

# *Edgewood Presbyterian Church • August 27, 2023*

## GATHERING IN GOD'S PRESENCE

Bell Peal

EPC Ringers

Welcome and Announcements

Rev. Connie Happell

Prelude

Opening Prayer

\*Call to Worship

\*Hymn 441

**"I Love Thy Kingdom, Lord"**

Unison Prayer of Confession

**Heavenly Father, we have sinned and done what is evil in Your sight. We have failed to follow You and to confess Jesus Christ as Lord. We have too often followed the ways of the world. Forgive our sins. Nail them to the cross of Jesus, so that we may be set free from all that entangles us and live in Your light and truth... (Please continue in silent confession.) Amen**

Assurance of Pardon

Praise Hymn

**"Your Only Son (Lamb of God)"**

Anthem

**"Come Thou Fount of Every Blessing"**

## ENCOUNTERING GOD'S WORD

Children's Message

NaEisha Owens

New Testament Lesson

Matthew 16:13-20

Sermon

**"The Central Question"**

Rev. Connie Happell

## RESPONDING TO THE WORD

Affirmation of Faith

From PC(USA) Brief Statement of Faith

Prayers of the People and 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**

Offertory

\*Doxology

\*Prayer of Dedication

## SENDING INTO GOD'S WORLD

\*Hymn 426

**"Lord, Speak to Me, That I May Speak"**

\*Benediction

Postlude

\*Indicates congregation standing, as able.