



April 26, 2020

## GATHERING TO WORSHIP

### WELCOME

### CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: Followers of Jesus, by his cross we are redeemed from the futility of sin.

**People: Alleluia!**

Leader: By his rising we are free from the fear of death.

**People: Alleluia!**

Leader: By his love we are made new in the living and enduring Word of God.

**People: Alleluia! Thanks be to God!**

### PRAYER OF INVOCATION

Almighty God, through your only Son you overcame death and opened to us the gate of everlasting life. Grant that we who celebrate our Lord's resurrection, may, through the renewing power of your Spirit, arise from the death of sin to the life of righteousness; through the same Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

HYMN "Blessed Assurance, Jesus is Mine" Hymnal 839

### RECEIVING FORGIVENESS FROM GOD AND EACH OTHER

### CALL TO CONFESSION

God judges all people impartially according to their deeds. Trusting in God's love in Jesus Christ, let us confess our sins before God and one another.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION:

**Merciful God, you pardon all who truly repent and turn to you.**

**We humbly confess our sins and ask your mercy. We have not loved you with a pure heart, nor have we loved our neighbors as ourselves. We have not done justice, loved kindness, or walked humbly with you, our God. Have mercy on us, O God, in your loving-kindness. In your great compassion, cleanse us from our sin. Do not cast us away from your presence, or take your Holy Spirit from us. Restore to us the joy of your salvation and sustain us with your bountiful Spirit.**

### ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

Leader: Followers of Jesus: God has promised salvation to us, to our children, and to all who are near and far. In the name of Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.

**People: Thanks be to God!**

### CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

PSALM OF THE DAY Psalm 116

### SPECIAL MUSIC

*Josh Saylor*

### HEARING THE WORD

SCRIPTURE Acts 2:14a, 36-41  
Luke 24:13-35  
1 Peter 1:17-23

### SERMON

*Stories of Presence: Walking With Jesus*  
*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 "Were You There?" Hymnal 228

### CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

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## Announcements

We have a prayer deacon available during the livestreaming. You can text or email her any prayer requests that you would like Piper to mention during the Pastoral Prayer. This week the deacon is Stephanie Spencer. If you need her cell number, please call the church office. Stephanie 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.

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

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Sunday school will meet Tuesday at 4:00 pm on Zoom.

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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](http://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 this Wednesday, April 29<sup>th</sup>, 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.

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Please reach out to the church office if you have any needs for grocery shopping or errands. We have volunteers who are willing to do this for you if you feel unsafe going out. Also, if anyone is need of a facemask, we will try to get one for you.



Bruce Davis	3-Apr
Gretchen Clayton	7-Apr
Gail Duft	7-Apr
Nathan Walters	8-Apr
Bill Walters	10-Apr
Dean Davidson	10-Apr
Weston Braunworth	10-Apr
Peyton Lewis	15-Apr
Jeff Toth	16-Apr
Scott Dietrich	21-Apr
Ethan Petroccia	22-Apr
Kelli Toth	25-Apr
Sonya Kmak	27-Apr

Kay and Lucy Witt.....April 1  
Dean and Donna Davidson.....April 26  
Andrew and Jennifer Cottle.....April 30

### Blessed Assurance

Blessed assurance, Jesus is mine!  
O what a foretaste of glory divine!  
Heir of salvation, purchase of God,  
born of his Spirit, washed in his blood.

#### Refrain:

This is my story, this is my song,  
praising my Savior, all the day long;  
this is my story, this is my song,  
praising my Savior all the day long.

Perfect submission, perfect delight,  
visions of rapture now burst on my sight;  
angels descending, bring from above  
echoes of mercy, whispers of love. [Refrain]

Perfect submission, all is at rest,  
I in my Savior am happy and blest,  
watching and waiting, looking above,  
filled with his goodness, lost in his love. [Refrain]

### Were You There?

Were you there when they crucified my Lord?  
Were you there when they crucified my Lord?  
Oh, sometimes it causes me to tremble, tremble, tremble.  
Were you there when they crucified my Lord?

Were you there when they nailed him to the tree?  
Were you there when they nailed him to the tree?  
Oh, sometimes it causes me to tremble, tremble, tremble.  
Were you there when they nailed him to the tree?

Were you there when they laid him in the tomb?  
Were you there when they laid him in the tomb?  
Oh, sometimes it causes me to tremble, tremble, tremble.  
Were you there when they laid him in the tomb?

Were you there when God raised him from the tomb?  
Were you there when God raised him from the tomb?  
Oh, sometimes it causes me to tremble, tremble, tremble.  
Were you there when God raised him from the tomb?