July 4, 2021 GATHERING FOR WORSHIP

PRELUDE WELCOME

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: Why do we come to worship God?

People: We come seeking a blessing from our Lord.

Leader: What is this blessing that we seek?

People: We seek an encounter with our God, who washes us in mercy, calls us

to service, and fills us with love.

Leader: Let us worship God together.

*PRAYER OF INVOCATION

God of the covenant, in our baptism you called us to proclaim the coming of your kingdom. Give us courage like you gave the apostles, that we may faithfully witness to your love and peace in every circumstance of life, in the name of Jesus Christ our redeemer, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever. **Amen.**

HYMN

"This is My Father's World"

Hymnal 370

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.) You are love, O God, and you have loved us from the beginning. Forgive us when we do not share your love with the world: when we choose selfishness over compassion; what feels comfortable rather than what is right; when we strive for success instead of faithfulness; when we value independence over community. Forgive us, O God, of the ways we fall short. Free us to try again, and let your love lead the way.

*DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS

Leader: Hear and believe this good news: Jesus, the Christ, son of Mary, Son of the Most High God, was broken and poured out for our salvation.

People: In Jesus Christ our sins are forgiven. Amen.

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

HEARING THE WORD

PSALM OF THE DAY	Psalm 48	Pew Bible p.40 3
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ANTHEM Larry Baumgartner

SCRIPTURES 2 Samuel 5:1-5,9-10 Pew Bible **p.217**

 Ezekiel 2:1-5
 Pew Bible **p.587**

 Mark 6:1-13
 Pew Bible **p.711**

 2 Corinthians 12:2-10
 Pew Bible **p.822**

MESSAGE More Than Meets the Eye: Everyday Prophets

Rev. Piper Cartland

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH Nicene Creed Hymnal p.34

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

SHARING OUR JOYS AND CONCERNS

PASTORAL PRAYER

MINUTES FOR MINISTRY

OFFERING OURSELVES TO GOD

CELEBRATING THE LORD'S SUPPER

HYMN "Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us" Hymnal **187**

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 "O Beautiful for Spacious Skies"

Hymnal 338

*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION POSTLUDE

WELCOME! It is a joy to worship together in person. Here are the basic tenets of our updated COVID-19 Mitigation Plan: masks and social distancing are no longer required (but are recommended for those who are unvaccinated, immunocompromised, or for anyone who feels more comfortable doing so for any reason); please place tithes/offerings in the offering plates at the back of the sanctuary; fellowship will be shared outside, as weather permits.



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

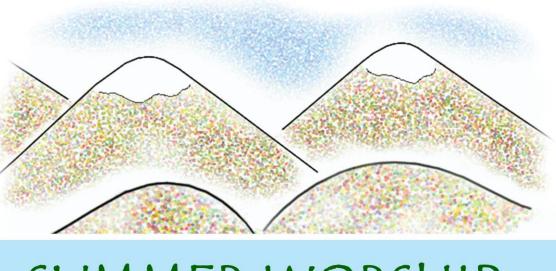


ASSISTIVE LISTENING DEVICES available on request. Please request one from the Sound Tech at the sound desk.

There are cards are 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.





SUMMER WORSHIP Rejoice and Be Glad!



Eagle River Presbyterian Church *July 4, 2021*

^{*}Those who are able please stand.

Announcements

Sunday 10:00 am Worship
Monday In observance of July 4th, office closed



Last week's in-person attendance ------31
June Month-End Undesignated Income ----- \$17,955.80
June Month-End Regular Expenses ------ \$19,265.74

If you know children or youth who are interested in going to **summer camp**, there are several faith-based options: **Bingle Camp** is located on Harding Lake, near Fairbanks. It is owned by Presbytery of Yukon, and has week-long, overnight sessions for elementary through high school ages throughout the month of July. Visit www.binglecamp.org for more information. **Birchwood Camp** is a Methodist-related camp ministry located in Chugiak. Visit www.birchwoodcamp.org for more information about their summer programs.

We are continuing to collect clothing donations for **Hiland Mountain Correctional Center**. In the warmer months, they prefer casual, lighter-weight clothing such as sweatshirts, t-shirts, and leggings. If you have any items you'd like to donate, our collection box is located in the narthex.

Our annual **garage sale**, usually held during the Bear Paw festival, was canceled last year due to Covid. This year, the session has decided to hold the garage sale fundraiser later in September; once the date is set, we will be accepting donations closer to the event time.

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.
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