

August 30, 2020

## GATHERING TO WORSHIP

PRELUDE

WELCOME

CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: The God of our ancestors calls us to worship.

**People: Praise the Lord!**

Leader: Let the hearts of those who seek the Lord rejoice.

**People: Let us worship God!**

PRAYER OF INVOCATION

God of mystery and might, whose wonderful works are to be remembered, move in our lives, change our minds, soften our hearts, direct our feet, that we may follow you more faithfully. Yes, Lord, we seek to follow Jesus, in whose name we pray.

**Amen.**

HYMN “Jesus Shall Reign Where’er the Sun” Hymnal 265 v.1,3,5

## RECEIVING FORGIVENESS FROM GOD AND EACH OTHER

CALL TO CONFESSION

Jesus Christ overcame evil with good so that all people might be saved from sin. Let us then confess our need for grace, confident of God’s forgiveness.

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 mercy, we confess that, like the disciples, we set our minds not on divine things but on human things. Doubting your loving care, we grab for more than we need. Doubting your loving purposes, we shrink from living as your followers. Doubting your loving plan, we become stumbling blocks in your creation. Forgive us that we may gain new life in you, for it is in Jesus’ forgiving name we pray. Amen.**

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

Jesus took up his cross for our salvation. In return for our old life of sin, he promises a new life of grace. Know that you are forgiven and be at peace.

**People: Thanks be to God for his mercy and grace!**

CHILDREN’S MESSAGE

SPECIAL MUSIC

## HEARING THE WORD

PSALM OF THE DAY  
SCRIPTURE

Psalm 26:1-8  
Exodus 3:1-20  
Matthew 16:21-28  
Romans 12:9-21

SERMON

*Stories of Creation: Creative Discipleship*

*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

“Precious Lord, Take My Hand”

Hymnal 834

CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

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## Announcements

The prayer deacon this week is Stephanie Spencer. Please email her any prayer requests that you’d like Piper to mention during the pastoral prayer.

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We are collecting school supplies for **Fire Lake Elementary!** The supply list is posted on the home page of the church website. You can bring supplies to the church during office hours, 9-12:30, M-F. If you need to drop off items after hours, please contact the office for the door code. Donations should be made by Saturday, August 29.

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A few volunteers are needed to help with overhead electrical and miscellaneous interior tasks, Saturday August 29, 9am to 1 pm. Please contact the church office if you can make it.

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The Sept/Oct issues of the **Upper Room** devotional are available. Stop by or contact the office if you would like a copy.

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We are still **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.

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**Front Porch Visits:** If you'd like a visit, please contact 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!

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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](http://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.



Allison Denton.....3-Aug  
Lloyd Pool.....3-Aug  
Ruth McNearney.....3-Aug  
Rhys Cottle.....6-Aug  
Jennifer Cottle.....10-Aug  
Simon Kiehl.....10-Aug  
Sandra Charlton.....16-Aug  
Bill Swears.....17-Aug  
Chris Woodard.....17-Aug  
Kierin Frick.....17-Aug  
Teri Swears.....17-Aug  
Matthew Hobbie.....18-Aug  
Gay Stewart.....19-Aug  
Melody Musick.....20-Aug  
Brian Peterson.....23-Aug  
Jim Mitchell.....25-Aug  
Joanne Banks.....28-Aug  
Kacie Kmak.....28-Aug  
Stephanie Spencer.....30-Aug



Dale & Emily Berry.....12-Aug  
Dennis & Stephanie Spencer..14-Aug  
Bill & Diane Walters.....23-Aug  
Jeff & Joanne Banks....27-Aug

