

Edgewood Presbyterian Church • April 28, 2024

GATHERING IN GOD'S PRESENCE

Bell Peal EPC Ringers
Welcome and Announcements Susan Gilbert

Prelude "His Eye Is On The Sparrow"

Opening Prayer

*Call to Worship from Psalm 34

*Hymn 376 "Love Divine, All Loves Excelling"

Unison Prayer of Confession

Loving God, we have been tempted to go our own way without thought to Your eternal truths. We seek our own gratification, rather than the well-being of Your children. We seek to build our lives by our own design, rather than by Your purposes. Forgive our pride and sin, and turn us around so that we who know Your mercy may delight in passing it on to others. (Please continue in silent confession.) In Jesus name, Amen

Assurance of Pardon

Praise Hymn "And Can It Be?" into
"O How He Loves You and Me"

Affirmation of Faith

The Apostles' Creed

Anthem "Creation Song"

ENCOUNTERING GOD'S WORD

Children's Message Kathryn Rhodes

New Testament Lesson 1 John 4:7-21

Sermon "Unconditional Love" Susan Gilbert, CRE

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

Offertory "In the Garden"

*Doxology and Prayer of Dedication What

SENDING INTO GOD'S WORLD

*Hymn 85 "What Wondrous Love is This"

*Benediction

Postlude

*Indicates congregation standing, as able.

A prayer partner is available at the front of the chapel after worship.

Edgewood Presbyterian Church
God's People • Christ's Followers
on the move with the Spirit

The Noisy Offering will be collected today.

Pastor Connie will be on vacation April 30-May 12. Our Executive Presbyter, Deb Tregaskis, will preach on May 5. Also, JoAnna will be out of the office May 1-2. If you need to reach her, call or text 469-952-7353.

Please remember that people are stepping up to help in various ways as Connie retires on May 19. Trained ruling elder, Liz Allison, will provide pastoral care. Ellen Posey will help support the office. Lu Ann Hoffman will continue to coordinate the prayer team.

Lunch Bunch will meet on Thursday, May 2 at 11:30 a.m. at Olive Garden, 5555 Whittlesey Blvd. If you plan to attend, sign up in the narthex or see Martha Jane Roark.

The National Day of Prayer is this Thursday, May 2. The theme is "Lift Up the Word, Light Up the World" (2 Samuel 22:29-31). This year's National Day of Prayer theme and scripture focus remind us that it is God alone who makes us victorious over challenges and who provides enough light to direct and illuminate the road ahead. Make time on Thursday to pray for the needs of America.

YA (Young Adults) Worship/Fellowship gathers virtually via Zoom each Tuesday at 7 p.m. for a time of praise music and discussion of Scripture in our lives today. Then we have a time to support one another for the rest of the week with prayer. This Tuesday we will continue the series "Whol-i-ness: With Myself, Others, and God." Contact Pete Sanders-Nesbitt for more details.

Are you a visitor? Do you desire prayer? Would you like a call? Let us know by noting this on the "Connect with Us" card in your pew and placing the card in the offering late. (All prayer requests are considered confidential.)

Please Remember in Prayer

Homebound

Claudia Wells
 Tom Collins
 Mildred Hunter (no cards)
 Lee Hartline
 Susan Knight
 Margaret Greene

Health Concerns

Bob Wells
 Lucile DuToit
 Eunmee Park
 Barry Ferguson

Grieving

Patricia Banks
 Julie Ligon
 Jean Fleisch

Church Staff

Pastor
 Director of Music
 Youth/Young Adult Coordinator
 Pianist
 Office Administrator
 Commissioned Ruling Elders

Rev. Connie Happell
 Sue Ellen Williams
 NaEisha Owens
 Eunmee Park
 JoAnna Williams
 Susan Gilbert
 Pete Sanders-Nesbitt

Calendar

Sunday, April 28

Autism Awareness Day
 9:30 am—Sunday School
 11:00 am—Worship

Tuesday, April 30

7:00 pm—YA Worship
 & Fellowship via Zoom

Wednesday, May 1

5:30 pm—Choir Practice
 6:30 pm—Handbell Practice

Thursday, May 2

National Day of Prayer
 11:30 am—Lunch Bunch

Saturday, May 4

10:00 am—Presbytery Meeting
 via Zoom

Sunday, May 5

9:30 am—Sunday School
 11:00 am—Worship

May Birthdays

Ellen Posey	3rd
Pam Crank	5th
Michael Massey	15th
Amy Spear	27th
Andrew Smith	28th

Antem: Creation Song

Let everything that has breath praise the Lord.
 Let everything that has breath shout and sing.
 For God created the heavens and earth
 By speaking only a word.
 Let everything that has breath praise the Lord.

The sun and moon and the stars join in song.
 The birds and beasts of the field sing along.
 For God created the heavens and earth
 By speaking only a word.
 Let everything that has breath praise the Lord.

Dividing light from darkness,
 God made both day and night.
 Created earth and saw it was good.
 The waters brought forth creatures
 And birds flew up above.
 Then God created people with great love.

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