

**Edgewood Presbyterian Church  
Homewood, Alabama  
Nineteenth Sunday after Pentecost  
Joint Service with Second Presbyterian Church  
September 29, 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**     *(silent prayer)*

Holy God, give me the courage to ask for help. Help me hear where help is needed.  
Amen.

**Chiming of the Trinity**

**Waters of Baptism**     *All children are invited to gather at the baptismal font.*

**Prelude**                             *Air*                             J. S. Bach; arr. John Humphries  
Matt Barron, flute

**Welcome**

**Call to Worship**                             Liz Deslattes, Liturgist  
Harrison Deslattes-White, Liturgist

We, the body of Christ, gather together.  
**We gather up hearts filled with gratitude and wonder.**

We gather up the tatters of a week that has tried us.  
**We gather up memories of better times and of what we endured.**

We gather up spirits that are weary and ready to rest.  
**We gather up souls who are itching for something new.**

We gather all of it up and bring it to one another, and to our God.  
**For we believe that together we are more able to hear God's voice.**

**Prayer of the Day**

1 Shall we gather at the river,  
where bright angel feet have trod,  
with its crystal tide forever  
flowing by the throne of God?

**Refrain:**

Yes, we'll gather at the river,  
the beautiful, the beautiful river;  
gather with the saints at the river  
that flows by the throne of God.

2 On the margin of the river,  
washing up its silver spray,  
we will walk and worship ever,  
all the happy golden day. **(Refrain)**

3 Ere we reach the shining river,  
lay we every burden down;  
grace our spirits will deliver,  
and provide a robe and crown. **(Refrain)**

4 Soon we'll reach the shining river;  
soon our pilgrimage will cease;  
soon our happy hearts will quiver  
with the melody of peace. **(Refrain)**

**Invitation to Reconciliation****Prayer of Brokenness**

**In a world that feels messy, we are tempted to retreat to our corners  
and block out the noise. We are tired and need tenderness;  
everything seems so hard.  
You offer us respite and forgiveness for throwing our hands up in despair.  
Inspire us now to embrace the challenges, to lean on one another,  
to trust in you, O God, and to follow the way of Christ.  
We share with you now the burdens of our own hearts...**

*[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



The image shows two staves of musical notation in G major, 6/8 time. The first staff contains the melody for the first line of lyrics: "Glo - ri - a, glo - ri - a, in ex - cel - sis De - o!". The second staff contains the melody for the second line of lyrics: "Glo - ri - a, glo - ri - a, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!". There are asterisks above the first and third measures of the second staff.

## Prayer for Illumination

### Psalter

### Psalm 19: 7-14

<sup>7</sup> The law of the LORD is perfect, reviving the soul;  
the decrees of the LORD are sure, making wise the simple;  
<sup>8</sup> **the precepts of the LORD are right, rejoicing the heart;**  
**the commandment of the LORD is clear, enlightening the eyes;**

<sup>9</sup> the fear of the LORD is pure, enduring forever;  
the ordinances of the LORD are true and righteous altogether.  
<sup>10</sup> **More to be desired are they than gold, even much fine gold;**  
**sweeter also than honey, and drippings of the honeycomb.**

<sup>11</sup> Moreover by them is your servant warned; in keeping them there is great reward.  
<sup>12</sup> **But who can detect their errors? Clear me from hidden faults.**

<sup>13</sup> Keep back your servant also from the insolent;  
do not let them have dominion over me.  
**Then I shall be blameless, and innocent of great transgression.**

<sup>14</sup> Let the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart be acceptable to you,  
**O LORD, my rock and my redeemer.**

Holy Wisdom, Holy Word.

**Thanks be to God.**

### The Gospel Lesson

### Mark 9: 38-41

The Gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you, O Christ.**

## Hebrew Bible Lesson

Numbers 11: 4-6, 10-16, 24-29

The Word of God for the people of God.

Thanks be to God.

## Sermon

“Silo and Islands”

Rev. Joe Genau

## Hymn 612

*We Praise You, O God*

KREMSER

1 We praise you, O God, our Redeemer, Creator;  
in grateful devotion our tribute we bring.  
We lay it before you; we kneel and adore you;  
we bless your holy name; glad praises we sing.

2 We worship you, God of  
our fathers and mothers;  
through trial and tempest  
our guide you have been.  
When perils o’ertake us,  
you will not forsake us,  
and with your help, O Lord,  
our struggles we win.

3 With voices united  
our praises we offer  
and gladly our songs of  
thanksgiving we raise.  
With you, Lord, beside us,  
your strong arm will guide us.  
To you, our great Redeemer,  
forever be praise!

## Sharing of the Peace

## Announcements for the Community of Faith

## Call to Offering

## Anthem

*As Pants the Hart for Cooling Streams*

K. Lee Scott

*As pants the hart for cooling steams when heated in the chase,  
so longs my soul for Thee, O God, and Thy refreshing grace.  
For Thee, O God, the living God, my thirsty soul doth pine;  
O when shall I behold Thy face, Thou Majesty divine.  
Why restless, why cast down, my soul? Trust God;  
and He'll employ His aid for thee,  
and change these sighs to thankful hymns of joy.  
Why restless, why cast down, my soul? Hope still and thou shalt sing the praise  
of Him who is thy God, thy health's eternal Spring, thy health's eternal Spring.*

## **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 join our voices...

**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.**

Great is the mystery of faith:

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

...we are bold to lift our voices praying the prayer Jesus taught his disciples:

**The Lord's Prayer**

#### **Breaking of the Bread and Pouring of the Cup**

#### **Communion of the People**

**Music at Communion**

*Shall We Gather at the River*

arr. Gordon Young

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

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**Hymn 772**

*Live into Hope*

TRURO

1 Live into hope of captives freed,  
of sight regained, the end of greed.  
The oppressed shall be the first to see  
the year of God's own jubilee!

3 Live into hope of liberty,  
the right to speak, the right to be,  
the right to have one's daily bread,  
to hear God's word and thus be fed.

2 Live into hope! The blind shall see  
with insight and with clarity,  
removing shades of pride and fear,  
a vision of our God brought near.

4 Live into hope of captives freed  
from chains of fear or want or greed.  
God now proclaims our full release  
to faith and hope and joy and peace.

**Charge from the Steps**

**Charge and Benediction**

Rev. Joe Genau

**Postlude**

*With a Voice of Praise*

Elizabeth T. Van Woert

**NOTICE:** We will hold a brief Congregational Meeting on October 6 to elect officers.