



May 10, 2020

GATHERING TO WORSHIP

WELCOME

CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: Jesus says, "Do not let your hearts be troubled."

People: We long for abiding peace and friendship that renews our souls.

Leader: Jesus says, "I am the way, and the truth, and the life."

People: We seek wisdom that endures and guidance for our journey.

Leader: Jesus says, "Where I am, there you may be also."

People: We come to encounter Christ. Let us worship our God!

PRAYER OF INVOCATION

Almighty God, in Christ you have shown us the way, revealed to us your truth, and offered to us everlasting life. Keep our eyes upon him, that we may see your path more clearly, know your truth more fully, and receive your life more abundantly; through Christ who dwells with you and the Holy Spirit in eternal glory.

Amen.

HYMN "Morning Has Broken" Hymnal 664

RECEIVING FORGIVENESS FROM GOD AND EACH OTHER

CALL TO CONFESSION

Whoever believes in Christ will not be put to shame. Confident in this promise, let us confess our sin before God and one another.

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.)*

Holy God, in baptism you claim us as beloved children and set us apart as witnesses to your love. At times we forget we bear the mark of your grace and act as if you have no claim on our lives. You call us to the work of peace and justice but sometimes

we default to what is comfortable and safe. You call us to ministries of compassion and generosity, but sometimes we can't find room in our lives for gestures of mercy. Wash us again by your grace and transform us by your Word, that we might proclaim your good news in word and deed. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

Leader: Sisters and brothers, once you were not a people, but now you are God's people; once you had not received mercy, but now you have received mercy. In the name of Jesus Christ we are forgiven.

People: Thanks be to God!

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

HEARING THE WORD

PSALM OF THE DAY Psalm 31:1-8, 14-16
SCRIPTURE Acts 7:55-60
John 14:10-14
1 Peter 2:2-10

SERMON *Stories of Presence: Living Stones*
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 "Blest Be the Tie That Binds" Hymnal 306

CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

Announcements

The prayer deacon this week is Emily Berry. If you need her cell number, please call the church office. Emily 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.

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

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. Your bank may require the church's account number. Please call the office for that information.
 - 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 at 6:30. We are using a downloaded study called "What Our Non-Christian Neighbors Believe." We are currently in the Judaism module. If you would like to have the study materials emailed to you, please contact the office.
