Edgewood Presbyterian Church • May 25, 2025

6th Sunday of Easter | Liturgical Color: White GATHERING IN GOD'S PRESENCE

Bell Peal EPC Ringers
Welcome and Announcements Susan Gilbert

Prelude "Stand Up, Stand Up for Jesus"

Opening Prayer

Call to Worship from Psalm 99

*Hymn "Rejoice, Ye Pure in Heart!"

Unison Prayer of Confession

Merciful God, in Your presence we confess our sin. Although Christ is among us as our peace, we cling to the values of a broken world. The fears that we harbor set neighbor against neighbor and nation against nation. We have abused Your good gifts of imagination and freedom, and of intellect and reason. Lord, have mercy upon us; heal and forgive us. Set us free to serve You in the world as agents of Your reconciling love in Jesus Christ. (Please continue in silent confession.) Amen.

Assurance of Pardon

*Praise Song "Great are You, Lord"

Affirmation of Faith The Apostles' Creed

ENCOUNTERING GOD'S WORD

Children's Message NaEisha Owens

Anthem "There Has to Be a Song"

New Testament Lesson John 14:15-29

Sermon "Jesus Prepares His Disciples" 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 "America, the Beautiful"

*Doxology and Prayer of Dedication

SENDING INTO GOD'S WORLD

*Hymn "Through It All/Jesus Loves Me"

*Benediction Postlude

*Indicates congregation standing, as able.

Words to the anthem can be found on the other side.

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.

<u>The church office and First Presbyterian building will be closed</u> on Monday, May 26 in observance of Memorial Day.

<u>Out of the Office</u>. JoAnna will be working remotely Tuesday, May 27 and Wednesday, May 28. She will return to the office Thursday, May 29. If you need anything, please email or call her.

<u>Lunch Bunch</u> will meet Thursday, June 5 at 11:30 a.m. at Metro Diner, 5524 Whitesville Rd. See Martha Jane Roark with any guestions.

<u>Ice Cream Social on Sunday, June 8 at 3 p.m.</u> in the FPC Fellowship Hall with other cluster churches. Bring your favorite ice cream and toppings to share. Questions? See Susan Gilbert.

<u>Tuesday Bible Study</u> will meet June 10 at Ann Hall's house. She will lead a study on "The Widow with Two Coins." Bring your lunch and meet at noon; the study begins at 1.

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

<u>Are you a visitor? Do you desire prayer? Would you like a call?</u> 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

<u>Homebound</u>	Health Concerns	<u>Grieving</u>
Claudia Wells Tom Collins Lee Hartline Susan Knight Margaret Greene Amy Dinsmore	Allen Posey Sue Holt Julie Ligon Eunmee Park Barry Ferguson	The Family of Bob Wells

Church Staff

Director of Music	Sue Ellen Williams
Youth/Young Adult Coordinator	NaEisha Owens
Pianist	Eunmee Park
Office Administrator	JoAnna Williams
Commissioned Ruling Elder	Susan Gilbert
Pastoral Care	Liz Allison



Edgewood @ First

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Calendar

Sunday, May 25

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

Monday, May 26

Memorial Day—Church Office Closed

Tuesday, May 27

7:00 pm—YA Worship & Fellowship via Zoom/Facebook

Wednesday, May 28

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

Sunday, June 1

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

May Birthdays

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

Anthem: There Has to Be a Song

There are too many dark nights. Too many troublesome days, Too many wearisome miles, There has to be a song.

There has to be a song
To make our burdens bearable.
There has to be a song
To make our hopes believable.
To transform our triumphs into praise.
There has to be, there has to be a song.

Somewhere, somewhere, Somewhere down deep in a forgotten corner Of each man's heart. To release the chains of past defeats.

There has to be a song. Like a cool, clear drink of water, Like the gentle warmth of sunshine. Like the tender love of a child.

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