June 14, 2020 GATHERING TO WORSHIP

WELCOME

CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: Worship the Lord with gladness!

People: We come into God's presence with singing.

Leader: For the Lord our God is good.

People: God's steadfast love endures forever.

PRAYER OF INVOCATION

God of all power and peace, as Jesus sent his disciples out to heal the sick, cast out demons, gather the lost, raise the dead, and proclaim the nearness of your realm, make us ready to go and share the good news we have received; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

HYMN "All People That on Earth Do Dwell" I

Hymnal 385

RECEIVING FORGIVENESS FROM GOD AND EACH OTHER

CALL TO CONFESSION

The mystery of God brings the promise of life, but we doubt the Spirit's power to overcome death. The resurrection of Jesus Christ, the Son, reveals that nothing is impossible with God. Let us confess our sin and receive new life.

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, you send us to proclaim the good news of your kingdom to all who are lost, all who are afflicted, all who are captive, all who have been cast out. But we are content to proclaim the in-breaking of your kingdom within familiar communities where we know others will receive this news with nods of agreement. Push us beyond what is comfortable and safe, and strengthen us for lives of compassionate service, that we might be the laborers you call us to be.

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

Leader: Christ gave his life to save us from the wrath of God.

People: Therefore, since we are justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ.

Leader: Trust the good news of the gospel: in Jesus Christ our sins

are forgiven.

People: Thanks be to God!

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

HEARING THE WORD

PSALM OF THE DAY Psa

Psalm 100

SCRIPTURE

Genesis 18:1-15, 21:1-7 Matthew 9:35-10:8

Romans 5:1-8 Exodus 19:2-8

SERMON Stories of Creation: Creative Hospitality

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 "The God of Abraham Praise" Hymnal 49

CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

Announcements

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

Thank you to all volunteers who have helped so far! Our next work-evening is this Tuesday, June 16, from 6:30-9. We must maintain social distancing, wear facemasks, and wash hands frequently to maintain compliance with the ERPC Covid-19 volunteer policy. Please RSVP to the office if you plan to come.

Wednesday night Bible Study will continue this week on June 17th: we'll work through the Buddhism module for two weeks. If you haven't joined, it's not too late – just let the church office know and we'll send you the materials.

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.