



GATHERING TO WORSHIP

WELCOME

CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: The Shepherd calls us by name and leads us to abundant life.

People: We hear your voice and hasten to follow.

Leader: The Shepherd prepares a table and lavishly pours out grace.

People: We hear your invitation and take our place at the feast.

Leader: The Shepherd gathers us in and welcomes us to the house of the Lord.

People: We hear your call and give you praise.

PRAYER OF INVOCATION

Almighty God, you sent Jesus, our good shepherd, to gather us together. May we not wander from his flock, but follow wherever he leads us, listening for his voice and staying near him, until we are safely in your fold, to live with you forever; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

HYMN "Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us" Hymnal 187

RECEIVING FORGIVENESS FROM GOD AND EACH OTHER

CALL TO CONFESSION

Friends, in as much as God is our shepherd, let us not fear, but confess our sin that God may restore our souls.

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.)*

Almighty and merciful God, we have erred and strayed from your ways like lost sheep. We have followed too much the devices and desires of our own hearts. We have offended against

your holy laws. We have left undone those things which we ought to have done; and we have done those things which we ought not to have done. O Lord, have mercy upon us. Forgive those who confess their faults. Restore those who are penitent, according to your promises declared to the world in Christ Jesus our Lord. And grant, O merciful God, for his sake, that we may live a holy, just, and humble life to the glory of your holy name.

DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS

Leader: Friends, the promise of our faith is that if we entrust ourselves to the One who judges justly, we need not feel threatened, for we will be returned to righteousness. Having been brought back into the safety of God's fold, we know this good news: in Jesus Christ we are forgiven and free to live new lives.

People: Thanks be to God!

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

HEARING THE WORD

PSALM OF THE DAY

Psalm 23

SCRIPTURES

Acts 2:42-47

John 10:1-10

1 Peter 2:19-25

MESSAGE *Stories of Presence: Someone to Watch Over You*
Rev. Piper Cartland

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

Nicene Creed

We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all this is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father; through him all things were made.

For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven, was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary and became truly human.

For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried.

On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father.

He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets.

We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic church.

We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.

We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. 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 "My Shepherd Will Supply My Need" Hymnal 803

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 "O God, You Are My God" Hymnal 743

CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

Announcements

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

Please remember to visit the "Ways to Give" tab on the church website: 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.
- 3) Checks can be mailed to PO Box 771337 Eagle River, AK 99577-1337.

If you would like an Upper Room devotional for the months of May and June, please contact the office. The Upper Room also has many on-line resources available at www.upperroom.org.

Since we cannot gather in person, our Fellowship chair, Evie Gibson, has some ideas to keep us in touch while we are apart physically. Here are some examples of fellowship activities we can implement through the church's Zoom program.

Happy (to see you) Hour

Recipe Share

Cook Offs

Grilling Out

Bunco

Book Club or Book Share

Board games like Monopoly

Yahtzee

Yoga and Exercise

An invitation will be sent to each person or family that would like to participate. Please share suggestions of activities we can do to stay in touch as well as if you are interested in participating.

Wednesday night Bible study is meeting each week at 6:30. It's not too late to join! We are 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 contact the church office and we will email you the study guide.

HYMNS

Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us

Savior, like a shepherd lead us,
Much we need Thy tender care;
In Thy pleasant pastures feed us,
For our use Thy folds prepare:
Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus,
Thou hast bought us, Thine we are;
Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus,
Thou hast bought us, Thine we are.

We are Thine, do Thou befriend us,
Be the guardian of our way;
Keep Thy flock, from sin defend us,
Seek us when we go astray:
Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus,
Hear, O hear us when we pray;
Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus,
Hear, O hear us when we pray.

Thou hast promised to receive us,
Poor and sinful though we be;
Thou hast mercy to relieve us,
Grace to cleanse, and pow'r to free:
Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus,
Early let us turn to Thee;
Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus,
Early let us turn to Thee.

Early let us seek Thy favor,
Early let us do Thy will;
Blessed Lord and only Savior,
With Thy love our bosoms fill:
Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus,
Thou hast loved us, love us still;
Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus,
Thou hast loved us, love us still.

My Shepherd Will Supply My Need

My shepherd will supply my need;
 Jehovah is his name.
In pastures fresh he makes me feed,
 beside the living stream.
He brings my wandering spirit back
 when I forsake his ways,
And leads me, for his mercy's sake,
 in paths of truth and grace.

When I walk through the shades of death
 your presence is my stay;
One word of your supporting breath
 drives all my fears away.
Your hand, in sight of all my foes,
 does still my table spread;
My cup with blessings overflows;
 your oil anoints my head.

The sure provisions of my God
 attend me all my days;
O may your house be my abode,
 and all my work be praise.
There would I find a settled rest,
 while others go and come;
No more a stranger or a guest,
 but like a child at home.

O God, You Are My God

O God, you are my God, and I will ever praise you.
O God, you are my God, and I will ever praise you.
 I will see you in the morning,
and I will learn to walk in your ways.
 And step by step you'll lead me,
And I will follow you all of my days.