

October 18, 2020
GATHERING TO WORSHIP

PRELUDE

WELCOME

CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: Exalt the Almighty and worship at God's holy mountain,
People: for the Lord our God is holy.

Leader: Look! The Lord draws near; come into the presence of the Holy One.

People: Let us behold the glory of our God.

Leader: People of God, join your hearts and minds and worship the Holy One.

PRAYER OF INVOCATION

Holy God, you have made us in your image, and we belong to you alone. Therefore we offer ourselves to you, in service, love, and praise. Use us for the glory of your realm and the good of your people; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

HYMN "God of Grace and God of Glory" Hymnal 307

RECEIVING FORGIVENESS FROM
GOD AND EACH OTHER

CALL TO CONFESSION

The Lord says: I will have mercy on whom I will have mercy, and I will have compassion on whom I will have compassion. Let us now confess our sin, casting ourselves on the promised mercy and compassion of God.

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.)*

Living Lord, in you we live and move and have our being. You call us to give all that we are and all that we have in service to Christ. But we hold tightly to our treasure, afraid we will not have enough for ourselves, and hold back our talents, afraid these gifts will not be enough. God, unclench our fists and help

us to give fully and freely so that, in all things, we might serve and glorify you.

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

The Lord said to Moses: There is a place near me where you may stand upon a rock. When my glory passes by, I'll put you in a cleft in the rock. I will cover you with my hand until I have passed by. Beloved ones, God has shielded us, covered our sin with the hand of protection, as we hide ourselves in Christ, the rock of our salvation. In Jesus Christ, you are forgiven!

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

ANTHEM

Larry Baumgartner

HEARING THE WORD

PSALM OF THE DAY

Psalm 99

SCRIPTURE

Exodus 33:12-23

Matthew 22:15-22

1 Thessalonians 1:1-10

SERMON

Thriving in Spite of Everything - Through God's Imprint on Our Lives

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

"Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise"

Hymnal 12

CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

Announcements

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

We are collecting coats, boots, and warm clothing for newly released inmates from **Hiland Correctional Center**. There is a box located in the Narthex. Please be sure items are clean and pockets are empty.

We are also beginning our collection of gravy packets and boxes of stuffing for the **Thanksgiving blessing**. There will be a box in the Narthex. Items can be dropped off during office hours, M-F, 9-1.

There will be a session meeting Tuesday, October 20 at 7 pm on Zoom.

Food Pantry is in need of **volunteers**-please contact Liz Swenson or the food pantry at 694-5228.

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.

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.