



**Edgewood Presbyterian Church  
Homewood, Alabama  
Fourth Sunday after Epiphany  
January 30, 2022**

**\*\*Please text any prayer requests to 205-794-3887 before the Sharing of the Peace.**

**Please include your name, unless you wish the request to be anonymous.\*\***

**Prayer of Preparation**

*Gracious God, set my heart to the rhythm and melody that is love. Amen.*

**Chiming of the Trinity**

**The Waters of Baptism**

**Prelude**

*Blessed Jesus, We Are Here*

*J. S. Bach*

**Welcome**

Rev. Elizabeth Goodrich

**Call to Worship**

(from Romans 13: 8-10)

Lynne Hutton, liturgist

*Love one another,*

**For the one who loves has fulfilled the law.**

*Love one another,*

**For all the commandments are fulfilled, if we love our neighbor as ourselves.**

*Love one another,*

**For this is the law of Christ.**

*Come, worship, as one people, the God of everlasting love,*

**Who calls us to love one another.**

**Prayer of the Day**

## Hymn 401

## *Gather Us In*

## GATHER US IN

<sup>1</sup> Here in this place the new light is streaming;  
now is the darkness vanished away;  
see in this space our fears and our dreamings  
brought here to you in the light of this day.  
Gather us in, the lost and forsaken;  
gather us in, the blind and the lame;  
call to us now, and we shall awaken;  
we shall arise at the sound of our name.

<sup>2</sup> We are the young; our lives are a mystery.  
We are the old who yearn for your face.  
We have been sung throughout all of history,  
called to be light to the whole human race.  
Gather us in, the rich and the haughty;  
gather us in, the proud and the strong;  
give us a heart, so meek and so lowly;  
give us the courage to enter the song.

<sup>3</sup> Here we will take the wine and the water;  
here we will take the bread of new birth.  
Here you shall call your sons and your daughters,  
call us anew to be salt for the earth.  
Give us to drink the wine of compassion;  
give us to eat the bread that is you;  
nourish us well, and teach us to fashion lives that are holy and hearts that are true.

<sup>4</sup> Not in the dark of buildings confining,  
not in some heaven, light years away:  
here in this place the new light is shining;  
now is the kingdom, and now is the day.  
Gather us in and hold us forever;  
gather us in and make us your own;  
gather us in, all peoples together,  
fire of love in our flesh and our bone.

## **Invitation to Reconciliation**

### **Prayer of Brokenness**

**God our Redeemer, we confess  
that we struggle to live as you would have us live.  
You are loving, patient, and kind;  
we have a taste for being envious, boastful, and arrogant.  
We talk and sing and pray about love,  
but find it more difficult to put such love into action.  
Forgive us, God of grace.  
Put an end to our selfish ways and teach us  
to love one another as you have loved us;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.**

## 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)

*Gloria, Gloria, in excelsis deo.*

*Gloria, Gloria, alleluia, alleluia.*

## Prayer for Illumination

### Readings from the Prophets

**Jeremiah 1: 4-10**

The Word of God for the people of God.

**Thanks be to God.**

### Psalter

**Psalm 71: 1-6**

<sup>1</sup> *In you, O LORD, I take refuge; let me never be put to shame.*

<sup>2</sup> **In your righteousness deliver me and rescue me;  
incline your ear to me and save me.**

<sup>3</sup> *Be to me a rock of refuge, a strong fortress, to save me,  
For you are my rock and my fortress.*

<sup>4</sup> *Rescue me, O my God, from the hand of the wicked,  
from the grasp of the unjust and cruel.*

<sup>5</sup> **For you, O LORD, are my hope, my trust, O LORD, from my youth.**

<sup>6</sup> *Upon you I have leaned from my birth;  
it was you who took me from my mother's womb.*

**My praise is continually of you.**

*Holy Wisdom, Holy Word.*

**Thanks be to God.**

### Epistle Reading

**1 Corinthians 13: 1-13**

The Word of God for the people of God.

**Thanks be to God.**

## Sermon

The Reverend Elizabeth Goodrich

### \*Hymn 693

*Though I May Speak (The Gift of Love)*

GIFT OF LOVE

<sup>1</sup> Though I may speak with bravest fire,  
and have the gift to all inspire,  
and have not love, my words are vain,  
as sounding brass, and hopeless gain.

but not be given by love within,  
the profit soon turns strangely thin.

<sup>2</sup> Though I may give all I possess,  
and striving so my love profess,

<sup>3</sup> Come, Spirit, come, our hearts control;  
our spirits long to be made whole.  
Let inward love guide every deed;  
by this we worship, and are freed.

## Sharing of the Peace

### Announcements for the Community of Faith

### Concerns of the Church & Prayers of the People

### Offering of Tithes and Gifts

## Anthem

*The King of Love My Shepherd Is*

Henry Williams Baker; Hymn # 802

<sup>1</sup> The King of love my shepherd is,  
whose goodness faileth never;  
I nothing lack if I am his  
and he is mine forever.

<sup>4</sup> In death's dark vale I fear no ill  
with thee, dear Lord, beside me;  
thy rod and staff my comfort still,  
thy cross before to guide me.

<sup>2</sup> Where streams of living water flow  
my ransomed soul he leadeth,  
and where the verdant pastures grow,  
with food celestial feedeth.

<sup>5</sup> Thou spread'st a table in my sight;  
thy unction grace bestoweth;  
and O what transport of delight  
from thy pure chalice floweth!

<sup>3</sup> Perverse and foolish oft I strayed,  
but yet in love he sought me,  
and on his shoulder gently laid,  
and home, rejoicing, brought me.

<sup>6</sup> And so through all the length of days  
thy goodness faileth never;  
Good Shepherd, may I sing thy praise  
within thy house forever.

## Doxology, Hymn 607

OLD HUNDREDTH

