

Edgewood Presbyterian Church • September 8, 2024

GATHERING IN GOD'S PRESENCE

Bell Peal

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Welcome and Announcements

Pete Sanders-Nesbitt, CRE

Prelude

"This Fount of Every Blessing"

Opening Prayer

Call to Worship

from Psalm 146

Leader: Praise the Lord! Praise the Lord, O my soul! Do not put your trust in princes, in mortals, in whom there is not help.

People: **Happy are those whose help is the Lord of Jacob; whose hope is in the Lord their God.**

*Hymn 267

"All Things Bright and Beautiful"

Unison Prayer of Confession

Holy God, although we honor You with our words and worship, our hearts are often far from You. We are quick to judge, quick to exclude, quick to put others down instead of building them up. Forgive us, God. Help us amend our ways. Help us embrace the inclusive love You graciously offer us and expect us to offer others. (Please continue in silent confession.) Amen.

Assurance of Pardon

*Praise Song

"Amazing Grace (My Chains are Gone)"

**Amazing grace how sweet the sound
That saved a wretch like me
I once was lost but now I'm found
Was blind but now I see**

**'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear
And grace my fears relieved
How precious did that grace appear
The hour I first believed**

Chorus

**My chains are gone I've been set free
My God my Savior has ransomed me
And like a flood His mercy rains
Unending love amazing grace**

**The Lord has promised good to me
His word my hope secures
He will my shield and portion be
As long as life endures**

Chorus

**The earth shall soon dissolve like snow
The sun forbear to shine
But God who called me here below
Will be forever mine
Will be forever mine
You are forever mine**

*Affirmation of Faith

(Romans 8:1, 28, 38-39)

We believe there is no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus; for we know that all things work together for the common good for those who love God, who are called according to God's purpose.

We are convinced that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor rulers, nor things present, nor things to come, nor powers, nor fright, nor depth, nor anything else in all of creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God. In Christ Jesus our Lord, amen.

ENCOUNTERING GOD'S WORD

Children's Message

NaEisha Owens

Anthem

"I Feel the Spirit"

Traditional Spiritual | Arranged by Don Besig

New Testament Lesson

Mark 7:24-37

Sermon

"Mom Won't Take 'No' for an Answer"

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RESPONDING TO THE WORD

Prayers of the People and The Lord's Prayer

Leader: The Lord be with you.

People: **And also, with you.**

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 "Praise to the Lord, The Almighty"

*Doxology and Prayer of Dedication

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;

Praise Christ, all people here below;

Praise Holy Spirit evermore

Praise Triune God, whom we adore.

SENDING INTO GOD'S WORLD

*Hymn 449

"My Lord! What a Morning"

*Benediction

Postlude

*Indicates congregation standing, as able.

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

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Christian Sympathy is extended to Bob Wetherell on the death of his brother on August 27. Please keep Bob, Karen and their family in your prayers.

Tuesday Bible Study will meet on September 17 at the home of Liz Allison with a study of "Martha" led by Martha Jane Roark. Bring lunch and join us at 12; the study begins at 1.

Rise Against Hunger will be held on World Communion Sunday, October 6 at 2 p.m. in the First Presbyterian gym. A sign-up sheet will be available soon. Stay tuned!

Save the Date! The Habitat House Dedication will be held on Saturday, October 19 at 1 p.m.

YA (Young Adults) Worship/Fellowship gathers virtually via Facebook/Zoom each Tuesday at 7 p.m. Contact Pete Sanders-Nesbitt details.

Sunday, September 8

9:30 am—Sunday School

11:00 am—Worship

Tuesday, September 10

7:00 pm—YA Worship & Fellowship

Wednesday, September 11

5:30 pm—Choir Practice

6:30 pm—Handbell Practice

Sunday, September 15

9:30 am—Sunday School

11:00 am—Worship

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 plate. (All prayer requests are considered confidential.)



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