

Job 23:1-9, 16 & 17

Then Job answered and said: ²"Today also my complaint is bitter; my hand is heavy on account of my groaning. ³Oh, that I knew where I might find him, that I might come even to his seat! ⁴I would lay my case before him and fill my mouth with arguments.

⁵I would know what he would answer me and understand what he would say to me.

⁶Would he contend with me in the greatness of his power? No; he would pay attention to me. ⁷There an upright man could argue with him, and I would be acquitted forever by my judge. ⁸"Behold, I go forward, but he is not there, and backward, but I do not

perceive him; ⁹on the left hand when he is working, I do not behold him; he turns to the right hand, but I do not see him.

¹⁶God has made my heart faint; the Almighty has terrified me; ¹⁷yet I am not silenced because of the darkness, nor because thick darkness covers my face.

***SONG #721**

"Lord, You Have Come to the Lakeshore"

1 Lord, you have come to the lakeshore
looking neither for wealthy nor wise ones;
you only asked me to follow humbly.

Refrain

O Lord, with your eyes you have
searched me,
and while smiling have spoken my name;
now my boat's left on the shoreline
behind me.

By your side I will seek other seas.

2 You know so well my possessions;
my boat carries no gold and no weapons;
you will find there my nets and labor.
(Refrain)

3 You need my hands, full of caring,
through my labors to give others rest
and constant love that keeps on loving.
(Refrain)

4 You, who have fished other oceans,
ever longed for by souls who are waiting,
my loving friend, as thus you call me:
(Refrain)

SCRIPTURE

Mark 10:17-31

¹⁷ And as he was setting out on his journey, a man ran up and knelt before him and asked him, "Good Teacher, what must I do to inherit eternal life?" ¹⁸ And Jesus said to him, "Why do you call me good? No one is good except God alone. ¹⁹ You know the commandments: 'Do not murder, Do not commit adultery, Do not steal, Do not bear false witness, Do not defraud, Honor your father and mother.'" ²⁰ And he said to him, "Teacher, all these I have kept from my youth." ²¹ And Jesus, looking at him, loved him, and said to him, "You lack one thing: go, sell all that you have and give to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven; and come, follow me." ²² Disheartened by the saying, he went away sorrowful, for he had great possessions. ²³ And Jesus looked around and said to his disciples, "How difficult it will be for those who have wealth to enter the kingdom of God!" ²⁴ And the disciples were amazed at his words. But Jesus said to them again, "Children, how difficult it is to enter the kingdom of God! ²⁵ It is easier for a camel to go through the eye of a needle than for a rich person to enter the kingdom of God." ²⁶ And they were exceedingly astonished, and said to him, ^(b) "Then who can be saved?" ²⁷ Jesus looked at them and said, "With man it is impossible, but not with God. For all things are possible with God." ²⁸ Peter began to say to him, "See, we have left everything and followed you." ²⁹ Jesus said, "Truly, I say to you, there is no one who has left house or brothers or sisters or mother or father or children or lands, for my sake and for the gospel, ³⁰ who will not receive a hundredfold now in this time, houses and brothers and sisters and mothers and children and lands, with persecutions, and in the age to come eternal life. ³¹ But many who are first will be last, and the last first."

SERMON**"God's Eye View"****Rev. Bob Ruefle****SONG****"Hallelujah"**

1 Now I've heard there was a secret chord
That David played, and it pleased the Lord
But you don't really care for music, do ya?
It goes like this, the fourth, the fifth
The minor fall, the major lift
The baffled king composing "Hallelujah"

Refrain

Hallelujah, hallelujah, hallelujah, hallelujah

2 Your faith was strong
but you needed proof
You saw her bathing on the roof
Her beauty in the moonlight overthrew ya
She tied you to a kitchen chair
She broke your throne,
and she cut your hair
And from your lips she drew the hallelujah
(refrain)

3 You say I took the name in vain
I don't even know the name
But if I did, well really, what's it to ya?
There's a blaze of light in every word
It doesn't matter which you heard
The holy or the broken Hallelujah
(refrain)

4 I did my best, it wasn't much
I couldn't feel, so I tried to touch
I've told the truth, I didn't come to fool ya
And even though it all went wrong
I'll stand before the lord of song
With nothing on my tongue but hallelujah
(refrain)

SHARING 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.

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SONG

"Give Thanks"

Give thanks with a grateful heart;
give thanks to the Holy One;
give thanks because he's given
Jesus Christ, his Son.
(repeat)

And now let the weak say,
"I am strong";
let the poor say,
"I am rich because of what
the Lord has done for us!"
(repeat)

Give thanks. Give thanks.

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

*SONG #726

"Will You Come and Follow Me"

- 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:

Rev. Bob Ruefle, guest pastor | Lorraine Douthett, liturgist
Shaun Cloonan, minister of music | Sunny Sakai, pianist
The Emerging Worship Ensemble:
Tim Hoffman, Tyler McGuigan, Jim Segedy, Lisa Segedy
Tom Ochs, videographer | Rick Masten, greeter

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

AUGUST 5, 2021 REVISED IN-PERSON WORSHIP GUIDELINES:

Due to the rise in cases of COVID-19 and the Delta Variant, and in response to Allegheny County moving from the moderate to substantial transmission rate, the Worship Committee has reinstated safety protocols for in-person worship following CDC recommendations as follows:

- **Properly worn masks are required for all those attending worship regardless of vaccination status**
- Please continue to observe social distancing in the marked pews
- **Congregational singing may continue while masked.** You are welcome to use the hymnals in the pews, stand and join in singing of hymns and responses. Lyrics will continue to be printed in the bulletin for those following along online.

We understand that each person is different with the possible risks he or she may have. 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!

BOOK CLUB CONTINUES, "The Prayer Box" by Lisa Wyngate, 10:00AM, Tuesdays at the home of Rhonda Apossos, 361 Maple Avenue, Edgewood.

INTERESTED IN BEING A LITURGIST? Contact Shaun Cloonan to sign up for an upcoming Sunday and assist our guest pastors in leading worship.

EVEN THOUGH THE CROP WALK is over, you still have time to donate on behalf of FPCE. Please see Judy Mysels in the church office or visit <https://events.crophungerwalk.org/2021/team/first-presbyterian-church-of-edgewood> to contribute online.

Looking ahead...

UPCOMING WORSHIP SCHEDULE

October 24 – Receiving new members, Rev. Bob Ruefle preaching

October 31 – Reformation Sunday, Heather Henkel preaching

November 7 – All Saints' Observance/Communion, Rev. Gail Mason preaching

November 14 – Stewardship Sunday, Jason Dauer preaching

November 21 – Christ the King Sunday/Emerging Worship, Heather Henkel preaching

November 28 – First Sunday of Advent, Rev. Kellie Weekley-Mills preaching

STEWARDSHIP LETTERS went out this week with commitment cards. Please submit your pledge card to the Church Office on or before Stewardship Sunday on November 14, 2021.

ALL SAINTS' DAY is officially November 1 on the liturgical calendar, but we have traditionally observed it as part of our worship on the first Sunday in November. During the service, we remember those who have passed on from this life in the past year and gone on to the Church Triumphant, joining the Communion of Saints by lifting up their names, praying for them, and lighting candles. If you have a person that you would like to have named during the service, please contact Judy in the Church Office so that it can be included in the bulletin for November 7 and read aloud during our time of remembrance.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS...yes, already! Immediately following worship on November 20, the Hanging of the Greens returns. Help us prepare the sanctuary for the Advent season that begins the following week. We'll bring out the tree, garland, aisle candles, window wreaths, nativity set, and Advent wreath. Many hands make light work, so please consider giving an extra hour to join in the beginning of the upcoming holiday season!

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, October 18

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

Tuesday, October 19

10:00AM Book Club (AH)
7:00PM Edgewood Symphony Orchestra (S)
8:00PM Alcoholics Anonymous (SR)

Wednesday, October 20

1:00PM Writing Class (L)
7:00PM Vocal Confluence (S)

Thursday, October 21

5:00PM Flute Lesson (L)
7:00PM Milepost6 (B)
7:30PM Pastor Nominating Committee (GP)

Friday, October 22

8:30PM Alcoholics Anonymous (SR)

Saturday, October 23

8:30PM Alcoholics Anonymous (SR)

Next Sunday, October 24

9:30AM Choir Rehearsal (S)
11:00AM 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



*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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