

# Edgewood Presbyterian Church (USA)

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We joyfully proclaim the gospel of God's love. As a diverse and inclusive community of believers, we celebrate our unity in Christ. We believe we are called to compassionate service in our congregation, in our community, and in the world. We invite all who want to explore the great mystery of faith and paths of discipleship to join us.



Fifth Sunday of Easter

MAY 6, 2012

\* Those who are able, please stand

**Bold** indicates in unison

### Prayer of Preparation (*in silence*)

God of love, we give you thanks and praise that you abide in us even only a lonely road. Give us the strength and courage to love inclusively, open to all. Help us to allow ourselves to be loved and to be forgiven. Amen.

## ASSEMBLE IN GOD’S NAME

Chiming of the Trinity

Biblical Greeting and Announcements.....Sid Burgess, pastor

Prelude ..... *Restoration*..... Kenneth T. Kosche

\* Call to Worship..... pastor

One: God is love.

**All: Those who abide in love abide in God, and God abides in them.**

One: Let us then love one another.

**All: Let us abide in God and worship God together.**

\* Prayer of Adoration

\* Processional Hymn 376 ..... *Love Divine, All Loves Excelling*..... HYFRYDOL

\* Introit..... *Creator of Mountains* ..... Jane Parker Huber

Creator of mountains, of glaciers and streams, great Splasher of fountains and Dreamer of dreams, we gather in wonder and praise for Your grace. Responding, we ponder our work in this place.

### Invitation to Confession and Prayer of Confession

**Merciful God,  
you love us with an everlasting love.**

**We profess our love for you,  
and yet we fail to love one another.**

**You show us compassion,  
but we persist in judging others.**

**Forgive us, and help us to love each other,  
in the name of Christ, who is perfect love. (Silence) Amen.**

Kyrie Eleison.....Hymn 572

Lord, have mercy upon us. Christ, have mercy upon us. Lord, have mercy upon us.

### Declaration of Pardon

## PROCLAIM GOD’S WORD

Children’s Sermon..... Alice Morgan

*All children are invited to the chancel steps. Afterward, 1st grade and younger may go to room 108 or the nursery.*

[Prayer for Illumination and Scripture Reading](#) .....Julie Steward, lay reader

[The First Lesson](#) ..... Acts 8:26-40

[The Poetic Response](#) (see insert) ..... Psalm 22:25-31

[The Epistle Lesson](#) .....1 John 4:7-21  
 Reader: The word of the Lord. Response: **Thanks be to God.**

\* [The Gospel Hymn](#) 504 ..... *Draw Us in the Spirit's Tether* ..... UNION SEMINARY

[The Gospel Lesson](#) ..... John 15:1-8  
 Reader: The Gospel of the Lord. Response: **Praise to you, O Christ.**

[The Sermon](#) ..... "Love is a Bargain!" .....pastor

## RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

\* [Affirmation of Faith](#) .....from The Confession of 1967 II.1

**The life, death, resurrection and promised coming of Jesus Christ  
 has set the pattern for the church's mission.  
 His life as man involves the church in the common life of humans.  
 His service to people commits the church  
 to work for every form of human well-being.  
 His suffering makes the church sensitive  
 to all the sufferings of humankind  
 so that it sees the face of Christ  
 in the faces of people in every kind of need.**

\* [The Gloria](#)

**Gloria, Gloria, in excelsis Deo. Gloria, Gloria, alleluia, alleluia.**

\* [The Easter Greeting](#)

One: Christ is risen! Another: **Christ is risen indeed.**

[Concerns of the Church and the Prayers of the People](#) .....Margaret Smith, deacon

The Offering of Tithes and Gifts

[Offertory Anthem](#) ..... *Let Us Love One Another* .....Arnold B. Sherman

Beloved, let us love one another, for love comes from God, and all who know and call upon his name are children of our Lord. Beloved, this is what love is; not that we love God, but that he loves us and gave his only Son to free us from our sin. How can we not know our God? How can we not love our God? He sent his only Son to die for all our sins. Is there greater love than this? Beloved, if this is how God loves, then we should love all men, and live in perfect harmony with all, and God will live in us. Let us love one another.

- \* [Doxology](#) ..... *Hymn 591*..... OLD HUNDREDTH  
**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; Praise Christ, all people here below;  
 Praise Holy Spirit evermore; Praise Triune God, whom we adore. Amen.**

## GIVE THANKS TO GOD

- \* [Invitation to the Lord's Table](#)  
 Communion servers: Rick Frennea, Thecla Lindsey, Stewart Wilbanks
- \* [The Great Prayer of Thanksgiving](#) (See front of Hymnal, page 13.)  
[The Lord's Prayer](#), Hymnal 571..... John Weaver

- \* [Procession to the Lord's Table](#)  
*All worshipers, including children and Christians who belong to other congregations or traditions, are invited to participate in the Lord's Supper. Join the procession to the table. Take bread from the common loaf and dip it into a chalice (brown contains wine; blue contains juice). Eat the bread as you return to your seat via the outside aisles.*

*Pastor: The Bread of Heaven. Elder: The Cup of Salvation. Response: (optional) Amen.*

*If you prefer to or must remain seated, an elder will bring the elements to you.*

[Music at Communion](#)..... *Prelude on Love Divine, All Loves Excelling*..... Alfred V. Fedak

[Prayer after Communion](#)

## GO IN GOD'S NAME

- \* [Closing Hymn 377](#) ..... *Lord, You Have Come to the Lakeshore*..... PESCADOR DE HOMBRE
- \* [Charge and Benediction](#)
- \* [Choral Benediction](#) ..... *Amen* ..... Peter Lutkin
- \* [Postlude](#)..... *Postlude in E Flat Major*..... C. H. Rinck

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