



First Presbyterian Church of Edgewood Online Worship
including the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper
Nineteenth Sunday after Pentecost – October 3, 2021

WORLD COMMUNION SUNDAY



To avoid contact, those attending in person should pick up communion elements from the trays in the back of the sanctuary upon arrival, take to their seats, and partake when directed during the sacrament.

PRELUDE

THE WELCOME & SHARING OF CHURCH LIFE

TOLLING OF THE HOUR

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!

2 Christ is able to make us one;
at the table he sets the tone,
teaching people to live to bless,
love in word and in deed express.
Jesus lives again; earth can breathe again;
pass the Word around: loaves abound!

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.

*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”

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

Colossians 1:1-14

Paul, an apostle of Christ Jesus by the will of God, and Timothy our brother, ²To the saints and faithful brother in Christ at Colossae: Grace to you and peace from God our Father. ³We always thank God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, when we pray for you, ⁴since we heard of your faith in Christ Jesus and of the love that you have for all the saints, ⁵because of the hope laid up for you in heaven. Of this you have heard before in the word of the truth, the gospel, ⁶which has come to you, as indeed in the whole world it is bearing fruit and increasing—as it also does among you, since the day you heard it and understood the grace of God in truth, ⁷just as you learned it from Epaphras our beloved fellow servant. He is a faithful minister of Christ on your behalf ⁸and has made known to us your love in the Spirit.

⁹ And so, from the day we heard, we have not ceased to pray for you, asking that you may be filled with the knowledge of his will in all spiritual wisdom and understanding, ¹⁰ so as to walk in a manner worthy of the Lord, fully pleasing to him: bearing fruit in every good work and increasing in the knowledge of God; ¹¹ being strengthened with all power, according to his glorious might, for all endurance and patience with joy; ¹² giving thanks to the Father, who has qualified you to share in the inheritance of the saints in light. ¹³ He has delivered us from the domain of darkness and transferred us to the kingdom of his beloved Son, ¹⁴ in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins.

ANTHEM

"Halleluya! Pelo Tsa Rona"
Sung in Shona and English

South African

SCRIPTURE

Luke 10:25-37

And behold, a lawyer stood up to put him to the test, saying, "Teacher, what shall I do to inherit eternal life?" ²⁶ He said to him, "What is written in the Law? How do you read it?" ²⁷ And he answered, "You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your strength and with all your mind, and your neighbor as yourself." ²⁸ And he said to him, "You have answered correctly; do this, and you will live." ²⁹ But he, desiring to justify himself, said to Jesus, "And who is my neighbor?" ³⁰ Jesus replied, "A man was going down from Jerusalem to Jericho, and he fell among robbers, who stripped him and beat him and departed, leaving him half dead. ³¹ Now by chance a priest was going down that road, and when he saw him he passed by on the other side. ³² So likewise a Levite, when he came to the place and saw him, passed by on the other side. ³³ But a Samaritan, as he journeyed, came to where he was, and when he saw him, he had compassion. ³⁴ He went to him and bound up his wounds, pouring on oil and wine. Then he set him on his own animal and brought him to an inn and took care of him. ³⁵ And the next day he took out two denarii and gave them to the innkeeper, saying, 'Take care of him, and whatever more you spend, I will repay you when I come back.' ³⁶ Which of these three, do you think, proved to be a neighbor to the man who fell among the robbers?" ³⁷ He said, "The one who showed him mercy." And Jesus said to him, "You go, and do likewise."

SERMON

"Inquiry Into Disquieting Events on the Jerusalem-Jericho Road"

Rev. Mills

***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

PASTORAL PRAYER

RESPONSE #527

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"

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.

Taizé/France

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.

Bles - sed is he who comes in the Lord's name. 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 will 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 eat the bread and drink the cup.

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

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.

"One Bread, One Body"

Contemporary American

- 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 & BENEDICTION

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: Jamaica, Native American (Dakota), South Africa, New Zealand, Singapore, the Taizé Community in France, and American gospel and contemporary styles.

Participants in this worship service:

The Rev. Kellie Weekley-Mills, guest pastor | Rick Masten, liturgist
Shaun Cloonan, minister of music | Sunny Sakai, pianist | The Sanctuary Choir
John Foster, videographer | Glenn Allen Monk, 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!

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

BOOK CLUB CONTINUES, 10:00AM, Tuesdays at the home of Rhonda Apossos, 361 Maple Avenue.

EDGEWOOD SYMPHONY "RETURN TO THE STAGE": Saturday, October 9 at 7:30PM. This concert will feature performances by each of the sections of our orchestra — winds, brass, and strings! The concert will be free but tickets required for entry. Purchase at edgewoodsymphony.org.

CROP WALK is set for Sunday, October 10 at 1:00PM beginning at South Avenue United Methodist Church. Judy Mysels, Mariah Mysels, and Rhonda Apossos are currently signed up to walk for the FPCE team. Contact the office to join as a walker or to make a donation in support of local and global mission. Donations can also be made online at <https://events.crophungerwalk.org/2021/team/first-presbyterian-church-of-edgewood>

UPCOMING WORSHIP SCHEDULE

October 10 – Worship with Baptism, Rev. Fairlight Collins Lower preaching
October 17 – Emerging Worship, Rev. Bob Ruefle preaching
October 24 – Rev. Bob Ruefle preaching, possible receiving of new members
October 31 – Reformation Sunday, Heather Henkel preaching

CHURCH ACTIVITIES THIS WEEK

*AH=Apossos 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 4

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

Tuesday, October 5

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

Wednesday, October 6

7:00PM Vocal Confluence (S)

Thursday, October 7

2:00PM Flute Lesson (L)
5:00PM Flute Lesson (L)
7:00PM Milepost6 (B)

Friday, October 8

8:30PM Alcoholics Anonymous (SR)

Saturday, October 9

7:30PM Edgewood Symphony Concert (S)
8:30PM Alcoholics Anonymous (SR)

Next Sunday, October 10

9:30AM Choir Rehearsal (S)
11:00AM Communion Worship (S)
Youth Sunday School (GP)
1:00PM CROP Walk (South Ave UMC)



*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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