

September 20, 2020  
GATHERING TO WORSHIP

WELCOME

CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: O give thanks to the Lord! The Lord hears the cries of the people.

**People: Give thanks to the Lord.**

Leader: The works of the Lord are great. Remember what God has done.

**People: Give thanks to the Lord.**

Leader: God has done miracles, and the Lord always remembers God's covenant.

**People: Give thanks to the Lord. Glory and praise is due to the Lord!**

PRAYER OF INVOCATION

Almighty God, you created the heavens and the earth, and humankind in your image. Teach us to discern your hand in all your works and to serve you with reverence and thanksgiving; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

HYMN "Brethren, We Have Met to Worship" Hymnal 396 v.1,2,4

RECEIVING FORGIVENESS FROM  
GOD AND EACH OTHER

CALL TO CONFESSION

Trusting in God's mercy, let us confess our sins against God and our neighbors.

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, your generosity surprises us. For you do not mete out grace according to how hard we work or how often we worship, or how closely we follow the rules. No, you lavish grace upon us according to your own desire. But we insist on deciding who is deserving and who is not. We grumble that some receive too**

**little while others have more than they deserve. Forgive us, we pray. Help us to live with humility and gratitude so that our words and deeds might embody your grace.**

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

Leader: People of God, our sins are forgiven; we are reconciled to God.

**People: Let us therefore love one another with gratitude in our hearts and praise on our lips.**

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

ANTHEM

"Ceaseless Praise"

Larry Baumgartner

HEARING THE WORD

PSALM OF THE DAY

Psalm 105:1-6, 37-45

SCRIPTURE

Exodus 16:2-15

Matthew 20:1-16

Philippians 1:21-30

SERMON

*No Fair! A Fair Wage*

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 "God, Whose Giving Knows No Ending" Hymnal 716

CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

## 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 pastoral prayer.

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The fall **congregational meeting** will be on Sunday, September 27, at 11:00 am immediately following the morning worship service. The purpose of the meeting is to vote on Rev. Cartland's 2021 terms of call, and to transact other business as appropriate. The meeting will be conducted via Zoom.

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**Sunday School** is meeting Monday afternoons at 4:00 pm at ERPC.

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**Wednesday Night Bible Study** will meet this week at 6:30 pm on Zoom.

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**Lay leaders** are needed to read the Call to Worship, Prayer of Invocation, and the Psalm. Please let Piper know if you can record readings for the online service.

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