



edgewood

presbyterian church (PCUSA)

Our Mission

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.

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“Speaking the truth in love, we must grow up in every way into him who is the head, into Christ, from whom the whole body, joined and knit together by every ligament with which it is equipped, as each part is working properly, promotes the body’s growth in building itself up in love.”

– Ephesians 4: 15-16

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Fifth Sunday of Easter

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SERVICE OF THE LORD’S DAY

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1 YEAR TOGETHER, ROOTED IN 252 YEARS OF SERVICE



*Please text any prayer requests to 205-924-5080 before the Sharing of the Peace. Please include your name unless you wish the request to be anonymous.

Prayer of Preparation *(Silent Prayer)*

Guide us, Spirit of God, in discerning our truth and our path.

Amen.

Chiming of the Trinity

The Waters of Baptism

All children are invited to gather at the baptismal font.

Prelude

Rejoice Greatly O My Soul

Sigfrid Karg-Elert

***Welcome**

***Call to Worship**

Fran Woodruff, Liturgist

Praise God, the Good Shepherd.

In the valley's deep shadows, God's voice guides us.

We are God's sheep,

and God never abandons God's own flock.

Hymn 79

Light Dawns on a Weary World

TEMPLE OF PEACE

1 Light dawns on a weary world when eyes begin to see
all people's dignity. Light dawns on a weary world:
the promised day of justice comes.

Refrain: The trees shall clap their hands; the dry lands, gush with springs; the hills and mountains shall break forth with singing! We shall go out in joy, and be led forth in peace, as all the world in wonder echoes shalom.

2 Love grows in a weary world when hungry hearts find bread and children's dreams are fed. Love grows in a weary world: the promised feast of plenty comes.

3 Hope blooms in a weary world when creatures, once forlorn, find wilderness reborn. Hope blooms in a weary world: the promised green of Eden comes.

Advocate Change Agent Congregation

Churches that feel this calling focus their energies on advocating and defending vulnerable populations, supporting civic institutions, and working to ensure that policies do not threaten Democratic principles. Advocating and defending these vulnerable populations is seen as an expression of faith as they address and reform social injustices. Members are invited to become voices for justice, compassion and our democratic government integrity, standing up for the rights and freedom of those who are most vulnerable and under threat.

Safe Space Congregation

Churches that feel this calling serve as a safe space and sanctuary for those who are marginalized or threatened. They try to be a safe space and a sanctuary for the most vulnerable. Church members focus on compassion and support to people in need, trying to create an environment of care and understanding. They believe everyone deserves dignity, safety, and a space where they belong.

Relationship Building / Connecting Congregation

Churches that feel this calling cultivate connections with local communities, and fellow churches of all denominations, trying to build trusting relationships and strengthen the bonds of community. Congregations like this try to nurture their neighborhoods, building bridges and creating partnerships to promote inclusivity and connection among the inhabitants of their neighborhood. Their goal is to create a more resilient and related local fabric.

Emergent Futures Congregation

Churches that feel this calling try to build a more just, compassionate world by being a place of creativity and hope using vision, storytelling and imagination. They try to offer an alternative to the narratives often found in society. They invite others to join them and participate in working toward a world that is compassionate, just and sustainable.

Invitation to Reconciliation

Prayer of Brokenness

Declaration of Forgiveness

Friends, believe the Good News of the Gospel:

In Jesus Christ we are forgiven, and restored to new life!

Gloria (Hymn 583)

The image shows two staves of musical notation for the Gloria (Hymn 583). The first staff is in 6/8 time and contains the melody for the first line of lyrics: "Glo - ri - a, glo - ri - a, in ex - cel - sis De - o!". The second staff is in 6/8 time and contains the melody for the second line of lyrics: "Glo - ri - a, glo - ri - a, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!". Both staves have a treble clef and a key signature of one flat (B-flat). There are asterisks above the first and third notes of each staff.

Glo - ri - a, glo - ri - a, in ex - cel - sis De - o!

Glo - ri - a, glo - ri - a, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

Prayer for Illumination

The Epistle Lesson

Ephesians 4: 1-16

(pew Bible pages 193-194)

The Word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.

Scripture Stories for Each Calling

Hymn 463How Firm a Foundation*

FOUNDATION

1 How firm a foundation, ye saints of the Lord, is laid for your faith
in God's excellent Word! What more can be said than to you
God hath said, to you who for refuge to Jesus have fled?

2 "Fear not, I am with thee, O be not dismayed, for I am thy God,
and will still give thee aid; I'll strengthen thee, help thee, and
cause thee to stand, upheld by my righteous, omnipotent hand.

3 "When through the deep waters I call thee to go, the rivers of
sorrow shall not overflow; for I will be near thee, thy troubles to
bless, and sanctify to thee thy deepest distress.

4 "When through fiery trials thy pathway shall lie, my grace, all
sufficient, shall be thy supply; the flame shall not hurt thee; I only
design thy dross to consume, and thy gold to refine.

5 "The soul that on Jesus hath leaned for repose, I will not, I will
not desert to its foes; that soul, though all hell should endeavor to
shake, I'll never, no, never, no, never forsake."

Sharing of the Peace*Announcements for the Community of Faith****Call to Offering****Offertory***A Quiet Melody*

Jane Carrier

Offering of Tithes and Gifts***Doxology Hymn 607**

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.

***Invitation to the Lord's Table**

Servers: Alice Morgan, Ann Ray, Deanna Dailey

The Great Prayer of Thanksgiving

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts. **We lift them to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

...we join our voices ...

**Holy, holy, holy, Lord, God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory.**

Hosanna in the highest.

**Blessed is the one who comes in the name of
the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.**

Great is the mystery of faith:

Christ has died; Christ is risen; Christ will come again.

*...we are bold to lift our voices praying the prayer Jesus taught his
disciples:*

***The Lord's Prayer**

***Breaking of the Bread and Pouring of the Cup**

***Communion of the People**

Music at Communion

Consolation

Felix Mendelssohn

from *Song Without Words*; arr. Todd Kendall

Concerns of the Church & Prayers of the People

Hymn 366Love Divine, All Loves Excelling*

HYFRODOL

1 Love divine, all loves excelling, Joy of heaven, to earth come down, fix in us thy humble dwelling; all thy faithful mercies crown. Jesus, thou art all compassion; pure, unbounded love thou art; visit us with thy salvation; enter every trembling heart.

2 Breathe, O breathe thy loving Spirit into every troubled breast; let us all in thee inherit; let us find the promised rest. Take away the love of sinning; Alpha and Omega be; end of faith, as its beginning, set our hearts at liberty.

3 Come, Almighty, to deliver; let us all thy life receive; suddenly return, and never, nevermore thy temples leave. Thee we would be always blessing, serve thee as thy hosts above, pray, and praise thee without ceasing, glory in thy perfect love.

4 Finish then thy new creation; pure and spotless let us be; let us see thy great salvation perfectly restored in thee: changed from glory into glory, till in heaven we take our place, till we cast our crowns before thee, lost in wonder, love, and praise.

Charge from the Steps***Charge and Benediction**

Rev. Joe Genau

Postlude*With Wings Like Eagles*

Lani Smith