

**Edgewood Presbyterian Church  
Homewood, Alabama  
Sixth Sunday after Pentecost  
Joint Service with Second Presbyterian Church  
June 30, 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 and comforts those who grieve.

**Meditation**

*Happy are people who grieve, because they will be made glad. (Matthew 5:4 CEB)*

**Chiming of the Trinity**

**Waters of Baptism**

**Prelude** *Pie Jesu from Requiem, Opus 48* Gabriel Fauré; arr. Bryan Hesford  
Matt Barron, flute

**Welcome**

**Call to Worship** Catherine Rodenhauser, Liturgist

We give thanks for this sacred space, O God,  
where we can share our joys and sorrows:

**Come among us, Healing God, with perfect love which never ends.**

With faith reaching out to touch, with hearts straining to touch, we hope:

**Come among us, Friend of the broken,  
with your compassion which makes us whole.**

With word and wonder, with silence and song, we wait:

**Come among us, Dryer of our tears, to lift us to our feet to follow you.**

## Prayer of the Day

### Hymn 408

*There's a Sweet, Sweet Spirit*

SWEET, SWEET SPIRIT

1 There's a sweet, sweet Spirit  
in this place,  
and I know that it's  
the Spirit of the Lord;  
there are sweet expressions  
on each face,  
and I know they feel  
the presence of the Lord. **(Refrain)**

2 There are blessings  
you cannot receive  
till you know him  
in his fullness and believe;  
you're the one to profit  
when you say,  
"I am going to walk with Jesus  
all the way." **(Refrain)**

#### **Refrain:**

Sweet Holy Spirit, sweet heavenly Dove,  
stay right here with us, filling us with your love;  
and for these blessings we lift our hearts in praise;  
without a doubt we'll know that we have been revived  
when we shall leave this place.

## Invitation to Reconciliation

### Prayer of Brokenness

**Lord, forgive us, for in the busy-ness of our lives we have forgotten to seek you.  
Instead of looking at the glory of every single miracle around us –  
from the beauty of the flowers to the turning of the leaves –  
we have focused on completing our own tasks.  
We have asked for miracles, but we haven't asked for you.  
Help us see what you have already given us  
and to see all people as you see them.  
When we think all is lost,  
remind us how your forgiveness comes like the morning,  
leading us out of the darkness every time.  
Amen.**

*[Silent Confession]*

### Declaration of Forgiveness

**Great is God's faithfulness! With God there is forgiveness and great power to redeem.  
In Jesus Christ we are forgiven! Amen.**

## 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

### Psalter

### Psalms 130

<sup>1</sup> Out of the depths I cry to you, O LORD.

<sup>2</sup> Lord, hear my voice.

Let your ears be attentive to the voice of my supplications!

<sup>3</sup> **If you, O LORD, should mark iniquities, Lord, who could stand?**

<sup>4</sup> **But there is forgiveness with you, so that you may be revered.**

<sup>5</sup> I wait for the LORD; my soul waits, and in his work I hope;

<sup>6</sup> my soul waits for the Lord

more than those who watch for the morning,

more than those who watch for the morning.

<sup>7</sup> **O Israel, hope in the LORD!**

**For with the LORD there is steadfast love,  
and with him is great power to redeem.**

<sup>8</sup> **It is he who will redeem Israel from all its iniquities.**

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

### A Reading from the Apocrypha

### Wisdom of Solomon 1: 13-15; 2: 23-24

<sup>13</sup> *God did not make death; and God does not delight in the destruction of the living.*

<sup>14</sup> *For God created all things so that they might exist; the generative forces of the world are wholesome, and there is no destructive poison in them, and the dominion of Hades is not on earth.* <sup>15</sup> *For righteousness is immortal.*

<sup>23</sup> *God created us for incorruption and made us in the image of God's own eternity,*

<sup>24</sup> *but through an adversary's envy death entered the world, and those who belong to his company experience it.*

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## The Gospel Lesson

The Gospel of the Lord.

Mark 5: 21-43

Praise to you, O Christ.

## Sermon

“Unbreakable Bonds”

Carl Martin, CRE

## Hymn 753

*Make Me a Channel of Your Peace*

PRAYER OF ST. FRANCIS

1 Make me a channel of your peace.  
Where there is hatred,  
let me bring your love.  
Where there is injury, your pardon,  
Lord, and where there's doubt,  
true faith in you.

2 Make me a channel of your peace.  
Where there's despair in life,  
let me bring hope.  
Where there is darkness, only light,  
and where there's sadness, ever joy.

3 O, Master, grant that I may never seek  
so much to be consoled as to console,  
to be understood as to understand,  
to be loved as to love with all my soul.

4 Make me a channel of your peace.  
It is in pardoning that we are pardoned,  
in giving of ourselves that we receive,  
and in dying  
that we're born to eternal life.

## Sharing of the Peace

## Announcements for the Community of Faith

## Anthem

*Wings of the Dawn*

*Linda A. Spencer*

Lord, you have searched me and known me. You know when I sit and when I rise. Where can I go from your spirit? Where can I go from your presence? If I rise on the wings of the dawn, if I settle on the sea, even there your hand will guide me. Your right hand will hold me fast.  
If I say surely darkness will hide me, and the night be dark all around, night will shine like the day. You created me within, you knit me in my mother's womb. I praise you for I am fearfully made. Your works are wonderful. If I rise on the wings of the dawn, if I settle on the sea, even there your hand will guide me. Your right hand will hold me fast. Rise on the wings of dawn.

## 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.**

May your praise never leave our lips ...

...we sing the ageless hymn of your glory:

**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.**

All holy God ... Great is the mystery of faith:

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

Eternal God ...

...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**

*Love of the Father*

Tune: Song 22 by Orlando Gibbons; arr. David Paxton

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

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**Hymn 318***In Christ There Is No East or West*

ST. PETER

1 In Christ there is no east or west,  
in him no south or north,  
but one great fellowship of love  
throughout the whole wide earth.

2 In Christ shall true hearts everywhere  
their high communion find;  
his service is the golden cord  
close-binding humankind.

3 Join hands, disciples of the faith,  
whate'er your race may be.  
All children of the living God  
are surely kin to me.

4 In Christ now meet  
both east and west;  
in him meet south and north.  
All Christly souls are one in him  
throughout the whole wide earth.

**Charge from the Steps****Charge and Benediction**

Carl Martin, CRE

**Postlude***Fantasia on "Praise Him! Praise Him!"*

Tune by Chester A. Allen; arr. Janelle A. Clark