

February 7, 2021
GATHERING TO WORSHIP

PRELUDE

WELCOME

CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: Let us worship and sing praises to God,

People: for the Lord is gracious and worthy of praise!

Leader: God gathers the outcasts and heals the brokenhearted.

People: God gives the stars their names and makes grass grow on the hills.

Leader: Let us hope in God's steadfast love

People: and worship God together!

PRAYER OF INVOCATION

Faithful God, you have appointed us your witnesses, to be light that shines in the world. Let us not hide the bright hope you have given us, but tell everyone your love, revealed in Jesus Christ the Lord, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever. **Amen.**

HYMN "God Is Calling Through the Whisper" Hymnal 410

**RECEIVING FORGIVENESS FROM
GOD AND EACH OTHER**

CALL TO CONFESSION

We fool ourselves if we think that our ways are hidden from God. Therefore let us confess our sin, trusting in the mercy of God our Maker.

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, you are everlasting, the creator of all that is. Your understanding is beyond measure. We confess to you that we have sinned against you and our neighbors. In your compassion, forgive us, for we place our hope in your steadfast love.

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

Leader: Praise the Lord! Our God heals the brokenhearted and binds up our wounds. God takes pleasure in those who place their trust in God's grace.

People: In Jesus Christ we are forgiven! Amen.

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

HEARING THE WORD

PSALM OF THE DAY

Psalm 147

SCRIPTURES

Isaiah 40:21-31

Mark 1:29-39

1 Corinthians 9:16-23

MESSAGE *Epiphany Series: Created Anew
Never-Ending Creativity*

Rev. Piper Cartland

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

Leader: Do you not know? Have you not heard?

People: Has it not been told you from the beginning? Have you not understood since the earth was founded?

Leader: Lift up your eyes and look to the heavens: Who created all these?

People: He who brings out the starry host one by one and calls forth each of them by name.

Leader: Do you not know? Have you not heard?

People: The Lord is the everlasting God, the Creator of the ends of the earth.

Leader: Do you not know? Have you not heard?

People: Even youths grow tired and weary, and young men stumble and fall;

Leader: But those who hope in the Lord will renew their strength.

People: They will soar on wings like eagles; they will run and not grow weary, they will walk and not be faint.

Leader: Do you not know? Have you not heard?

People: The Lord is the everlasting God, the Creator of the ends of the earth.

BEARING THE WORD INTO THE WORLD

SHARING OUR JOYS AND CONCERNS

PASTORAL PRAYER

MINUTES FOR MINISTRY

OFFERING OURSELVES TO GOD

CELEBRATING THE LORD'S SUPPER

HYMN/ANTHEM "On Eagle's Wings" *Chelsea Berry*

INVITATION TO THE TABLE

GREAT PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING AND THE LORD'S

PRAYER (we say *sin*)

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Pastor: Lift up your hearts.

People: We lift them to the Lord.

Pastor: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

COMMUNION OF THE PEOPLE

PRAYER

GOING INTO THE WORLD

HYMN "In My Life" Hymnal 468

CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

Announcements

January Month End Ordinary Income ----- \$15,139.00

January Month End Ordinary Expenses ----- \$16,811.98

The **prayer deacon** this week is Abbie Spencer. You can email any prayer requests that you would like Piper to mention during the Pastoral Prayer.

Wednesday Night Bible Study will take this week off. We will resume on February 17 with a Lenten study, *Simon Peter: Flawed but Faithful Disciple*. Please let Piper know if you would like to participate.

We are going to offer a **new member class** during March! If you've been thinking about joining our congregation or have questions about membership, please join us! We are still working out the details, but the class will most probably be virtual for an hour on Sunday afternoons. If you have questions, please talk to Piper.

Please remember to visit the "**Ways to Give**" tab on the church website: www.erpresbyterian.org

1) Donate online with a credit card by clicking the link from our website.

2) Visit your local bank or your bank's website and set up a recurring electronic payment.

3) Checks can be mailed to PO Box 771337 Eagle River, AK 99577-1337.