

**Edgewood Presbyterian Church
Homewood, Alabama
Third Sunday after Epiphany
January 22, 2023**

****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

Holy One, help me hear you calling my name above the din of stress and worry. Amen.

Chiming of the Trinity

The Waters of Baptism

Prelude

Prelude on *Llangloffan*
(*Where Restless Crowds are Thronging*)
arr. Kevin Sadowski

Welcome

Rev. Joe Genau

Call to Worship

Richard Galbraith, liturgist

From far and near, we are called together to offer praise:

Praise to the God of magnificent creation.

From our slumber we are invited to discipleship:

To respond to Christ's call by going when and where he guides us.

Let us worship God!

Who leads us to eternal life!

Prayer of the Day

¹ Immortal, invisible, God only wise,
in light inaccessible hid from our eyes,
most blessed, most glorious, the Ancient of Days,
almighty, victorious, thy great name we praise.

² Unresting, unhasting, and silent as light,
nor wanting, nor wasting, thou rulest in might:
thy justice, like mountains high soaring above;
thy clouds, which are fountains of goodness and love.

³ To all, life thou givest, to both great and small.
In all life thou livest, the true life of all.
We blossom and flourish like leaves on the tree,
then wither and perish; but naught changeth thee.

⁴ Thou reignest in glory; thou dwellest in light.
Thine angels adore thee, all veiling their sight.
All praise we would render; O help us to see
'tis only the splendor of light hideth thee!

Invitation to Reconciliation

Prayer of Brokenness

**God of endless creation, you invite us to collaborate
in the new things you are doing in your world.
You ask us to trust you and step forward in faith.
But we are risk-averse.
In our fear, we miss opportunities to pursue justice,
to care for our neighbors, and to share good news.
Forgive us, O God.
Embolden us to say “yes” to what you offer.
Help us to trust the path that is with you.
Grant us open hearts and nimble spirits of discipleship.
We pray in Christ’s name, as we share in silence the troubles of our own souls...**

Declaration of Forgiveness

Friends, believe the Good News of the Gospel:
In Jesus Christ we are forgiven, and restored to new life!

Gloria #583

Musical score for Gloria #583, featuring two staves of music in G major (one sharp) and 6/8 time. The first staff contains the lyrics: "Glo - ri - a, glo - ri - a, in ex - cel - sis De - o!". The second staff contains the lyrics: "Glo - ri - a, glo - ri - a, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!". Above the first staff, the chords Dm, Gm, C, and F are indicated, with a note "(chords continue)". There are asterisks above the first and third measures of both staves.

Prayer for Illumination

Psalter

Psalm 427: 1, 4-9

¹ The LORD is my light and my salvation; whom shall I fear?

The LORD is the stronghold of my life; of whom shall I be afraid?

⁴ One thing I asked of the LORD, that will I seek after:

To live in the house of the LORD all the days of my life,

to behold the beauty of the LORD, and to inquire in God's temple.

⁵ For God will give me shelter in the day of trouble;

God will conceal me under the cover of God's tent;

God will set me high on a rock.

⁶ Now my head is lifted up above my enemies all around me,

and I will offer in God's tent sacrifices with shouts of joy;

I will sing and make melody to the LORD.

⁷ Hear, O LORD, when I cry aloud, be gracious to me and answer me!

⁸ **"Come," my heart says, "seek God's face!"**

Your face, LORD, do I seek.

⁹ Do not hide your face from me.

Do not turn your servant away in anger, you who have been my help.

Do not cast me off, do not forsake me, O God of my salvation!

Holy Wisdom, Holy Word.

Thanks be to God.

Gospel Lesson

Matthew 4: 12-23

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

Hymn 751

From the Nets of Our Labors

HAMILTON

1 From the nets of our labors,
through the noise and confusion,
from the city or seashore,
Jesus summons us all. (**Refrain**)

Refrain:

We will rise up and follow,
Christ before and beside us,
loving pattern to guide us,
as we answer the call.

2 When we faint and grow weary
from the bearing of burdens,
with a message of comfort,
Jesus summons us all. (**Refrain**)

3 In the eyes of the stranger—
tearful, joyous, or frightened—
in the face of each neighbor,
Jesus summons us all. (**Refrain**)

4 When we hear words of hatred
spreading fear or false witness,
words that cry to be challenged,
Jesus summons us all. (**Refrain**)

5 In each moment of courage,
steadfast even through trembling;
in the yearning for justice,
Jesus summons us all. (**Refrain**)

6 Like disciples before us,
from the city or seashore,
risking selfless compassion:
Jesus summons us all. (**Refrain**)

Sharing of the Peace

Announcements for the Community of Faith

Anthem

The Lord Is My Light

Tune: LUX MEA John L. Bell

Refrain: *The Lord is my light, my light and salvation. Whom shall I fear? Whom shall I fear?
Lord is my light, my light and salvation. Why should I be afraid?*

¹ *When the powers of evil move towards me, when my very flesh is under threat,
when my enemies smell the scent of victory they shall stumble and fall. Refrain*

² *Should a mighty army camp around me, still my heart would register no fear.
Though a war were waged, though it raged against me I'd trust God and stand firm. Refrain*

³ *One thing through it all my soul is seeking: to live all my life within God's house;
there to spend my days, gazing at God's beauty while at one with my Lord. Refrain*

⁴ *God protects me in the time of trouble, shelters me yet sets me on a rock.
Safe from every harm, safe from all that threatens I will sing and rejoice. Refrain*

Offering of Tithes and Gifts

Doxology

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

The Great Prayer of Thanksgiving

The Lord's Prayer

Breaking of the Bread and Pouring of the Cup

Communion of the People

Music at Communion *Soul, Advice Thyself with Gladness*
Hymn Tune: Johann Crüger Setting: Anton Leupold

Concerns of the Church & Prayers of the People

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Hymn 673

Jesus, Light of Joy

LAUDA ANIMA

¹ Jesus, light of joy, surround us;
let your splendid glory shine:
source of every earthly blessing,
heaven's everlasting sign.
Alleluia, alleluia,
we adore you, light divine.

² Now the shadows fall around us;
now the evening has begun:
still your gracious light is with us,

brighter than the morning sun.
Alleluia, alleluia,
God of glory, Three-in-One.

³ With the saints we lift our voices,
God of power, God of might.
All creation shines with glory,
singing praises day and night:
alleluia, alleluia,
holy, holy, holy light.

Charge from the Steps

Charge and Benediction

Rev. Joe Genau

Choral Benediction

Amen

Postlude

Fuga in C Major

Johann Pachelbel