

**Edgewood Presbyterian Church
Homewood, Alabama
Third Sunday after Pentecost
Joint Service with Second Presbyterian Church
June 9, 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. **

Theme for the Summer Getting to Know the People Jesus Loves

Theme for this Sunday Jesus loves the Pride Community

*Beloved, since God loved us so much, we also ought to love one another. God is love.
Those who abide in love abide in God, and God abides in them. (from I John 4)*

Chiming of the Trinity

Waters of Baptism

Prelude *Brethren, We Have Met to Worship* arr. Stan Pethel
Madeline Cagle, French horn

Welcome

Call to Worship Catherine Rodenhauser, Liturgist

Come before God with your gladness
knowing that your melody will find its harmony here.

**We encounter God's love for us through Jesus Christ.
In response, we love and welcome others.**

Come to Jesus with your answers and assumptions
knowing that the Holy Spirit often elects to challenge our certainties,
thereby preparing us for greater service.

**We remain faithful to Christ by holding space in our lives
for the Spirit's next adventure.**

Come to God with your questions, doubts, and fears.

By his example, Jesus teaches us to welcome,
to celebrate those who feel lonely, misfit, or out of place.

**We honor the diversity of God's creation and proclaim the mercy of Jesus
by inviting all people to worship and serve God alongside us.**

Come to God when the heavy things of life seem overwhelming,
trusting that the loving arms of his church will embrace you.

Renewed by God's love for us, we will love each other.

Prayer of the Day

Hymn 396

Brethren, We Have Met to Worship

HOLY MANNA

1 Brethren, we have met to worship
and adore the Lord our God.
Will you pray with all your power
while we try to preach the word?
All is vain unless the Spirit
of the holy One comes down.
Brethren, pray, and holy manna
will be showered all around.

2 Sisters, will you come and help us?
Moses' sister aided him.
Will you help the trembling mourners
who are struggling hard with sin?
Tell them all about the Savior.
Tell them that he will be found.
Sisters, pray, and holy manna
will be showered all around.

3 Is there here a trembling jailer,
seeking grace and filled with fears?
Is there here a weeping Mary
pouring forth a flood of tears?
Brethren, join your cries to help them;
sisters, let your prayers abound!
Pray, O pray, that holy manna
will be scattered all around.

4 Let us love our God supremely;
let us love each other, too.
Let us love and pray for sinners
till our God makes all things new.
Christ will call us home to heaven;
at his table we'll sit down.
Christ will gird himself and serve us
with sweet manna all around.

Invitation to Reconciliation

Prayer of Brokenness

Holy God of Creation, you have given us the gifts
necessary to illumine humanity's path to peace and reconciliation.
But we often squander those gifts
and use them as if they were given to us alone.
Through Jesus Christ, you have shown us how to love,
forgive and serve our neighbors.
We know what we've been called to do!
Yet, when we hear our neighbors' cries,
we're either too busy or too overwhelmed to respond.
Merciful Lord, forgive us for these and all the ways we fall short.
Remind us that we don't have to carry the weight
of the whole world's problems on our shoulders.
We simply need to be *your* people – a Resurrection people,
filled with Pentecostal power!
We simply need to be a force for good in the world,
sharing God's love for all.
In the silence of this moment, remind us that you give us
all we need to accomplish your will and change the world.

[Silent Confession]

Declaration of Forgiveness

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

Gloria 583



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

Old Testament Lesson

The Word of God for the people of God.

Isaiah 56: 1-8

Thanks be to God.

The Epistle Lesson

2 Corinthians 4:13 – 5:1

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

New Testament Lesson

Acts 8: 26-40

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God

Sermon

“Keeping Our Stories Straight”

Carl Martin, CRE

Hymn 630

Fairest Lord Jesus

CRUSADERS' HYMN

1 Fairest Lord Jesus,
Ruler of all nature,
O thou of God to earth
come down, thee will I cherish,
thee will I honor,
thou, my soul's glory,
joy, and crown.

3 Fair is the sunshine,
fairer still the moonlight,
and all the twinkling, starry host.
Jesus shines brighter;
Jesus shines purer, than all the angels
heaven can boast.

2 Fair are the meadows,
fairer still the woodlands,
robed in the blooming garb of spring.
Jesus is fairer;
Jesus is purer, who makes the woeful
heart to sing.

4 Beautiful Savior,
Ruler of the nations,
Son of God and Son of Man!
Glory and honor, praise, adoration, now
and forevermore be thine!

Sharing of the Peace

Announcements for the Community of Faith

Anthem

Write Your Blessed Name

K. Lee Scott

*Write your blessed name, O Lord, upon my heart, there to remain so indelibly engraved
that no prosperity, that no adversity shall ever, ever move me from your love.
Be to me a strong tower of defense, a comforter in tribulation, a deliverer in distress,
and a faithful Guide to the courts of heaven through the many temptations and dangers of this life, of this life.
O Jesu, my only Savior! Write your blessed name, O Lord, upon my heart, there to remain so indelibly engraved
that no prosperity, that no adversity shall ever, ever move me from your love, ever move me from your love. Amen.*

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 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 give you thanks and praise ...

the faithful of every time and place, the people say:

**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.**

You are holy ... Great is the mystery of faith

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

Pour out your Holy Spirit ...

with boldness we pray as Jesus taught us, saying: **The Lord's Prayer**

Breaking of the Bread and Pouring of the Cup

Communion of the People

Music at Communion

Meditation

Richard Alan Martens

Concerns of the Church & Prayers of the People

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Hymn 321

The Church's One Foundation

AURELIA

1 The church's one foundation is Jesus Christ her Lord.
She is his new creation by water and the word.
From heaven he came and sought her to be his holy bride.
With his own blood he bought her, and for her life he died.

2 Elect from every nation,
yet one o'er all the earth,
her charter of salvation:
one Lord, one faith, one birth.
One holy name she blesses,
partakes one holy food,
and to one hope she presses,
with every grace endued.

3 Though with a scornful wonder
this world sees her oppressed,
by schisms rent asunder,
by heresies distressed,
yet saints their watch are keeping;
their cry goes up: "How long?"
And soon the night of weeping
shall be the morn of song.

4 Mid toil and tribulation,
and tumult of her war,
she waits the consummation
of peace forevermore:
till with the vision glorious
her longing eyes are blest,
and the great church victorious
shall be the church at rest.

5 Yet she on earth has union
with God, the Three in One,
and mystic sweet communion
with those whose rest is won:
O happy ones and holy!
Lord, give us grace that we,
like them, the meek and lowly,
may live eternally.

Charge from the Steps

Charge and Benediction

Carl Martin, CRE

Postlude

O Worship the King

based on the tune 'LYONS' by J. M. Haydn
arr. Roger C. Wilson