

Edgewood Presbyterian Church • September 3, 2023

GATHERING IN GOD'S PRESENCE

Bell Peal

EPC Ringers

Welcome and Announcements

Rev. Connie Happell

Prelude

"Steal Away"

Opening Prayer

*Call to Worship

*Hymn

"I Will Exalt My God, My King"

Choir sings first verse; congregation joins on second verse

Unison Prayer of Confession

Merciful God, You call us to turn away from our selfish interests and follow You, even if the path is difficult and takes us in a direction we would never choose. Forgive us for being so quick to question and hesitant to follow. Help us see with eyes of faith, trusting that You are always with us. (Please continue in silent confession.) Amen

Assurance of Pardon

Anthem

"O Love, O Joy"

ENCOUNTERING GOD'S WORD

Children's Message

NaEisha Owens

New Testament Lesson

Matthew 16:21-28

Sermon

"A Firm Foundation"

Rev. Connie Happell

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

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

*Doxology and Prayer of Dedication

Invitation to the Lord's Table

Communion Hymn

"Feed Us, Lord"

Great Thanksgiving

Breaking of Bread

Communion of the People

Communion Prayer

Offertory

"Jesus Loves Me"

SENDING INTO GOD'S WORLD

*Hymn

"You Shall Go Out with Joy"

*Benediction

Postlude

*Indicates congregation standing, as able.