

**Edgewood Presbyterian Church
Homewood, Alabama
Third Sunday after Pentecost
June 26, 2022**

****Please text any prayer requests to [205-924-5080](tel:205-924-5080) before the Sharing of the Peace.
Please include your name, unless you wish the request to be anonymous.****

Prayer of Preparation

*Put a song on my lips and a rhythm in my heart to match the wonder of your love, O
God. Amen.*

Chiming of the Trinity

The Waters of Baptism

Prelude

Come, Thou Font of Every Blessing
Ukulele Troupe

NETTLETON

¹ Come, thou Fount of every blessing;
tune my heart to sing thy grace;
streams of mercy, never ceasing,
call for songs of loudest praise.
Teach me some melodious sonnet,
sung by flaming tongues above;
praise the mount! I'm fixed upon it,
mount of God's unchanging love!

² Here I raise my Ebenezer;
hither by thy help I'm come;
and I hope, by thy good pleasure,
safely to arrive at home.

Jesus sought me when a stranger,
wandering from the fold of God;
he, to rescue me from danger,
interposed his precious blood.

³ O to grace how great a debtor
daily I'm constrained to be!
Let that grace now, like a fetter,
bind my wandering heart to thee.
Prone to wander, Lord, I feel it,
prone to leave the God I love;
here's my heart; O take and seal it;
seal it for thy courts above.

Welcome

Rev. Joe Genau

*** Call to Worship**

Lynn Frennea, liturgist

We call to mind your deeds, O Lord.
Your way, O God, is holy.

We remember the wonders of creation,
How you brou7ght order out of chaos.

We recall your leading us to freedom,
How you led your people like a flock.

Christ has set us free
Free to serve
Free to welcome and include
Free to love our neighbors as ourselves.

Prayer of the Day

Hymn 331

God of the Ages, Whose Almighty Hand

NATIONAL HYMN

¹ God of the ages, whose almighty hand
leads forth in beauty all the starry band
of shining worlds in splendor through the
skies,
our grateful songs before thy throne
arise.

² Thy love divine hath led us in the past.
In this free land by thee our lot is cast.
Be thou our ruler, guardian, guide, and
stay:
thy word our law, thy paths our chosen
way.

³ From war's alarms, from deadly
pestilence,
be thy strong arm our ever sure
defense.
Thy true religion in our hearts increase.
Thy bounteous goodness nourish us in
peace.

⁴ Refresh thy people on their toilsome
way.
Lead us from night to never-ending day.
Fill all our lives with love and grace
divine,
and glory, laud, and praise be ever
thine.

Invitation to Reconciliation

Prayer of Brokenness

**God of the prophets, we confess that we have failed to heed your word.
We hear your call to discipleship, but we find it too demanding.
We hear the summons to follow you, but we let other allegiances claim us.
Forgive us, God of grace.
We place our lives in your hands.
Set us free to love you, our neighbors, and ourselves,**

living as witnesses to your living Word.

Declaration of Forgiveness

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

Gloria 582

Glory to God, Whose Goodness Shines on Me

GLORY TO GOD

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.

Chords: B♭, F, B♭, F, B♭, F, Gm, F, (D), (G), (C), (G), (Em7), (A7), F, B♭, E♭, B♭, Gm7, C7, (A7), (D), (F#), (Bm), C7, F, A, Dm, (Bm7), (D), (Bdim7), (Em7), (Dm)(A7)(D), Dm7, F, Ddim7, Gm7, Fm, C7, F

Prayer for Illumination

Psalter

Psalm 77: 1-2, 11-20

¹ I cry aloud to God, aloud to God, that God may hear me.

**² In the day of my trouble I seek my Lord;
in the night my hand is stretched out without growing numb;
my soul refuses to be comforted.**

¹¹ I will call to mind the deeds of the LORD;
I will remember your wonders of times long past.

¹² I will meditate on all your work, and muse on your mighty deeds.

¹³ Your way, O God, is holy. What god is so great as our God?

**¹⁴ You are the God who works wonders;
you have displayed your might among the peoples.**

¹⁵ With your strong arm you redeemed your people,
the descendants of Jacob and Joseph.

**¹⁶ When the waters saw you, O God,
when the waters saw you, they were afraid;
the very deep trembled.**

¹⁷ The clouds poured out water; the skies thundered; your arrows flashed on every side.

**¹⁸ The crash of your thunder was in the whirlwind;
your lightnings lit up the world; the earth trembled and shook.**

¹⁹ Your way was straight through the sea,
your path, through the mighty waters; yet your footprints left no trace.

²⁰ You led your people like a flock under the care of Moses and Aaron.

Holy Wisdom, Holy Word.

Thanks be to God.

Lesson from the Hebrew Scriptures

The Word of God for the people of God.

2 Kings 2: 1-14

Thanks be to God.

Sermon

“Always a Witness”

Rev. Joe Genau

Hymn 825

Swing Low, Sweet Chariot

SWING LOW

Refrain:

Swing low, sweet chariot,
coming for to carry me home.

Swing low, sweet chariot,
coming for to carry me home.

¹ I looked over Jordan, and what did I see
coming for to carry me home?
A band of angels coming after me,
coming for to carry me home. O,
(*Refrain*)

² If you get there before I do,
coming for to carry me home,
tell all my friends I'm coming too,
coming for to carry me home. O,
(*Refrain*)

³ The brightest day that ever I saw,
coming for to carry me home,
when Jesus washed my sins away,
coming for to carry me home. O,
(*Refrain*)

⁴ I'm sometimes up and sometimes
down,
coming for to carry me home,
but still my soul feels heavenly bound,
coming for to carry me home. O,
(*Refrain*)

***Sharing of the Peace**

Announcements for the Community of Faith

Offertory

Aria in F Major

George Frederic Handel

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

Partita on Lord, Keep Us Steadfast in Your Word

Concerns of the Church & Prayers of the People

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Hymn 726

Will You Come and Follow Me

KELVINGROVE

¹ “Will you come and follow me if I but
call your name?
Will you go where you don’t know and
never be the same?
Will you let my love be shown; will you
let my name be known;
will you let my life be grown in you and
you in me?”

² “Will you leave yourself behind if I but
call your name?
Will you care for cruel and kind and
never be the same?
Will you risk the hostile stare should
your life attract or scare?
Will you let me answer prayer in you
and you in me?”

³ “Will you let the blinded see if I but call
your name?
Will you set the prisoners free and never
be the same?”

Will you kiss the leper clean, and do
such as this unseen,
and admit to what I mean in you and
you in me?”

⁴ “Will you love the ‘you’ you hide if I but
call your name?
Will you quell the fear inside and never
be the same?
Will you use the faith you’ve found to
reshape the world around,
through my sight and touch and sound
in you and you in me?”

⁵ Lord, your summons echoes true when
you but call my name.
Let me turn and follow you and never be
the same.
In your company I’ll go where your love
and footsteps show.
Thus I’ll move and live and grow in you
and you in me.

Congregational Meeting

For the Officer Nominating Committee: *Lynn Frennea, Dargan Ware, Ann Ray*

Charge from the Steps

***Charge and Benediction**

***Postlude**

Psalm 19

Benedetto Marcello