SERVICE OF DIVINE WORSHIP
6th Sunday after Pentecost
July 4, 2021
9:00 a.m. and 11:00 a.m.

Time for quiet prayer and meditation . . .
"Be still and know that I am God."

We Come Before God in Worship

Chiming of the Hour

Welcome and Announcements

Prelude "Spirit of God Descend Upon My Heart" arr. Boud

* Call to Worship

Leader: How very good and pleasant it is
when kindred live together in unity!
People: It is like the precious oil on the head,
running down upon the beard of Aaron.
Leader: Come, let us all worship and bow down together,
let us kneel together before the Lord, our Maker.
People: For he is our God,
and we are the people of his pasture,
and the sheep of his hand.
Psalm 133:1-2, 95:6-7

* Hymn "Love Divine, All Loves Excelling" No. 366

* Prayer of Confession (unison)

Merciful God,
we confess that we have not followed your way.
You show us the wrong we have done,
yet we point fingers at others.
You offer us the bread of heaven,
yet we hunger for the things of earth.
Forgive us, God of grace.
Speak your truth to us in love,
so that we may return to you in peace,
and grow more and more in grace;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

* Assurance of Pardon

* Gloria Patri

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son,
and to the Holy Ghost;
as it was in the beginning,
is now, and ever shall be,
world without end. Amen.

God Gives to Us Through His Word

Scripture Lesson Psalm 47

L: Clap your hands, all peoples!
Shout to God with loud songs of joy!
P: For the LORD, the Most High, is to be feared,
a great king over all the earth.
L: He subdued peoples under us,
and nations under our feet.
P: He chose our heritage for us,
the pride of Jacob whom he loves.
L: God has gone up with a shout,
the LORD with the sound of a trumpet.
P: Sing praises to God, sing praises!
Sing praises to our King, sing praises!
L: For God is the King of all the earth;
sing praises with a psalm!
P: God reigns over the nations;
God sits on his holy throne.
L: The princes of the peoples gather
as the people of the God of Abraham.
P: For the shields of the earth belong to God;
he is highly exalted!

Duet "Come and Feast" arr. Dengler
Soloist: Cheryl Ledford and Robert Norris

Scripture Lesson Philippians 2:19-30

Sermon A Letter from Paul - Philippians Dr. Seel
VII. Co-Workers in Christ

* Hymn "Blest Be the Tie That Binds" No. 306

We Respond to God's Word

* Nicene Creed

We believe in one God,
the Father, the Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,
the only Son of God,
eternally begotten of the Father,
God from God, Light from Light,
true God from true God,
begotten, not made,
of one Being with the Father;
through him all things were made.
For us and our salvation
he came down from heaven,
was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary
and became truly human.
For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;
he suffered death and was buried.
On the third day he rose again
in accordance with the Scriptures;
he ascended into heaven
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.

(continued)

He will come again in glory
to judge the living and the dead,
and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,
who with the Father and the Son is worshiped
and glorified,
who has spoken through the prophets.

We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.
We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.
We look for the resurrection of the dead,
and the life of the world to come. Amen.

Sacrament of the Lord's Supper
(Please hold the elements until all are served)

- Invitation

- Prayer of Thanksgiving and the Lord's Prayer

Leader: The Lord be with you.
People: And also with you.
L: Lift up your hearts.
P: We lift them up to the Lord.
L: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
P: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

- Words of Institution

- Breaking the Bread and Sharing the Cup

- Prayer after Communion

* Closing Prayer for Our Nation (unison)

Almighty God, you have given us this good land as our heritage. Make us always remember your generosity and constantly do your will. Bless our land with honorable industry, sound learning, and honor in daily life. Save us from violence, discord, and confusion; from pride and arrogance; and from every evil course of action. When times are prosperous, let our hearts be thankful; and, in troubled times, do not let our trust in you fail. Defend our liberties, and give those whom we have entrusted with authority the spirit of wisdom, that there might be justice and peace in our land. We pray in the name of Jesus Christ, our sovereign and our Savior. Amen.

* Benediction Response "Make Us Holy, Make Us Whole"

In your love, make us whole. May we rest in your compassion.
Calm the lost, weary soul in the warmth of your love.
May your peace fill our hearts. May we know the love of Jesus.
By your grace, you console. Make us holy, make us whole.

* Postlude "A Mighty Fortress Is Our God" arr. Chesterton

** Congregation Stands*

Please write your request, tear off this form, fold, and place in the offering plate.

PRAYER REQUESTS
The Tuesday Morning Prayer Group meets each week at 10:00 a.m. to pray for the EPC family and any other special needs.

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(These are kept confidential!)

WELCOME TO VISITORS
If you are visiting today, we would like you to know that it is a privilege to have you with us. It is our hope that you will find a warm welcome and an atmosphere to worship God.

So that we may have a record of your visit, please complete the information below and place in the offering plate.

Name

Address

Phone

Email

SANCTUARY FLOWERS

The sanctuary flowers today are given to the glory of God and with thanksgiving for our country and our freedom by Joan and Alan Groome.

SANCTUARY FLOWERS

Reserve a Sunday to honor a loved one by displaying a floral arrangement in the Sanctuary. Sign up on the flower calendar outside the church office.

OPEN DATES:

August 1
October 17, 31
November 14
December 26

NEW INFORMATION???

New phone number? New email address? Any changes in your family's information?

To keep the church's records current, fill out the form below and return it in the offering plate, or call/email the office.

Name:

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New Information:

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UPCOMING EVENTS @ EPC

Church Office will be closed tomorrow, July 5
Happy Independence Day!

Children & Families: Ginna is in the process of delivering Take-out Sunday School boxes to your homes for July.

Promises on the Patio:
We will continue "Promises on the Patio" in July for children with Ms. Ginna. Call, text, or email her to reserve your time.

Outdoor Vacation Bible School:

- Registration is now open on our church website. Be sure to pre-register. No walk-up registrations this year.
- Three full nights, July 11-13 with a closing celebration. Please reserve July 14th and 15th as we will use them for either rain days or a closing celebration!
- **Mission Project**: School Supplies for United Christian Ministries. Items needed: notebook paper, notebooks, pencils, glue sticks, crayons, markers, etc.

EPCYouth Events:
Waffle Cone Wednesday– for all Middle Schoolers. This Wednesday, July 7 from 5:00-7:00. Meet in the Youth Café for fellowship and fun. We will have pizza for dinner and a short devotion. Afterwards, we will walk to Good Karma. Don't forget your ice cream money!!

Congregational Meeting Vote:
All members should have received a letter and ballot by mail this week. A box is located in the narthex today for you to place your ballot in. The deadline to vote is July 11. You may also email your ballot in to Cynde@easleypresbyterian.org.

More church information can be found on our website and in our weekly Connect emails. Please contact the church office if you are not receiving these very important emails.

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John Cutchin	Carolyn Brice	Dottie Grantham
Joel Ledbetter	Karen Cooper	Meg Jewell
Kathy Lyles	Eddie Crittendon	Phil Lyles
Richard Mintz	Mario DiPietro	Monty Oxendine
Robert Sams	Kelvin Kearse	Chris Robinson
David Weaver	Dennis Latham	Billy Waddell

Diaconate

Class of 2020	Class of 2021	Class of 2022
Britt Burnett	Melanie Branham	Michael Baker
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Trustees

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