

August 2, 2020
GATHERING TO WORSHIP

WELCOME

CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: God meets us in our greatest need and satisfies us with divine presence and provision.

People: In gratitude, let us worship the Lord our God.

PRAYER OF INVOCATION

Almighty God, your Son Jesus Christ fed the hungry with the bread of his life and the Word of his kingdom. Renew your people with your heavenly grace, and in all our weakness sustain us by your true and living bread, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

HYMN "Break Thou the Bread of Life" Hymnal 460

RECEIVING FORGIVENESS FROM
GOD AND EACH OTHER

CALL TO CONFESSION

Let us confess our sins in the presence of the One who blesses us and meets our need.

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 justice and mercy, we admit that we are not always free of deceit. We are fooled by the false promises of the world into pursuing things that do not truly nourish us. Hear our cry and save us, dear God, in Jesus' name. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

The God of steadfast love is our refuge and Savior. In Christ, we who are broken are healed, forgiven, filled, and transformed.

People: Alleluia! Amen.

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

HEARING THE WORD

PSALM OF THE DAY Psalm 17:1-8

SCRIPTURES

Genesis 32:22-31
Matthew 14:13-21
Romans 9:1-5

MESSAGE *Stories of Creation: Creative Struggle*

Rev. Piper Cartland

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

We believe there is no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus; for we know that all things work together for good for those who love God, who are called according to God's purpose. We are convinced that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor rulers, nor things present, nor things to come, nor powers, nor height, nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord. 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 "Here, O Our Lord, We See You" Hymnal 517, v.1-3

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 "Leaning on the Everlasting Arms" Hymnal 837

CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

Announcements

The **prayer deacon** this week is Nancy Davis. 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. 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 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.

Wednesday Night Bible Study will take a break in August and resume meeting after Labor Day weekend, when we will continue our study of comparative religions.

Front Porch Visits: If you’d like a visit, please call or email the church office and we will arrange a time for Piper and an elder or deacon to come for a brief visit – on your front porch or in your yard, physically distant and masked – just to catch up. We are looking forward to seeing you!

Garden update: Harvesting of the **garden** has begun! We are harvesting peas on Saturday mornings at 11 am and Monday and Thursday evenings at 7 pm. Garden volunteers are welcome! Please contact Brent Koenen or the office if you would like to help. All produce is going to the Food Pantry. We are also still collecting eggshells and bags of coffee grounds from Starbucks.

The Trustees have a list of **volunteer tasks** that can be completed on your own time, or even at your home. Please contact the office or Dale Berry for the updated list.

Lay leaders are needed to read the Call to Worship, Prayer of Invocation, and the Psalm for the online service each Sunday. The readings are recorded, usually on your cell phone, ahead of time and inserted into the worship service on Sunday. Please contact the office or Piper at ERPCPastor@erpresbyterian.org, if you can serve as a lay leader.

