

**Edgewood Presbyterian Church
Homewood, Alabama
Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost
September 25, 2022**

**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

O God, help me be good news to those older than me, those younger than me, and to myself. Amen.

Chiming of the Trinity

The Waters of Baptism

Prelude

Fantasy in C Major

Johann Sebastian Bach

Welcome

Rev. Joe Genau

*** Call to Worship**

Bill Woodruff, liturgist

God of wonder and love,
God of dreams and visions,

God of hope and forgiveness,
We are here, together, gathered by you.

We offer up our hope and despair,
And we call it prayer and praise and we ask for your blessing.

Bless us, O God.
And give us what we need to bless your world.

Prayer of the Day

Praise, praise, praise the Lord!
Praise God's holy name. Alleluia!
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Louez le Seigneur!
Louez son saint nom. Alleluia!
Louez son saint nom. Alleluia!
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Invitation to Reconciliation

Prayer of Brokenness

**God of grace and mercy, we confess that we have sinned
against you and one another.
We put ourselves in the center of the universe,
despite your call to care for all of creation and to selflessly love one another.
We struggle to see the divine spark in some of our neighbors.
We turn away from your demands for justice and peace.
May we seek your wisdom and guidance, by day,
listening to your living Word and following wherever you lead us.
In the name of Jesus the Christ, may it be so. Amen.**

Declaration of Forgiveness

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

1 Glo - ry to God, whose good - ness shines on me,
 2 World with - out end, with - out end. A - men.

and to the Son, whose grace has par - doned me,
 World with - out end, with - out end. A - men.

and to the Spir - it, whose love has set me free.
 World with - out end, with - out end. A - men.

As it was in the be - gin - ning, is now and ev - er shall be. A - men.

Prayer for Illumination

Readings from the Prophets

Jeremiah 1: 4-8

The Word of God for the people of God.

Thanks be to God.

Psalter

Psalms 71: 1-6

¹ In you, O LORD, I take refuge; let me never be put to shame.

² **In your righteousness deliver me and rescue me;
 incline your ear to me and save me.**

³ Be to me a rock of refuge, a strong fortress, to save me,
for you are my rock and my fortress.

⁴ Rescue me, O my God, from the hand of the wicked,
 from the grasp of the unjust and cruel.

⁵ **For you, O LORD, are my hope, my trust, O LORD, from my youth.**

⁶ 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.**

The Gospel Lesson

Matthew 18: 1-5

The Gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, O Christ.**

Sermon

Madison Vaughn, Ministry Coordinator, UKirk Birmingham

Hymn 41

O Worship the King, All glorious Above!

LYONS

¹ O worship the King,
all glorious above!
O gratefully sing
God's power and God's love:
our shield and defender,
the Ancient of Days,
pavilioned in splendor
and girded with praise.

² O tell of God's might;
O sing of God's grace,
whose robe is the light,
whose canopy space,
whose chariots of wrath
the deep thunderclouds form;
and bright is God's path
on the wings of the storm.

³ The earth with its store
of wonders untold,
Almighty, your power
has founded of old;

established it fast
by a changeless decree,
and round it has cast,
like a mantle, the sea.

⁴ Your bountiful care
what tongue can recite?
It breathes in the air;
it shines in the light;
it streams from the hills;
it descends to the plain,
and sweetly distills
in the dew and the rain.

⁵ Frail children of dust,
and feeble as frail,
in you do we trust,
nor find you to fail;
your mercies, how tender,
how firm to the end,
our Maker, Defender,
Redeemer, and Friend.

Ordination and Installation of Deacons and Elders

To be Installed:

Elder: Rosemary Leach

Deacon: Grace Burgess

To be Ordained and Installed:

Elders: Brandon Kane

Deacon: Joan Reisinger

Constitutional Questions

***Apostles' Creed**

I believe in God, the Father almighty, Maker of heaven and earth,

and in Jesus Christ his only Son, our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; he descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.

Questions to Congregation

Prayers of Installation

***Sharing of the Peace**

Moment for Mission

Caroline Seamons, UKirk Student Minister

Announcements for the Community of Faith

Anthem

The Lord Is My Light

LUX MEA

John L. Bell

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

When the powers of evil move towards me, when my very flesh is under threat,
when my enemies smell the scent of vict'ry they shall stumble and fall. **Chorus**

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. **Chorus**

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. **Chorus**

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

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

Aria in F Major

Georg Frederic Handel

Concerns of the Church & Prayers of the People

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Hymn 541

God Be with You Till We Meet Again

RANDOLPH

¹ God be with you till we meet again;
loving counsels guide, uphold you,
with a shepherd's care enfold you:
God be with you till we meet again.

² God be with you till we meet again;
unseen wings protecting hide you,
daily manna still provide you:
God be with you till we meet again.

³ God be with you till we meet again;
when life's perils thick confound you,
put unfailing arms around you:
God be with you till we meet again.

⁴ God be with you till we meet again;
keep love's banner floating o'er you;
smite death's threatening wave before
you:
God be with you till we meet again.

Charge from the Steps

***Charge and Benediction**

Rev. Joe Genau

***Choral Benediction**

Amen

***Postlude**

Chromatic Fugue

Johann Paschelbel