



Pentecost

May 31, 2020

GATHERING TO WORSHIP

WELCOME

CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: Remember the promise of the Lord:

People: God will pour out the Spirit on all flesh.

Leader: The Spirit helps us in our weakness,

People: interceding with sighs too deep for words.

Leader: The Spirit of God renews the earth.

People: Bless the name of the Lord!

PRAYER OF INVOCATION

Holy God, like a rushing wind your Spirit moved upon the first disciples on the day of Pentecost, and like a purifying fire your Spirit seared their hearts and minds with the message of salvation. Send your Spirit upon your church in this time and place, stir up our courage, and rouse us for prophetic witness, that we may join with them to proclaim to the world your mighty deeds of power in Jesus Christ. **Amen.**

HYMN “Gracious God, We Will Not Gather”

RECEIVING FORGIVENESS FROM GOD AND EACH OTHER

CALL TO CONFESSION

God has promised that everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved. Therefore, let us call upon the Lord, confessing our sins.

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.)*

Spirit of the Living God, fall afresh on us. We rejoice in the gifts you have given us. Yet, we confess, we do not always use them to glorify you. For using the gifts of your Spirit for selfish gain instead of using them for the common good, forgive us, O God. For thinking too little of ourselves, not trusting that you have given us gifts for your service, forgive us, O God. For believing some gifts to be better than others, ignoring how we each build up the body of Christ, forgive us, O God. Spirit of the Living God, melt us, mold us, fill us again with your power and use us for your work so that our lives may glorify you. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

Leader: Sisters and brothers, God offers forgiveness of our sins and the grace of repentance. Accept God’s grace, repent of your sin, and be restored to abundant life.

People: Thanks be to God!

CHILDREN’S MESSAGE

HEARING THE WORD

PSALM OF THE DAY
SCRIPTURE

Psalm 104:24-34, 35b
Acts 2:1-21
John 7:37-39
1 Corinthians 12:3b-13

SERMON

Stories of Creation *Rev. Piper Cartland*

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

God of all might and power, we praise you that you forged your church in the fire of the Spirit, and breathed life into your people that we might be the body of Christ. We rejoice that our Lord came to rescue us from sin and to deliver us beyond the grave to a rebirth and newness of life. By your Spirit, refine our hearts with your flame of faith, fill us with the breath of zeal, inspire us with the witness of martyrs and saints, and send us forth into your world to live Christ’s life in power and compassion. Take us, O God, and shape us according to your will, in the service of Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior, now and forever. Amen.

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 "We Are One in the Spirit" Hymnal 300

CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

Announcements

The prayer deacon this week is Paige Saylor. You can text or email her any prayer requests that you would like Piper to mention during the Pastoral Prayer. If you need her cell number or email, please contact the church office.

Today we have the blessing of ordaining Abbie Spencer as a deacon and Becky Musick as an elder. We'll begin the service of ordination during morning worship and continue it during Zoom fellowship at 11 so we can all see each other. Please plan to be present for this special day in the life of our congregation!

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.
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Food Pantry needs: The food pantry is still accepting monetary and food donations! If you would like to donate food, they are especially in need of basic soups – tomato, vegetable beef, cream of mushroom, chicken noodle, etc.-

It's gardening season! We are collecting eggshells again this year to help enrich the soil. 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.



Joseph Musick	6-May
Megan Gobeille	6-May
Tim Cook	8-May
Wayne Armstrong	8-May
Jerry Brossia	9-May
Judy Anderson	10-May
Don Tybus	12-May
Connor Cartland	14-May
Jessica Lanzafame	18-May
Jon Duft	18-May
Emily Berry	19-May
Rhiannon Cottle	21-May
Kelsey Gerke	29-May
Diane Walters	29-May
Jamie Lewis	30-May
Chris and Jean Woodard.....	May 3
Dave and Sandra Charlton.....	May 8
Scott Bailey and Kristine Hutchin.....	May 21
Brian and Taya Peterson.....	May 31

