

**Edgewood Presbyterian Church
Homewood, Alabama
Fifth Sunday in Lent
April 6, 2025**

**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 me your Way through your Word. Amen.

Chiming of the Trinity

Gathering the Kids

Prelude *A Holy Offering* Stewart Landon

Welcome

Call to Worship Sheila Cook, Liturgist

When we have turned away,
Turn our hearts back to You, O God.

When our hearts have been broken and emptied,
Fill us with Your love, O God.

When we have fallen into sorrow,
Overwhelm us with Your joy, O God.

In this time of worship, come close, healing Lord,
and receive our worship.

Prayer of the Day

1 Sing praise to God who reigns above,
the God of all creation,
the God of power, the God of love,
the God of our salvation.
With healing balm my soul is filled,
and every faithless murmur stilled:
to God all praise and glory!

2 What God's almighty power has made
God's gracious mercy keepeth;
by morning glow or evening shade
God's watchful eye ne'er sleepeth.
Within the kingdom of God's might,
lo! all is just and all is right:
to God all praise and glory!

3 The Lord is never far away,
but, through all grief distressing,
an ever-present help and stay,
our peace and joy and blessing,
as with a mother's tender hand
God gently leads the chosen band:
to God all praise and glory!

4 Thus all my toilsome way along
I sing aloud thy praises,
that all may hear the grateful song
my voice unwearied raises.
Be joyful in the Lord, my heart;
both soul and body, take your part:
to God all praise and glory!

Invitation to Reconciliation

Prayer of Brokenness

**Holy God, we are not ready for what you ask of us.
It is easier, by far, to clutch our resentments;
easier, by far, to be certain we have nothing to learn from our neighbor;
easier, by far, to stay as far away from struggle and death as possible.
But you call us to courage and vulnerability and reconciliation.
You call us to linger in uncomfortable places in search of truth and freedom.
Show us your better way, O God.
In Christ's name, may we be healed, restored, and forgiven.
Hear now the silent confessions of our hearts...**

(Silent Confession)

Lenten Prayer Response Hymn 76



All
Do not be a - fraid, for I am with you. Cho-sen and be -
loved, you are my own. Do not be a - fraid, for I have re -
deemed you: by your name I called you for my own.

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

Lesson from the Hebrew Scriptures

Isaiah 43: 16-21

The Word of God for the people of God. **Thanks be to God.**

Psalter

Psalm 126

¹ When the Lord restored the fortunes of Zion,
we were like those who dream.

² Then our mouth was filled with laughter, and our tongue with shouts of joy;
then it was said among the nations, "The Lord has done great things for them."

³ The Lord has done great things for us,
and we rejoiced.

⁴Restore our fortunes, O Lord, like the watercourses in the Negeb.

⁵**May those who sow in tears reap with shouts of joy.**

⁶Those who go out weeping, bearing the seed for sowing,
shall come home with shouts of joy, carrying their sheaves.

Holy Wisdom, Holy Word.

Thanks be to God.

Gospel Lesson

John 12: 1-8

El Evangelio del Señor. **Te alabamos, Cristo Señor.**

Sermon

“Always”
Reverend Joe Genau

Hymn 201

A Prophet Woman Broke a Jar

HOW CAN I KEEP FROM SINGING

1 A prophet-woman broke a jar,
by Love's divine appointing.
With rare perfume she filled the room,
presiding and anointing.
A prophet-woman broke a jar,
the sneers of scorn defying.
With rare perfume she filled the room,
preparing Christ for dying.

2 A faithful woman left a tomb
by Love's divine commission.
She saw; she heard;
she preached the Word,
arising from submission.
A faithful woman left a tomb,
with resurrection gospel.
She saw; she heard;
she preached the Word,
apostle to apostles.

3 Though woman-wisdom, woman-truth,
for centuries were hidden,
unsung, unwritten, and unheard,
derided and forbidden,
the Spirit's breath, the Spirit's fire,
on free and slave descending,
can tumble our dividing walls,
our shame and sadness mending.

4 The Spirit knows; the Spirit calls,
by Love's divine ordaining,
the friends we need, to serve and lead,
their powers and gifts unchaining.
The Spirit knows; the Spirit calls,
from women, men and children,
the friends we need, to serve and lead.
Rejoice, and make them welcome!

Sharing of the Peace

Announcements for the Community of Faith

Call to Offering

Anthem *Ave Verum Corpus* Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart; arr. Patrick M. Liebergen

Ave, ave verum Corpus natum de Maria Virgine. Vere passum, immolatum in cruce pro homine. Cujus latus perforatum unda fluxit et danguine. Esto nobis praegustatum in mortis examine, in mortis examine.

Lord most holy, born of Mary, praise and honor be to you, O Lord. In your passion you have suffered, your blood on the cross was poured. Blessed Savior, Lord of mercy, glory be to your name adored. Songs of praise and thanks are given forever to you, O Lord, forever to you, O Lord.

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 *Adagio from Clarinet Concerto*
Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart; arr. Colin Cowles
Matt Barron, clarinet

Concerns of the Church & Prayers of the People

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Hymn 74

When God Restored Our Common Life

RESIGNATION

1 When God restored our common life,
our hope, our liberty,
at first it seemed a passing dream,
a waking fantasy;
a shock of joy swept over us,
for we had wept so long;
the seeds we watered once with tears
sprang up into a song.

2 We went forth weeping, sowing seeds
in hard, unyielding soil;
with laughing hearts we carry home
the fruit of all our toil.
We praise the One who gave the
growth,
with voices full and strong.
The seeds we watered once with tears
sprang up into a song.

3 Great liberating God, we pray
for all who are oppressed.
May those who long for what is right
with justice now be blest.
We pray for those who mourn this day,
and all who suffer wrong;
may seeds they water now with tears
spring up into a song.

Charge from the Steps

Charge and Benediction

Rev. Joe Genau

Postlude

Here, Lord, We Meet Thee

Berthe R. Frick