

April 5, 2020  
GATHERING TO WORSHIP

PRELUDE  
WELCOME

**\*CALL TO WORSHIP**

Leader: Look! Your king is coming — humble and riding on a donkey.

**People: Hosanna to the Son of David!**

Leader: Lay your cloaks before him; spread palms to honor him.

**People: Blessed is the One who comes in the name of the Lord!**

Leader: Raise your voices. Lift your hearts. Rejoice — our Savior comes!

**People: Hosanna in the highest heaven!**

**\*PRAYER OF INVOCATION**

We praise you, O God, for your redemption of the world through Jesus Christ, who entered the holy city of Jerusalem in triumph and was proclaimed Messiah and king by those who spread garments and branches along his way. Let these branches be signs of his victory, and grant that we who carry them may follow him in the way of the cross, that, dying and rising with him, we may enter into your kingdom; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, now and forever.

**Amen.**

\*HYMN      “All Glory, Laud and Honor”      Hymnal 196

**RECEIVING FORGIVENESS FROM  
GOD AND EACH OTHER**

**\*CALL TO CONFESSION**

Let us face this day of palms and Jesus’ passion with honesty, confessing our sin before God.

**\*PRAYER OF CONFESSION:** *Spoken and Silent (After the corporate Prayer of Confession, please take a few moments of silence to individually confess our sins to God.)*

**Eternal God, in whom we live and move and have our being, whose face is hidden from us by our sins, and whose mercy we forget in the blindness of our hearts: Cleanse us from all our offenses, and deliver us from proud thoughts and vain desires,**

**that with reverent and humble hearts we may draw near to you, confessing our faults, confiding in your grace, and finding in you our refuge and strength; through Jesus Christ your Son. Amen.**

**\*DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS**

Leader: Your God has come to you, humble, in the form of a slave, to free you from the weight of sin and death. Jesus’ obedient suffering has released you. Your sins are forgiven, in the name of the one who is exalted beyond what we can comprehend: Christ, our Savior and Lord.

**People: Thanks be to God!**

**CHILDREN’S MESSAGE**

**HEARING THE WORD**

PSALM OF THE DAY      Psalm 118:1-2,19-29

SCRIPTURES      Isaiah 50:4-9a  
Matthew 21:1-11  
Philippians 2:5-11

MESSAGE      *Boot Camp for the Soul: Celebrate and Wait*  
Rev. Piper Cartland

**AFFIRMATION OF FAITH**

**We believe there is no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus; for we know that all things work together for good for those who love God, who are called according to God’s purpose. We are convinced that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor rulers, nor things present, nor things to come, nor powers, nor height, nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord. Amen.**

**BEARING THE WORD INTO THE WORLD**

SHARING OUR JOYS AND CONCERNS

PASTORAL PRAYER

MINUTES FOR MINISTRY

OFFERING OURSELVES TO GOD

## CELEBRATING THE LORD'S SUPPER

\*HYMN "O Sacred Head, Now Wounded" Hymnal 221  
INVITATION TO THE TABLE

GREAT PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING AND THE LORD'S  
PRAYER (we say *sin*)

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

**People: And also with you.**

Pastor: Lift up your hearts.

**People: We lift them to the Lord.**

Pastor: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**People: It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

WORDS OF INSTITUTION  
COMMUNION OF THE PEOPLE

PRAYER

## GOING INTO THE WORLD

\*HYMN "Hosanna, Loud Hosanna" Hymnal 197

\*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

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## Announcements

Office hours are now limited due to the Mayor's "hunker down" order. Office phone messages and emails are still being checked regularly. The office phone line is being forwarded during office hours, 9-1 M-F, to Elizabeth's home phone.

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Each week we will 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 Elizabeth Hobbie. If you need her cell number, please call the church office. Elizabeth 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 whoever is watching.

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Are you technologically gifted? We need your help during the livestreamed service! If you are willing to serve as tech support during the service, providing over-the-phone advice to people having trouble connecting to Facebook live, please contact Paul Cartland.

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Please remember to visit the "Ways to Give" tab on the church website: [www.erpresbyterian.org](http://www.erpresbyterian.org)

1) Donate online with a credit card by clicking the link from our website.

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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The combined youth group is meeting virtually each Sunday at 1:00 pm. Email the office for details.

NEW: We will soon begin a virtual Sunday School experience using the church's new Zoom platform. It will be on Tuesday or Wednesday afternoon. If you didn't receive an email about it and would like your family to participate, please call or email the church office.

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Donna Davidson is busy making masks. If you'd like one, please give her a call or email her. If you have fabric to donate, please bring it to the church and leave it inside. Donna will pick it up.