

**Edgewood Presbyterian Church  
Homewood, Alabama  
Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost  
September 18, 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, turn my heart in the direction of the corners of the world you need me to love the most. Amen.*

**Chiming of the Trinity**

**The Waters of Baptism**

**Prelude**

*O Zion Haste*

Hymn Tune: Tidings

Setting: Robert J. Powell

**Welcome**

Rev. Joe Genau

**\* Call to Worship**

Bill Woodruff, liturgist

Out of the fullness of the lives God has given us  
we have come to worship and to praise.

**With thanks we offer to God the creativity of our minds,  
the warmth of our hearts, and the joy of our spirits.**

We love because God has first loved us,  
**Freeing us from the power of sin and death.**

With glad hearts let us join together in singing praise to God:  
**Creator, Word, and Holy Spirit, Amen.**

**Prayer of the Day**

## Hymn 642

## Heleluyan, We Are Singing

HELELUYAN

### *Refrain (All):*

Heleluyan, we are singing.  
Hele, heleluyan.  
Heleluyan, now and always.  
Hele, heleluyan.

<sup>1</sup> *Leader: Christians everywhere  
shall sing now and always:*

**All:** hele, heleluyan.

*Leader: Christians everywhere  
shall sing now and always:*

**All:** hele, heleluyan.

<sup>2</sup> *Leader: Town and country people  
sing to Jesus:*

**All:** hele, heleluyan.

*Leader: Town and country people  
sing to Jesus:*

**All:** hele, heleluyan.

<sup>3</sup> *Leader: People far and near  
will join the chorus:*

**All:** hele, heleluyan.

*Leader: People far and near  
will join the chorus:*

**All:** hele, heleluyan.

## Invitation to Reconciliation

### Prayer of Brokenness

Faithful and loving God, we confess that we have not turned away from sin.  
We dismiss the prophets you send and ignore your call to love the poor.  
We forget who we are and whose we are.  
Forgive us, God of grace.  
Let us approach you again with reverence and with awe,  
giving thanks for your saving love; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

### 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.

**Prayer for Illumination**

**Psalter**

**Psalms 113: 1-8**

- 1 Praise the LORD! Praise, O servants of the LORD! Praise the name of the LORD!
- 2 **Blessed be the name of the LORD from this time on and forevermore.**
- 3 From the rising of the sun to its setting the name of the LORD is to be praised.
- 4 **The LORD is high above all nations; God's glory is higher than the heavens.**
- 5 Who could possibly compare to the LORD our God?

<sup>6</sup> God rules from on high; God has to come down to even see heaven and earth!

<sup>7</sup> **God lifts up the poor from the dust, and raises up the needy from the ash heap,**

<sup>8</sup> **to make them sit with princes, with the princes of God's own people!**

Holy Wisdom, Holy Word. **Thanks be to God.**

**Readings from the Prophets**

**Amos 8: 4-7**

**Jeremiah 8: 19 – 9: 1**

The Word of God for the people of God.

**Thanks be to God.**

**Sermon**

***“Balmingham?”***

Rev. Joe Genau

**Hymn 792**

*There Is a Balm in Gilead*

BALM IN GILEAD

**Refrain:**

There is a balm in Gilead  
to make the wounded whole;  
there is a balm in Gilead  
to heal the sin-sick soul.

<sup>2</sup> Don't ever feel discouraged,  
for Jesus is your friend,  
and if you lack for knowledge,  
he'll not refuse to lend. **(Refrain)**

<sup>1</sup> Sometimes I feel discouraged,  
and think my work's in vain,  
but then the Holy Spirit  
revives my soul again. **(Refrain)**

<sup>3</sup> If you cannot preach like Peter,  
if you cannot pray like Paul,  
you can tell the love of Jesus  
and say, “He died for all.” **(Refrain)**

**\*Sharing of the Peace**

**Announcements for the Community of Faith**

**Anthem**

*What Does the Lord Require of You?*

MOON

Jim Strathdee

What does the Lord require of you?  
What does the Lord require of you?

Justice, kindness,  
walk humbly with your God.

To seek justice and love kindness  
and walk humbly with your God.

## **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**

*Triolet, Trio and Meditation on  
'He Leadeth Me'*

Charles Callahan

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

Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer**

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**Hymn 538**

*Hallelujah! We Sing Your Praises*

HALELUYAI PELO TSA RONA

***Refrain*** (*sung twice each time*):

Hallelujah! We sing your praises;  
all our hearts are filled with gladness.

Hallelujah! We sing your praises;  
all our hearts are filled with gladness.

<sup>1</sup> Christ the Lord to us said:

I am wine, I am bread.

I am wine, I am bread:

give to all who thirst and hunger.

(*Repeat verse, then **Refrain***)

<sup>2</sup> Now he sends us all out,

strong in faith, free of doubt,

strong in faith, free of doubt.

Tell to all the joyful gospel.

(*Repeat verse, then **Refrain***)

### **Charge from the Steps**

**\*Charge and Benediction**

Rev. Joe Genau

**\*Choral Benediction**

*Amen*

**\*Postlude**

*Little Prelude and Fugue in G Minor*

J. S. Bach

