

May 2, 2021
GATHERING FOR WORSHIP

PRELUDE

WELCOME

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: We gather to praise and worship God,

People: the one who created us for love.

Leader: We gather to worship the true vine,

People: the one in whose love we abide.

Leader: Easter people, Christ is risen!

People: Christ is risen indeed!

*PRAYER OF INVOCATION

Wondrous Vinegrower, you make all things new in water and Word, feeding your people with love, joy, and peace. Lead us today and every day to the font of new beginnings. Teach us to love what you have commanded and to prune what does not nourish your creation, in the name of the Creator, Redeemer, and Sustainer, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

HYMN

“In the Bulb There Is a Flower”

Hymnal 250

RECEIVING FORGIVENESS FROM
GOD AND EACH OTHER

*CALL TO CONFESSION

*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.)*

O Christ, you are the true vine, and you have made us your branches. In your grace, we find strength, and in your love, we are set free. Forgive us, O God, when we do not live as people who have been freed, when we act as if the Easter story did not turn the world upside down. Forgive us, O God, when we do not live as people who are your branches, when we forget that we are rooted in you and bound to one another by your spirit. Forgive us, O Christ, our one true vine, and teach us to abide in you.

*DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS

Leader: You have already been cleansed by the word that God has spoken to you. In baptism God claimed you and joined you to Christ, as branches to a vine. Believe the promise given to you: in Jesus Christ, you are forgiven.

People: Thanks be to God! Amen.

CHILDREN’S MESSAGE

HEARING THE WORD

PSALM OF THE DAY

Psalm 22:25-31

Pew Bible p.392

SCRIPTURES

Acts 8:26-40

Pew Bible p.777

John 15:1-8

Pew Bible p.764

1 John 4:7-21

Pew Bible p.863

MESSAGE

Easter Series: Living in a Resurrection World
Growing Strong

Rev. Piper Cartland

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

This is the good news which we have received, in which we stand, and by which we are saved, if we hold it fast: that Christ died for our sins according to the scriptures, that he was buried, that he was raised on the third day, and that he appeared first to the women, then to Peter, and to the Twelve, and then to many faithful witnesses. We believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of the living God. Jesus Christ is the first and the last, the beginning and the end; he is our Lord and our God. Amen.

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

SHARING OUR JOYS AND CONCERNS

PASTORAL PRAYER

MINUTES FOR MINISTRY

OFFERING OURSELVES TO GOD

CELEBRATING THE LORD’S SUPPER

HYMN

“All Who Hunger, Gather Gladly”

Hymnal 509 v. 1, 2

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

"All Who Hunger, Gather Gladly"

Hymnal 509 v. 3

*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

**Those who are able please stand*

WELCOME! It is a joy to worship together in person. So that we may do so safely, here are the basic tenets for our COVID-19 Mitigation Plan: Wear your mask; maintain 6 ft physical distance between households; cleanse hands frequently; no singing is allowed, but congregants are encouraged to hum; place tithes/offerings in the offering plates at the back of the sanctuary. To keep us all safer, please remember not to gather in the Narthex after worship – continue your fellowship in the parking lot instead. Thank you!



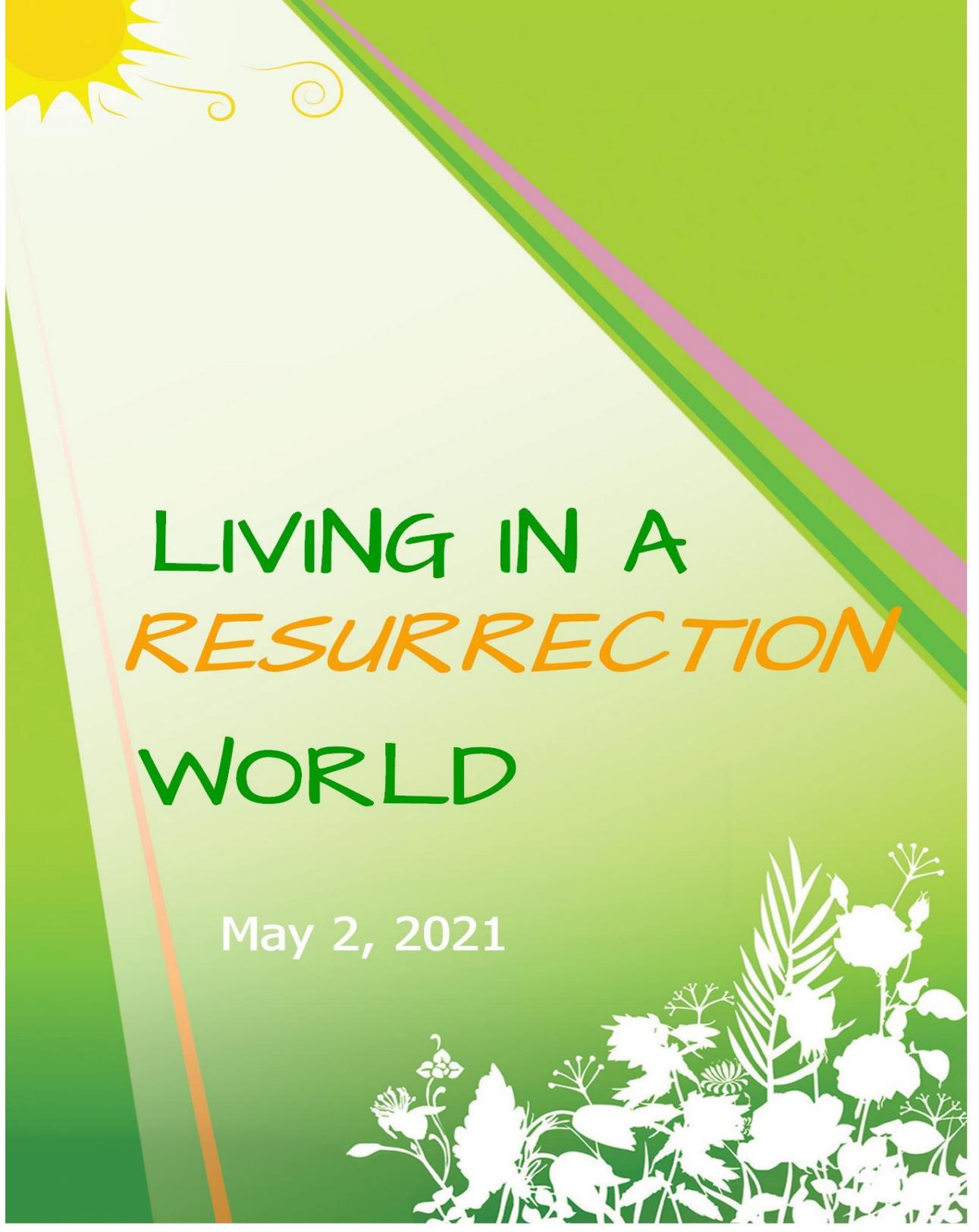
LARGE PRINT HYMNALS are on the last row of pews, with a black cover. If you use one, please put it back after worship.



ASSISTIVE LISTENING DEVICES available on request. Please request one from the Sound Tech at the sound desk.

There are cards in the pews for visitors to fill out and for anyone who needs to update their information. Please place the cards in the offering plates as needed. If you are visiting today, the worship service is our gift to you. Please contribute to the offering, or not, as God leads. We delight in welcoming you, and we are glad that you're here!

Children up to kindergarten age are welcome in the nursery. There are clipboards with coloring pages in the narthex if your children wish to stay in the sanctuary.



LIVING IN A RESURRECTION WORLD

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Announcements

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Last week's in-person attendance -----34
April Month End Undesignated Income ----- \$21,626.94
April Month End Regular Expenses ----- \$15,965.55

Anyone who is not worshipping in person can send prayer requests to pastor@erpresbyterian.org by 9:30 am Sunday morning.

Lay leaders are needed for May 16th and 30th. Please let Piper or the office know if you are able to help lead worship.

The **youth group** is invited to help with a service project this afternoon at Re:MADE, a nonprofit which takes donated items and turns them into something that can be resold or given to a family in need. Last year over 10,500 pounds of donations were saved from the landfill by the organization's efforts. We will meet there at 1:00 pm. The address is 13500 Old Seward Hwy in South Anchorage.

The May/June **Upper Room** devotionals are now available. You can pick one up from the table in the Narthex.

Preparations for the **garden** have begun! Session has approved that several more containers can be added to the garden this year, so we are asking for donations of large pots or 5 gallon buckets. Thank you!



Here are some ways you can keep up with your financial stewardship:

- 1) If you're worshipping with us in person, you may leave your gift in one of the offering plates as you leave the sanctuary this morning. The plates are on the table to the right of the main door.
- 2) Donate online with a credit card by clicking the link from our website: www.erpresbyterian.org.
- 3) 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.
- 4) Checks can also be mailed to PO Box 771337 Eagle River, AK