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**First Presbyterian Church of Edgewood Morning Worship**  
including the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper  
17<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost – October 2, 2022

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**WORLD COMMUNION SUNDAY**



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\*All who are able, please stand

**PRELUDE**

**THE WELCOME & SHARING OF CHURCH LIFE**

**TOLLING OF THE HOUR**

**CHORAL PROCESSION**

"Louez, Le Seigneur"

French/Cameroon

**\*CALL TO WORSHIP** (responsive)

We gather from the west to the east, from the south to the north,

**to celebrate the God of peace who accompanies us in our acts of peace.**

This God of peace accompanies us in each and every circumstance around us.

**We praise God's name!**

**\*PRAYER FOR CHURCH UNITY** (unison)

Dionysius of Alexandria, died 264

**God, good beyond all that is good, fair beyond all that is fair, in you is calmness, peace, and concord. Heal the dissensions that divide us from one another and bring us back to a unity of love bearing some likeness to your divine nature.**

**Through the embrace of love and the bonds of godly affection, make us one in the Spirit by your peace which makes all things peaceful. We ask this through the grace, mercy, and tenderness of your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

**\*HYMN #526**

"Let Us Talents and Tongues Employ"

Jamaican Folk Melody

1 Let us talents and tongues employ,  
reaching out with a shout of joy:  
bread is broken; the wine is poured;  
Christ is spoken and seen and heard.  
Jesus lives again; earth can breathe again;  
pass the Word around: loaves abound!

love in word and in deed express.  
Jesus lives again; earth can breathe again;  
pass the Word around: loaves abound!

2 Christ is able to make us one;  
at the table he sets the tone,  
teaching people to live to bless,

3 Jesus calls us in, sends us out  
bearing fruit in a world of doubt,  
gives us love to tell, bread to share:  
God (Immanuel) everywhere!  
Jesus lives again; earth can breathe again;  
pass the Word around: loaves abound!

## PRAYER OF CONFESSION (unison)

**United in your love, O God, we are one body across the globe.  
We are branches of one family whose roots run in the waters of grace.  
Still, O Lord, we do not act like one body. We find ways to distance ourselves  
with more than miles. We find ways to divide ourselves into endless groups of  
“us” and “them.” Again and again, you call us back to the waters; again and  
again, we turn away. Forgive us, uniting God, and by your forgiveness,  
challenge us to tend to each other’s wounds.** (silent confession)

## ASSURANCE OF PARDON

**\*RESPONSE #441** “Hear the Good News of Salvation” text: Native American

1 Hear the good news of salvation: Jesus died to show God’s love. Such great kindness! Such great mercy! Come to us from heaven above. Jesus Christ, how much I love you! Jesus Christ, you save from sin! How I love you! Look upon me. Love me still and cleanse within.	2 All the sins I have committed, to my Savior now I bring. I bow down with tears of anguish; Christ forgives and so I sing: Jesus Christ, how much I love you! Jesus Christ, you save from sin! How I love you! Look upon me. Love me still and cleanse within.
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## \*PASSING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

The peace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you; **and also with you.**

**\*GATHERING SONG** “Surely the Presence” Contemporary American

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 Psalm 37:1-9

Do not fret because of the wicked; do not be envious of wrongdoers, for they will soon fade like the grass, and wither like the green herb. Trust in the LORD, and do good; so you will live in the land, and enjoy security. Take delight in the LORD, and he will give you the desires of your heart. Commit your way to the LORD; trust in him, and he will act. He will make your vindication shine like the light, and the justice of your cause like the noonday. Be still before the LORD, and wait patiently for him; do not fret over those who prosper in their way, over those who carry out evil devices. Refrain from anger, and forsake wrath. Do not fret--it leads only to evil. For the wicked shall be cut off, but those who wait for the LORD shall inherit the land.

**ANTHEM** “Halleluya! Pelo Tsa Rona” South African  
*Sung in Shona and English*

## SCRIPTURE 2 Timothy 1:3-7

I am grateful to God--whom I worship with a clear conscience, as my ancestors did--when I remember you constantly in my prayers night and day. Recalling your tears, I long to see you so that I may be filled with joy. I am reminded of your sincere faith, a faith that lived first in your grandmother Lois and your mother Eunice and now, I am sure, lives in you. For this reason I remind you to rekindle the gift of God that is within you through the laying on of my hands; for God did not give us a spirit of cowardice, but rather a spirit of power and of love and of self-discipline.

## SERMON

## “Generational Faith”

Rev. Chris Taylor

### \*HYMN #292

### “As the Wind Song”

New Zealand/Singapore

1 As the wind song through the trees,  
as the stirring of the breeze,  
so it is with the Spirit of God,  
as the heart made strangely warm,  
as the voice within the storm,  
so it is with the Spirit of God.  
Never seen, ever known  
where this wind has blown  
bringing life, bringing power to the world,  
as the dancing tongues of fire,  
as the soul’s most deep desire,  
so it is with the Spirit of God.

2 As the rainbow after rain,  
as the hope that’s born again,  
so it is with the Spirit of God,  
as the green in the spring,  
as a kite on a string,  
so it is with the Spirit of God,  
making worlds that are new,  
making peace come true,  
bringing gifts, bringing love to the world,  
as the rising of the yeast,  
as the wine at the feast,  
so it is with the Spirit of God.

## SHARING OF THIS WEEK’S PRAYER REQUESTS & PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

### RESPONSE #527

### “Eat This Bread”

Taizé/France

Eat this bread; drink this cup;  
come to me and never be hungry.  
Eat this bread; drink this cup;  
trust in me and you will not thirst.

Eat this bread; drink this cup;  
come to Christ and never be hungry.  
Eat this bread; drink this cup;  
trust in Christ and you will not thirst.

## THE SACRAMENT OF THE LORD’S SUPPER INVITATION TO THE LORD’S TABLE

The God of heaven has made his home on earth,  
**Christ dwells among us and is one with us.**  
Highest in all creation, he lives among the least,  
**He journeys with the rejected and welcomes the weary.**  
Come now all who hunger  
**And be filled with the bread of heaven.**  
Come now all who thirst,  
**And drink from the cup of salvation.**  
Come now all who seek  
**And be warmed by the fire of love.**

## A GREAT PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING FOR WORLD COMMUNION SUNDAY

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**  
Lift up your hearts. **We lift them up to the Lord.**  
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.  
**It is right to give our thanks and praise.**  
It is our greatest joy to give you thanks and praise  
for you looked upon all your hands wrought and called it good.  
You smile upon purple mountains soaring above wildflower plains  
where grasses raise their backs to meet your Spirit’s caress.

You send clouds scuttling across reflective waters and  
 set stars to wink upon the earth in deep, knowing delight.  
 You call the tune for dolphins dancing in the play of waves.  
 As giraffes amble across savannahs, birds sing in full-throated praise  
 and children of various hues giggle as they run free in your image.  
 Despite your created goodness, we use our freedom for ourselves alone  
 without regard for your intentions for all.  
 Still, you chase after us to save us from sin's harm,  
 freeing us from slavery to give us a new world  
 flowing with milk and honey.  
 When we chase after other gods,  
 you call us back to you through cries of prophets,  
 which we ignore, until at last you send your own child  
 to be for us the goodness we refuse.

Therefore we praise you,  
 joining our voices with the choir of creation  
 and all the saints of all times and places  
 who forever sing to the glory of your name:

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might.

Heav'n and earth are full of your glo - ry, Ho - san - na in the high - est.

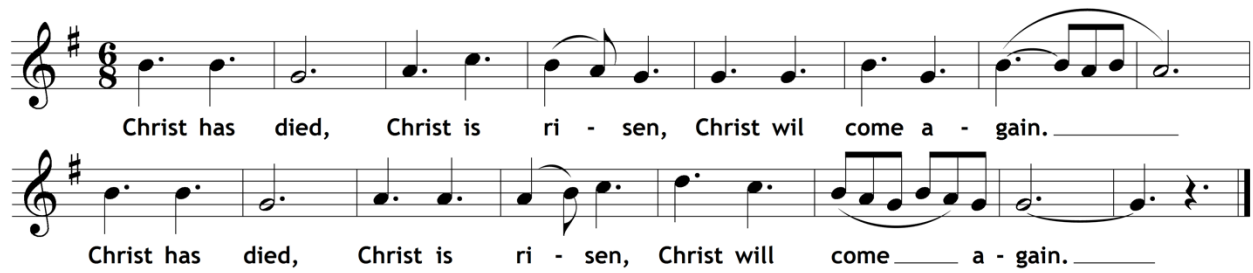
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Blessed are you, O Christ, for coming to us as a little child  
 to live baptized in the muck of our fallen world.  
 Embodying God's desire to bless all people  
 you spoke peace to a war-mongering empire,  
 and were blessed to be a blessing to all people.  
 When threatened with the terror of crucifixion,  
 you did not keep silent but stood up with resurrection new life  
 to turn the bread of human affliction into manna from heaven,  
 and to turn the bitter dregs of sin into the cup of joyful celebration.

So as we await your coming among us  
 In the fullness of your sovereign glory,

we proclaim the mystery of faith:



Christ has died, Christ is ri - sen, Christ wil come a - gain. \_\_\_\_\_

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Praised be you, Holy Spirit, blowing through time to enliven your people, the church,  
to live as Christ's body, in God's ministry of repairing our broken world.  
Come hover over us now with your bright brooding wings  
in the breaking of bread and in the celebration of this cup,  
that our eyes may be opened to recognize Christ among us and in all who share in this feast.  
Knit us more closely together in the fellowship of your sovereign Way.  
We offer ourselves, our lives, our resources,  
to be your hands reaching into the world with your unfathomable compassion.  
Fill us like breath fills flutes to be instruments of your peace.

Where there is lack of regard for your creation

**Prod us to speak up.**

Where people fail to see the dignity of all persons,

**Open blind eyes.**

Where there is silence about others being hurt,

**Impassion us with a desire for justice.**

Lord, your creation groans under abuse.

**Renew the earth with goodness.**

Your children are starving across this globe.

To those who hunger

**Give bread.**

And to those who have bread

**Give hunger for justice.**

People languish in prisons, some unjustly, some without repentance,  
and some for standing up for your Way.

**Release the captives, Lord.**

O God, our Sovereign, leaders in all lands take bribes and afflict their peoples.

**Topple oppressive powers with your rule and send the rich empty away.**

Your church luxuriates in the comfort of faith;

**Send us to be your servants in service to the world.**

The sick suffer forgotten in pain

**Heal their hurts in body, mind, and spirit.**

People have solicited our prayers

And others needing our prayers weigh heavy on our hearts.

Gather all these prayers and praise and join them with those of all the saints

And with our Great High Priest who taught us to pray, saying...

## 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.**

## WORDS OF INSTITUTION

*The sacrament of the Lord's Supper is shared.*

*You will be invited to come down the center aisle to receive the bread and cup.*

*Partake and drop your cup in the basket at the end of the first pew as you return to your seat.*

## COMMUNION ANTHEM

"Halle, Halle, Hallelujah!"

Caribbean/Iona

## CLOSING PRAYER (unison)

**Help us rise in your resurrection power from this table where you, the Ruler of the Universe, have served us by your own hand, that we may extend your arms of peace to a world at war. This we ask through Christ, in Christ, with Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit. May all honor and glory and dominion be yours now and forevermore. Amen.**

## \*HYMN #530

"One Bread, One Body"

Contemporary American

Refrain:

One bread, one body,  
one Lord of all,

one cup of blessing which we bless.

And we, though many,  
throughout the earth,

we are one body in this one Lord.

1 Gentile or Jew, servant or free,  
woman or man, no more. (Refrain)

2 Many the gifts, many the works,  
one in the Lord of all. (Refrain)

3 Grain for the fields, scattered and grown,  
gathered to one, for all. (Refrain)

## THE CHARGE & BLESSING

### POSTLUDE

*Some of the liturgy for today's World Communion Sunday service comes from the Presbyterian Peacemaking Program of the PC(USA), which includes prayers and responses from the Book of Common Worship, as well as several publications from justice/peacemaking and environmental/Earth Sabbath services.*

*Musical selections represent hymns and texts from around the globe (all in our hymnal) to honor World Communion Sunday: Cameroon, Jamaica, Native American (Dakota), South Africa, New Zealand, Singapore, the Taizé Community in France, the Caribbean, as well as American gospel and contemporary styles.*

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### Participants in this worship service:

The Rev. Chris Taylor, guest pastor | The Rev. Jason Dauer, pastor  
Shaun Cloonan, minister of music | Sunny Sakai, pianist | The Sanctuary Choir  
John Foster, videographer

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# Welcome

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

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!

WORSHIP COMMITTEE meets **today** after worship in the Pastor's Study.

BOOK CLUB MEETS WEEKLY, 10:00AM, **Tuesdays** at the home of Rhonda Apossos, 361 Maple Avenue, Edgewood, finishing "The Fifth Gospel" by Ian Caldwell and will be choosing a new book.

ONLINE BIBLE STUDY led by Elder Tim Hoffman has resumed: **Wednesdays** at 7:00PM via Zoom. No password needed. <https://pitt.zoom.us/j/6670286724>

BLESSING OF THE ANIMALS will take place on **Tuesday, October 4** from 6-7PM on the Side Lawn.

CROP WALK: ON **OCTOBER 9**, the Pittsburgh East community will celebrate its 45th year of walking to end hunger one step at a time. The oldest walk in the country is sponsored by Church World Service. 25% of what we raise is returned as grants to East End Common Ministries and Wilksburg Community Ministry. FPCE will participate in this event with walkers Judy and Mariah Mysels and Rhonda Apossos and family, who aim to raise \$800. If anyone else would like to join our small group of walkers, let Rhonda or Judy know. We gather at the South Avenue United Methodist Church at 1:00 to prepare for the 10K loop through Squirrel Hill and back. The walk distance is 6.2 miles. Walking time is approximately 2.5 hours. The route is a little different this year since the Fern Hollow Bridge is out and a detour is in place. You can participate by either walking or sponsoring FPCE walkers at: <https://events.crophungerwalk.org/2022/team/first-presbyterian-church-of-edgerwood>

WOODLAND HILLS FOUNDATION'S TRUNK OR TREAT will take place at Woodland Hills High School on **Saturday, October 15** from 2-4PM and they are in need of sponsors and donors. Your support will ensure this event's success—and will ensure that the Foundation and H.U.G.S. can continue to provide these free, fun, and safe events for our community! Please consider supporting this community asset by becoming a sponsor, a donor, or an in-kind donor. We want every child to be able to extend his or herself beyond what they are capable of achieving today. Sometimes what seems like the smallest thing or the things we take for granted every day can stand in the way of a child's happiness and well-being. With the support of friends and donors like you, we are making that possible and building a better tomorrow for our students. For more information about how to sponsor or to donate directly online, visit <https://www.woodlandhillsfoundation.com/2022trunkortreat>

THE ESO'S FIRST CONCERT OF THE SEASON, 'An American Serenade' on **October 22** will highlight the talents of Pittsburgh's own composers—Mark Fromm, Roger Zahab, Paul Critser, and James Whipple, including a World Premiere. Featured soloist is bassoonist Linda Morton Fisher. Also on the program is Symphony No. 1 by Florence Price. The concert will begin at 7:30 p.m. and tickets may be purchased on their website [www.edgewoodsymphony.org](http://www.edgewoodsymphony.org). Please note this concert venue has moved to the Levinson Auditorium of the Jewish Community Center in Squirrel Hill — across the street from Katz Auditorium where they usually perform.

## 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, World Communion Sunday, October 2

12:00PM Fellowship (GP)  
12:15PM Worship Committee (PS)

### Monday, October 3

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

### Tuesday, October 4

10:00AM Book Club (AH)  
6:00PM Blessing of the Animals (SL)  
7:00PM ESO Rehearsal (S)

### Wednesday, October 5

7:00PM Bible Study (Zoom)

### Thursday, October 6

3:45PM Flute Lessons (O)  
7:00PM Milepost6 (B)  
7:00PM SAA (L)

### Friday, October 7

4:15PM Flute Lessons (O)  
8:30PM AA (SR)

### Saturday, October 8

8:30PM AA (SR)

### Sunday, October 9

9:30AM Choir Rehearsal (S)  
11:00AM Worship (S)  
Youth Sunday School (GP)  
12:00PM Fellowship (GP)

## How can you become involved?

As we 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 Community Church*



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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.*

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