



June 21, 2020

GATHERING TO WORSHIP

WELCOME

CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: To you, O Lord, we lift our souls;
to you we offer our lives.

**People: For you are good and forgiving,
and abounding in steadfast love.**

Leader: In heaven, on earth, there is none like you.
Your works are beyond compare.

**People: For you are great; you work wonders.
You alone are God.**

PRAYER OF INVOCATION

Eternal God, you have called us to be members of one body.
Join us with those who in all times and places have praised your
name, that, with one heart and mind, we may show the unity of
your church, and bring honor to our Lord and Savior, Jesus
Christ. **Amen.**

HYMN "Great is Thy Faithfulness" Hymnal 39

RECEIVING FORGIVENESS FROM GOD AND EACH OTHER

CALL TO CONFESSION

Confident that we are promised newness of life through
repentance and forgiveness, let us turn to God and to one another,
confessing our sin.

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.)*

**God of Abraham, Sarah, and Isaac, God of Hagar and Ishmael,
who gave us your Son, Jesus Christ the crucified, send your
Holy Spirit to help us confess and truly repent of our sins.**

**We turn against one another; we fail to care for the weak and
poor among us. We pay no heed to the cries of the powerless;
we seek our own advantage. Your Son emptied himself upon a
Roman cross and revealed your eternal, self-giving love. Forgive
us, merciful God. Wipe sin from our lives and let us find
ourselves wholly in Jesus Christ, our Savior. It is in his name
that we pray. Amen.**

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

Leader: Do not be afraid. The One who was and is and is to come
knows you through and through and has overcome death and sin
to forgive you, so that you might be delivered into joy that has no
end. Your sins are forgiven. You are alive to God in Christ Jesus.

People: Thanks be to God!

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

PSALM OF THE DAY Psalm 86

SPECIAL MUSIC "His Eye Is on the Sparrow" Paul Cartland

HEARING THE WORD

SCRIPTURE

Genesis 21:8-21
Matthew 10:24-39
Romans 6:1b-11

SERMON *Stories of Creation: Creative Redemption*
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 "You Formed Us In Your Image, Lord"

CHARGE AND BLESSING

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.

Thank you to all volunteers who have helped so far! Our next work-evening is this Tuesday, June 23, from 6:30-9. We will 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 continues this week at 6:30 pm. If you would like to join, let the church office know and we'll email 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**.
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