



First Presbyterian Church of Edgewood Online Worship
Twenty-first Sunday after Pentecost – October 25, 2020

PRELUDE

THE WELCOME & SHARING OF CHURCH LIFE

TOLLING OF THE HOUR

CALL TO WORSHIP (responsive)

Ascribe to the Lord, you heavenly beings, ascribe to the Lord glory and strength.

**Ascribe to the Lord the glory due His name;
 worship the Lord in the splendor of His holiness.**

The voice of the Lord is over the waters, the God of glory thunders,
 the Lord thunders over the mighty waters.

The voice of the Lord is powerful; the voice of the Lord is majestic.

The Lord will give strength to His people; the Lord will bless His people with peace.
 Let us worship the Triune God!

HYMN #275

"A Mighty Fortress is Our God"

1 A mighty fortress is our God,
 a bulwark never failing.
 Our helper he, amid the flood
 of mortal ills prevailing.
 For still our ancient foe
 doth seek to work us woe.
 His craft and power are great,
 and armed with cruel hate,
 on earth is not his equal.

2 Did we in our own strength confide,
 our striving would be losing,
 were not the right man on our side,
 the man of God's own choosing.
 Dost ask who that may be?
 Christ Jesus, it is he.
 Lord Sabaoth his name,
 from age to age the same,
 and he must win the battle.

3 And though this world, with devils filled,
 should threaten to undo us,
 we will not fear, for God hath willed
 his truth to triumph through us.
 The Prince of Darkness grim,
 we tremble not for him.
 His rage we can endure,
 for lo, his doom is sure.
 One little word shall fell him.

4 That word above all earthly powers,
 no thanks to them, abideth.
 The Spirit and the gifts are ours
 through him who with us sideth.
 Let goods and kindred go,
 this mortal life also.
 The body they may kill;
 God's truth abideth still.
 His kingdom is forever.

CALL TO & PRAYER OF CONFESSION (unison)

**Lord, though you should guide us, we inform ourselves;
though you should rule us, we control ourselves;
though you should fulfill us, we console ourselves.
We think your truth too high, your will too hard,
your power too remote, your love too free.
But they are not! And without them, we are of all people most miserable.
Now heal our confused minds with your word,
heal our divided wills with your law,
heal our troubled consciences with your love,
heal our anxious hearts with your presence,
all for the sake of your Son, who loved us and gave himself for us. Amen.**
(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

2 Chronicles 34:14-28

¹⁴ While they were bringing out the money that had been brought into the house of the LORD, the priest Hilkiah found the book of the law of the LORD given through Moses. ¹⁵ Hilkiah said to the secretary Shaphan, "I have found the book of the law in the house of the LORD"; and Hilkiah gave the book to Shaphan. ¹⁶ Shaphan brought the book to the king, and further reported to the king, "All that was committed to your servants they are doing. ¹⁷ They have emptied out the money that was found in the house of the LORD and have delivered it into the hand of the overseers and the workers." ¹⁸ The secretary Shaphan informed the king, "The priest Hilkiah has given me a book." Shaphan then read it aloud to the king. ¹⁹ When the king heard the words of the law he tore his clothes. ²⁰ Then the king commanded Hilkiah, Ahikam son of Shaphan, Abdon son of Micah, the secretary Shaphan, and the king's servant Asaiah: ²¹ "Go, inquire of the LORD for me and for those who are left in Israel and in Judah, concerning the words of the book that has been found; for the wrath of the LORD that is poured out on us is great, because our ancestors did not keep the word of the LORD, to act in accordance with all that is written in this book." ²² So Hilkiah and those whom the king had sent went to the prophet Huldah, the wife of Shallum son of Tokhath son of Hasrah, keeper of the wardrobe (who lived in Jerusalem in the Second Quarter) and spoke to her to that effect. ²³ She declared to them, "Thus says the LORD, the God of Israel: Tell the man who sent you to me, ²⁴ Thus says the LORD: I will indeed bring disaster upon this place and upon its inhabitants, all the curses that are written in the book that was read before the king of Judah. ²⁵ Because they have forsaken me and have made offerings to other gods, so that they have provoked me to anger with all the works of their hands, my wrath will be poured out on this place and will not be quenched. ²⁶ But as to the king of Judah, who sent you to inquire of the LORD, thus shall you say to him: Thus says the LORD, the God of Israel: Regarding the words that you have heard, ²⁷ because your heart was penitent and you humbled

yourself before God when you heard his words against this place and its inhabitants, and you have humbled yourself before me, and have torn your clothes and wept before me, I also have heard you, says the LORD. ²⁸ I will gather you to your ancestors and you shall be gathered to your grave in peace; your eyes shall not see all the disaster that I will bring on this place and its inhabitants." They took the message back to the king.

HYMN #458

"Thy Word"

Refrain:

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

SCRIPTURE

2 Chronicles 34:29-32

²⁹ Then the king sent word and gathered together all the elders of Judah and Jerusalem. ³⁰ The king went up to the house of the LORD, with all the people of Judah, the inhabitants of Jerusalem, the priests and the Levites, all the people both great and small; he read in their hearing all the words of the book of the covenant that had been found in the house of the LORD. ³¹ The king stood in his place and made a covenant before the LORD, to follow the LORD, keeping his commandments, his decrees, and his statutes, with all his heart and all his soul, to perform the words of the covenant that were written in this book. ³² Then he made all who were present in Jerusalem and in Benjamin pledge themselves to it. And the inhabitants of Jerusalem acted according to the covenant of God, the God of their ancestors.

SERMON

"Discovery unto Reformation"

The Rev. Anthony Rivera

HYMN #459

"O Word of God Incarnate"

1 O Word of God incarnate,
O Wisdom from on high,
O Truth unchanged, unchanging,
O Light of our dark sky:
we praise you for the radiance
that from the hallowed page,
a lantern to our footsteps,
shines on from age to age.

2 The church from you, dear Savior,
received this gift divine;
and still that light is lifted
on all the earth to shine.

It is the chart and compass
that, all life's voyage through,
amid the rocks and quicksands
still guides, O Christ, to you.

3 O make your church, dear Savior,
a lamp of purest gold
to bear before the nations
your true light, as of old;
O teach your wandering pilgrims
by this our path to trace,
till, clouds and storms thus ended,
we see you face to face.

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 & PRAYER OF DEDICATION

HYMN #71

"Surely it is God Who Saves Me"

Refrain:

Surely, it is God who saves me;
I will trust and not be afraid.
For the Lord is my stronghold
and my sure defense,
and God will be my Savior.

1 Therefore you shall draw
water with rejoicing
from the springs of salvation
and on that day you shall say,
"Give thanks to the Lord
and call upon God's name."
(Refrain)

2 Make God's deeds
known among the peoples;
see that they remember
that the Lord is exalted.
Sing the praises of the Lord,
for God has done great things
and this is known in all the world.
(Refrain)

3 Cry aloud, inhabitants of Zion;
ring out your joy,
for the great one in the midst of you
is the Holy One of Israel.
(Refrain)

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

Participants in this worship service:

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