

Eagle River Presbyterian Church

May 17, 2020

GATHERING TO WORSHIP

WELCOME

CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: Bless the Lord, O people, sing!

People: Let the sound of praise ring out.

Leader: Come and hear what the Lord has done,

People: the Lord who has made everything!

PRAYER OF INVOCATION

Loving God, in whom we live and move and have our being, help us to choose life in you, that we may keep the commands of Jesus, follow the promptings of the Holy Spirit, and witness to the hope that is within us, sharing Christ's love in the world. **Amen.**

HYMN "Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise" Hymnal 12

**RECEIVING FORGIVENESS FROM
GOD AND EACH OTHER**

CALL TO CONFESSION

Brother and sisters, God not only asks us to repent, but also assures us of forgiveness. Therefore, let us confess our sins to the one who is steadfast love.

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.)*

Loving God, we do not always keep your commandments; we fail to love you; our conscience is not clear. Wash us in the water of life that we may live again through the grace and mercy of Jesus, our resurrected Savior. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

Leader: Sisters and brothers, God forgives, restores, and strengthens us through the risen Christ. Know that you are forgiven and be at peace.

People: Thanks be to our Risen Lord!

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

HEARING THE WORD

PSALM OF THE DAY

Psalm 66

Ray Musick

SCRIPTURE

Acts 17:22-31

John 14:15-21

1 Peter 3:13-22

SERMON

Stories of Presence: The Air We Breathe

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

"Love Divine, all Loves Excelling"

Hymnal 366

CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

Announcements

The prayer deacon this week 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.

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

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.epresbyterian.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 Islam module. If you would like to have the study materials emailed to you, please contact the office.

It's gardening season! We are collecting eggshells again this year to help enrich the soil. Please save your eggshells for the garden! There is a clear plastic bag on a pole in the corner of the garden where your eggshells can be placed. No need to wash them; the sun will take care of disinfecting them. Also, strong people are needed to help break up the mulch pile located on the side of the building by the garden that has become overgrown with weeds. There is a rake available at the pile.

Building update: AA has submitted a Covid mitigation plan to the Trustees and has been approved to resume meeting in our building on May 25. The Food pantry will be moving back to their original room next Wednesday and Thursday. Volunteers are needed and appreciated. Please call the Food Pantry: 694-5228