

August 9, 2020
GATHERING TO WORSHIP

WELCOME

CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: God lifts us from death to life and preserves us for God's purposes through the compassion of Jesus Christ our Lord and the guidance of the Holy Spirit.

People: With thanksgiving, praise the Lord!

PRAYER OF INVOCATION

Son of God, you walk on the waters of turmoil to meet us in the midst of our troubled lives. Help us to recognize your presence, remember your promise, rely on your power, and receive your peace through every storm. **Amen.**

HYMN "Eternal Father, Strong to Save" Hymnal 8

**RECEIVING FORGIVENESS FROM
GOD AND EACH OTHER**

CALL TO CONFESSION

Let us confess our sins to the Lord of all, who is generous to all who call upon him.

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.)*

Lord, we long to draw close to you, but we are afraid. We are afraid to heed your summons for we do not know what awaits us when we step out in faith. We are wary of taking risks for your sake because the forces of chaos seem stronger than your assurances to us. We worry that we will not have enough faith in you or in the gifts you've given us to do the things you ask. Forgive us Lord, and save us. Reach out your hand, and lift us from our fear that we might follow you faithfully.

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

Leader: Our God sees all, knows all, forgives all, restores all

through our Lord Jesus Christ. No one who believes in him will be put to shame, for everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved.

People: Thanks be to God!

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

HEARING THE WORD

PSALM OF THE DAY Psalm 85
SCRIPTURE Genesis 37
Matthew 14:22-33
Romans 10:5-15

SERMON *Stories of Creation: Creative Grace*
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 "Standing on the Promises" Hymnal 838 v.1,2,4

CHARGE AND BLESSING

Announcements

The prayer deacon this week is Elizabeth Hobbie. You can email her any prayer requests that you'd like Piper to mention during the prayer time. Elizabeth 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.

Sunday School events in August:

We are planning a blueberry-picking hike next Sunday afternoon, August 16th. We'll meet at Arctic Valley at 1:00 PM. Bring your buckets! If you don't have kids in Sunday School, please join us anyway for the fellowship and fun! Questions? Call Whitney Lewis or Piper.

The Sunday School kids will also help harvest vegetables from the garden on Thursday evening, August 27th, at 7:00 PM. Wear a mask and be prepared to get a little soil under your fingernails!

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**.

Front Porch Visits: If you'd like a visit, please call or email the church office and we will call you to 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!

We are **harvesting vegetables** from the church garden on Saturday mornings at 11 am and Monday and Thursday evenings at 7 pm. Please contact Brent Koenen if you would like to help. All produce goes to the Chugiak-Eagle River Food Pantry.

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 ahead of time, usually on your cell phone, and inserted into the worship service on Sunday. Please contact the office by replying to this email, or Piper at ERPCPastor@erpresbyterian.org, if you can serve as a virtual lay leader.

