

**Edgewood Presbyterian Church  
Homewood, Alabama  
Tenth Sunday after Pentecost  
Joint Service with Second Presbyterian Church  
July 28, 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 calls us to care for vulnerable mothers and their children.

**Meditation**

*The disciples came to Jesus and asked, "Who is the greatest in the kingdom of heaven?" He called a child, whom he put among them, and said, "Truly I tell you, unless you change and become like children, you will never enter the kingdom of heaven. Whoever welcomes one such child in like this child is the greatest in the kingdom of heaven. Whoever welcomes one such child in my name welcomes me.*

*(Matthew 18: 1-5)*

**Chiming of the Trinity**

**Waters of Baptism**

**Prelude**

*Prelude*  
Matt Barron - Clarinet

Fredric Chopin

**Welcome**

**Call to Worship**

Suzanne Cornett, Liturgist

All your works shall give thanks to you, O Lord,  
**And all your faithful shall bless you.**

The Lord upholds all who are falling  
**And raises up all who are bowed down.**

You open your hand,  
**Satisfying the desire of every living thing.**

The Lord is just and kind,  
**The Lord is near to all who call on God.**

## Prayer of the Day

### Hymn 2

*Come, Thou Almighty King*

ITALIAN HYMN

1 Come, thou almighty King,  
help us thy name to sing;  
help us to praise:  
Father, all glorious,  
o'er all victorious,  
come, and reign over us,  
Ancient of Days.

3 Come, holy Comforter,  
thy sacred witness bear  
in this glad hour.  
Thou who almighty art,  
now rule in every heart,  
and ne'er from us depart,  
Spirit of power.

2 Come, thou incarnate Word,  
merciful, mighty Lord,  
our prayer attend.  
Come, and thy people bless,  
and give thy word success;  
Spirit of holiness,  
on us descend.

4 To thee, great One in Three,  
eternal praises be,  
hence evermore!  
Thy sovereign majesty  
may we in glory see,  
and to eternity  
love and adore.

## Invitation to Reconciliation

### Prayer of Brokenness

*Let us pray together:*

**Merciful God, you have commanded us to love you above all  
and to have no other gods.**

**You have called us to love others as you love them.**

**But we are personally and socially deformed by the love of other “gods”  
– the false gods of prosperity and materialism,  
of racial and ethnic privileging, of gender exclusivity,  
and of nationalistic imperialism.**

**Forgive us our sins and transform us by your Spirit  
that we might learn to love as you love  
and to live as people who have been baptized as your own children.  
Amen.**

*[Silent Confession]*

### Declaration of Forgiveness

Beloved, hear and believe the Good News:  
**In Jesus Christ we are forgiven! Amen.**

## 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.

Glo - ri - a, glo - ri - a, in ex - cel - sis De - o!

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## Prayer for Illumination

### The Old Testament Lesson

### Deuteronomy 24: 1-4

The Word of God for the people of God. **Thanks be to God.**

### The Epistle lesson

### 1 Peter 3: 1-7

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### Sermon

### *The Conflict of Church and Marriage*

Cindy Fisher

### Hymn 702

### *Christ Be Beside Me*

BUNESSAN

1 Christ be beside me;  
Christ be before me;  
Christ be behind me,  
King of my heart.  
Christ be within me;  
Christ be below me;  
Christ be above me,  
never to part.

2 Christ on my right hand,  
Christ on my left hand,  
Christ all around me,  
shield in the strife.  
Christ in my sleeping,  
Christ in my sitting,  
Christ in my rising,  
Light of my life.

3 Christ be in all hearts  
thinking about me;  
Christ be on all tongues  
telling of me.  
Christ be the vision  
in eyes that see me;  
in ears that hear me  
Christ ever be.

## Sharing of the Peace

## Announcements for the Community of Faith

## Moment for Mission

Doug Marshall

## Call to Offering

## Anthem

### *Hear My Words*

*Stephen Paulus; from Psalm 5*

*Hear my words, O gracious Lord, to my thoughts attentive be:  
hear my cry, King my God, I will make my prayer to Thee.  
With the morning light, O Lord, thou shalt hear my voice arise;  
and expectant I will bring prayer as morning sacrifice.  
Thou art Holy O my God, thou delightest not in sin.  
Evil shall not dwell with Thee, nor the proud Thy favor win.  
O gracious Lord, hear my words, O gracious Lord, I will make my prayer to Thee.  
Hear my words, O gracious Lord, to my thoughts attentive be;  
hear my cry, my King my God, I will make my prayer to Thee.*

## 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.**

Blessed is your Holy Spirit ...

...praying the prayer Jesus taught his disciples: **The Lord's Prayer**

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

#### Communion Welcome

Jesus says,

**I am the bread of life. Whoever comes to me will never be hungry,  
and whoever believes in me will never be thirsty.**

Siblings, all is ready. Come, taste and see that the Lord is good.

#### Communion of the People

#### Music at Communion

*When I Survey the Wondrous Cross*

Tune: HAMBURG; arr. Edward Broughton

## Concerns of the Church & Prayers of the People

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### Hymn 441

*Hear the Good News of Salvation*

NETTLETON

1 Hear the good news of salvation:  
Jesus died to show God's love.  
Such great kindness! Such great mercy!  
Come to us from heaven above.  
Jesus Christ, how much I love you!  
Jesus Christ, you save from sin!  
How I love you! Look upon me.  
Love me still and cleanse within.

2 All the sins I have committed,  
to my Savior now I bring.  
I bow down with tears of anguish;  
Christ forgives and so I sing:  
Jesus Christ, how much I love you!  
Jesus Christ, you save from sin!  
How I love you! Look upon me.  
Love me still and cleanse within.

### Charge from the Steps

Adalis Ortiz-Vega with Carl Martin

### Charge and Benediction

Carl Martin, CRE

### Postlude

*With Wings Like Eagles*

Lani Smith

### Participants from the Presbyterian Home for Children

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