



April 19, 2020

GATHERING TO WORSHIP

WELCOME

CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: With Mary, whose glad tidings signaled hope and summoned joy, we proclaim:

People: We have seen the Lord!

Leader: With the disciples, whom Jesus greeted with peace and freed from fear, we declare:

People: We have seen the Lord!

Leader: Behold! The risen Lord is in our midst!

People: Let us worship God!

PRAYER OF INVOCATION

Almighty and eternal God, you are the strength of those who believe and the hope of those who doubt. May we, who have not seen, have faith and receive the fullness of Christ's blessing, who is alive and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

HYMN "The Day of Resurrection" Hymnal 233

RECEIVING FORGIVENESS FROM GOD AND EACH OTHER

CALL TO CONFESSION

God has been made known to us in deeds of power, signs, and wonders, and will not abandon us if we confess the truth about our lives.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION:

Holy and merciful God, in your presence we confess our failure to be what you created us to be. You alone know how often we have sinned in wandering from your ways, in wasting your gifts, in forgetting your love. By your loving mercy, help us to

live in your light and abide in your ways, for the sake of Jesus Christ our Saviour.

DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS

Leader: Hear the good news of God's promise: I will pour out my Spirit on all flesh. Everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved. In the name of Jesus Christ, we are forgiven!

People: Thanks be to God!

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

PSALM OF THE DAY Psalm 16

SPECIAL MUSIC

Josh Saylor

HEARING THE WORD

SCRIPTURE Acts 2:14a, 22-32
John 20:19-31
1 Peter 1:3-9

SERMON *Stories of Presence: Closer and Closer*
Rev. Piper Cartland

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

SHARING OUR JOYS AND CONCERNS

PASTORAL PRAYER, followed by The Lord's Prayer (we say *sin*)

MINUTES FOR MINISTRY

OFFERING OURSELVES TO GOD

HYMN "Amazing Grace, How Sweet the Sound" Hymnal 649

CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

Announcements

We have a prayer deacon available during the livestreaming. You can text her any prayer requests that you would like Piper to mention during the Pastoral Prayer. This week the deacon is Nancy Davis. If you need her cell number, please call the church office. Nancy will also be watching the chat on the Sunday livestream and text any requests to Piper. Please remember that those comments are part of the live broadcast and visible to anyone watching.

Combined youth group will meet Sunday at 1:00 pm on Zoom.

Our first virtual Sunday school class was a success! We will meet again on Zoom this Tuesday at 4:00 pm. If you are not getting the emails about Sunday school, please contact Piper or the office.

Here are some ways you can keep up with your financial stewardship:

- 1) Donate online with a credit card by clicking the link from our website: www.erpresbyterian.org.
 - 2) Visit your local bank or your bank's website and set up a recurring electronic payment (just as you might do for your mortgage or other payments). Your bank may require the church's account number. Please call the office for that information. In most cases, this method will avoid any transaction fees.
 - 3) Checks can also be mailed to PO Box 771337 Eagle River, AK **99577-1337**.
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Please join us on Wednesday evenings for Zoom Bible study. Our next series will begin on April 29th at 6:30 p.m. We will be using a downloaded study called "What Our Non-Christian Neighbors Believe." The study will examine various world religions,

deepening our understanding of our own faith and that of our neighbors. If you'd like to join us, please email or call the church office and we will email you the study guide.

Session meets this Tuesday, April 21, at 7 p.m. We will email you the Zoom link on Monday.

The Day of Resurrection

The day of resurrection!
Earth, tell it out abroad;
the passover of gladness,
the passover of God.
From death to life eternal,
from earth unto the sky,
our Christ hath brought us over,
with hymns of victory.

Our hearts be pure from evil,
that we may see aright
the Lord in rays eternal
of resurrection light;
and listening to his accents,
may hear, so calm and plain,
his own "All hail!" and, hearing,
may raise the victor strain.

Now let the heavens be joyful!
Let earth the song begin!
Let the round world keep triumph,
and all that is therein!
Let all things seen and unseen
their notes in gladness blend,
for Christ the Lord hath risen,
our joy that hath no end.

Amazing Grace

Amazing Grace! How sweet the sound
That saved a wretch like me!
I once was lost, but now am found
Was blind, but now I see.

'Twas Grace that taught my heart to fear,
And Grace my fears relieved.
How precious did that Grace appear
The hour I first believed.

Through many dangers, toils, and snares
I have already come.
'Tis Grace hath brought me safe thus far
And Grace will lead me home.

The Lord has promised good to me.
His Word my hope secures.
He will my shield and portion be
As long as life endures.

When we've been there ten thousand years
Bright shining as the sun,
We've no less days to sing God's praise
Than when we'd first begun.