

**Edgewood Presbyterian Church  
Homewood, Alabama  
Fifth Sunday in Lent  
Joint Service with Second Presbyterian Church  
March 17, 2024**

**\*\*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**

Show us what love means to live in mercy, in grace, and in steadfast love through these forty days. Amen.

**Chiming of the Trinity**

**Gathering and Pausing**

**Hand Bell Prelude**

*Go to Dark Gethsemane*

Barbara Kinyon

**Welcome**

**Call to Worship**

Kelly Wood, Liturgist

From mist and darkness, from restful waters,  
**The God of mystery gathers us.**

From health and sickness, from plenty and want,  
**The God of presence gathers us.**

To a feast, a banquet, a life eternal,  
**God gathers us safely home.**

Christ, the beloved, King of justice,  
**We belong to you.**

Christ the sovereign, who loves the least and the lost,  
**We belong to you.**

Today and tomorrow, in time and eternity, O God, your will be done.  
**Let us worship God!**

## Prayer of the Day

### Hymn 50

*Deep in the Shadows of the Past*

SHEPHERDS' PIPES

1 Deep in the shadows of the past,  
far out from settled lands,  
some nomads traveled with their God  
across the desert sands.  
The dawning hope of humankind  
by them was sensed and shown:  
a promise calling them ahead,  
a future yet unknown.

2 While others bowed to changeless  
gods,  
they met a mystery,  
invisible, without a name:  
"I am what I will be";  
and by their tents, around their fires  
in story, song, and law,  
they praised, remembered, handed on  
a past that promised more.

3 From Exodus to Pentecost  
the promise changed and grew,  
while some, remembering the past,  
recorded what they knew,  
or with their letters and laments,  
their prophecy and praise,  
recovered, kindled, and expressed  
new hope for changing days.

4 For all the writings that survived,  
for leaders, long ago,  
who sifted, copied, and preserved  
the Bible that we know,  
give thanks, and find its story yet  
our promise, strength, and call,  
the model of emerging faith,  
alive with hope for all.

### Invitation to Reconciliation

### Prayer of Brokenness

God of compassion, we confess to you that we  
avert our gaze from the suffering of your people.  
We prefer not to see the hungry, the thirsty, the poor,  
the lonely, the sick, and the imprisoned.  
This separation we seek separates us from you.  
In this time of worship, may we know a sharing with you  
deeper than any we have known before.  
And may we know an emptying of all those burdens that we carry,  
of all those regrets that we cling to.  
Today, O God, may we be healed, restored, and forgiven.  
Strengthen us to follow Christ,  
to whom we open our hearts now in silence...

## Sung Response 471



O Lord, hear my prayer. O Lord, hear my prayer.

When I call, an - swer me. O Lord, hear my prayer. O

Lord, hear my prayer. Come and lis - ten to me.

The musical score is written for two staves, Treble and Bass clef, in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. The melody is simple and hymn-like, with lyrics written below the notes. The lyrics are: "O Lord, hear my prayer. O Lord, hear my prayer. When I call, an - swer me. O Lord, hear my prayer. O Lord, hear my prayer. Come and lis - ten to me."

## Declaration of Forgiveness

Friends, believe the Good News of the Gospel:

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

## Prayer for Illumination

### Gospel Lesson

The Gospel of the Lord.

**John 12: 2033**

**Praise to you, O Christ.**

## **Psalter**

## **Psalm 130**

<sup>1</sup> Out of the depths I cry to you, O LORD.

<sup>2</sup> Lord, hear my voice!

Let your ears be attentive to the voice of my supplications!

<sup>3</sup> If you, O LORD, should mark iniquities,

Lord, who could stand?

<sup>4</sup> But there is forgiveness with you, so that you may be revered.

<sup>5</sup> I wait for the LORD, my soul waits, and in God's word I hope;

<sup>6</sup> my soul waits for the Lord more than those who watch for the morning,  
more than those who watch for the morning.

<sup>7</sup> O Israel, hope in the LORD!

For with the LORD there is steadfast love,

and with God is great power to redeem.

<sup>8</sup> It is God who will redeem Israel from all its iniquities.

Holy Wisdom, Holy Word.

**Thanks be to God.**

## **Sermon**

## **“Out of the Depths”**

The Rev. Dr. Sue Westfall

## **Hymn 796**

## *We Come to You for Healing, Lord*

LAND OF REST

1 We come to you for healing, Lord,  
of body, mind, and soul,  
and pray that by your Spirit's touch  
we may again be whole.

2 As once you walked  
through ancient streets  
and reached toward those in pain,  
we know you come among us still  
with power to heal again.

3 You touch us  
through physicians' skills,  
through nurses' gifts of care,  
and through the love of faithful friends  
who lift our lives in prayer.

4 Through nights of  
pain and wakefulness,  
through days when strength runs low,  
grant us your gift of patience, Lord,  
your calming peace to know.

5 We come to you, O loving Lord,  
in our distress and pain,  
in trust that through our nights and days  
your grace will heal, sustain.

## **Sharing of the Peace**

## **Announcements for the Community of Faith**

### **Anthem**

### *The King of Love My Shepherd Is*

Arr. Edward Eicker

The King of love my shepherd is, whose goodness fails me never;  
I nothing lack if I am his and he is mine forever.  
Where streams of living water flow my ransomed soul he leading,  
and where the verdant pastures grow, with food celestial feeding.  
Confused and foolish oft I strayed, but yet in love he sought me,  
and on his shoulder gently laid, and home, rejoicing, brought me.  
In death's dark vale I fear no ill with you, dear Lord, beside me;  
your rod and staff my comfort still, your cross before to guide me.  
You spread a table in my sight; your unction grace bestowing;  
and O what transport of delight from your pure chalice flowing!  
And through all the length of days your goodness fails me never;  
Good Shepherd, may I sing your praise within your house forever.

## **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**

God so loved the world, God so loved the world, that He gave His only begotten Son, that who so believeth, believeth in Him should not perish, should not perish, but have everlasting life. For God sent not His Son into the world to condemn the world, God sent not His Son into the world to condemn the world; but that the world through Him might be saved.

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**Concerns of the Church & Prayers of the People**

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Lead us, O Lord, **from death to life.**

**Hymn 819***Be Still, My Soul*

FINLANDIA

1 Be still, my soul: the Lord is on thy side.  
Bear patiently the cross of grief or pain.  
Leave to thy God to order and provide,  
who through all changes faithful will remain.  
Be still, my soul: thy best, thy heavenly Friend  
through thorny ways leads to a joyful end.

2 Be still, my soul:  
thy God doth undertake  
to guide the future surely as the past.  
Thy hope, thy confidence  
let nothing shake;  
all now mysterious shall be bright at last.  
Be still, my soul:  
the waves and winds still know  
his voice who ruled them  
while he dwelt below.

3 Be still, my soul:  
the hour is hastening on  
when we shall be forever with the Lord;  
when disappointment,  
grief, and fear are gone,  
sorrow forgot,  
love's purest joys restored.  
Be still, my soul:  
when change and tears are past  
all safe and blessed  
we shall meet at last.

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