

October 25, 2020
GATHERING TO WORSHIP

PRELUDE
WELCOME
CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: God is our refuge and strength,

People: a very present help in trouble.

Leader: Therefore, we will not fear, though the earth should change,

People: though the mountains crumble into the heart of the sea,

Leader: though its waters roar and rage,

People: though the mountains tremble with its tumult.

Leader: The Lord of hosts is with us; the God of our ancestors is our refuge.

People: Praise the Lord!

PRAYER OF INVOCATION

God of creation, you have made us to be nourished in your care, and you test us so that we will turn again and again toward your gifts. Show us how to love our neighbors and ourselves, and teach us to delight in your law so that we will know the way of gratitude and thanksgiving. In the name of Christ Jesus, our Savior, we pray. **Amen.**

HYMN "Our God, Our Help in Ages Past" Hymnal 687

RECEIVING FORGIVENESS FROM
GOD AND EACH OTHER

CALL TO CONFESSION

Let us speak the truth about ourselves to our neighbors and to God, acknowledging what we have done and what we have left undone.

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.)*

Merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart and mind and strength. We have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. In your mercy, forgive what we have been, help us amend what we are, and direct what we shall be, that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways to the glory of your holy name.

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

Brothers and sisters, the Holy One who promises forgiveness to those who seek the good hears your confession. As the crucified and risen child of God, your Redeemer fully knows your sorrow and your desire for reconciled relationships. You are forgiven. In that promise is the power to love your neighbors and yourselves as beloved of God who created all that exists.

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

ANTHEM

Larry Baumgartner

HEARING THE WORD

PSALM OF THE DAY

Psalm 90

SCRIPTURE

Deuteronomy 34:1-12

Jeremiah 31:31-34

Matthew 22:34-46

Romans 3:19-28

SERMON **Thriving in Spite of Everything—Committed to Faithfulness**
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 "A Mighty Fortress Is Our God" Hymnal 275

CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

Announcements

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

We are collecting gently used winter clothing for inmates of **Hiland Correctional Center**. There is a box located in the Narthex. Please be sure items are clean and pockets are empty.

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

Each holiday season we participate in the **Mail for Our Military** campaign, providing uplifting Christmas cards to our military members stationed overseas. We have a limited amount here in the office (most are in storage right now), but you are welcome to come and take some home to write messages. Or you can buy your own box of cards--no glitter please! The deadline to return cards to the office is November 13.

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.



Lorinda Mitchell	2-Oct
Patti Malecha	3-Oct
Barbara Jordan	4-Oct
Travis Duft	4-Oct
McKayla Peterson	8-Oct
Ethel Dougherty	9-Oct
Colin Ossiander	10-Oct
Elias Gobeille	13-Oct
Bill McCarthy	14-Oct
Alex Davidson	15-Oct
Dale Berry	15-Oct
Joan Brossia	15-Oct
Nancy Davis	17-Oct
Paige Saylor	17-Oct
Dave Charlton	19-Oct
Joshua Saylor	26-Oct



Jerry & Ruth McNearney2-Oct
Mike & Paige Saylor14-Oct

