Eagle River Presbyterian Church July 25, 2021

GATHERING TO WORSHIP

Please take a moment during the Prelude to silence your cell phones and quietly prepare yourself for worship.

PRELUDE WELCOME

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: Your creation gives thanks to you, O God.

People: And we, your faithful, bless you.

Leader: We shall speak of the glory of your realm and tell of

your power.

People: We shall let all people know your mighty deeds and glorious splendor.

Leader: Let us worship our God of mercy and grace!

*PRAYER OF INVOCATION

Generous God, you give us what we need and satisfy our desires in due season. Grant that our inner beings may be strengthened through your Spirit, and that Christ may dwell in our hearts through faith, that you may accomplish within us far more than all we ask or can imagine. **Amen.**

*HYMN "Praise Ye the Lord, the Almighty" Hymnal 35

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.)

God, you uphold those who are falling and raise up all who are bowed down. Therefore we confess our sins—both things we have done and things we have left undone—in every confidence that you will open your hands to us

in an embrace of forgiveness and love. Amen.

*DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS

Leader: Dearly beloved, through the power of the Spirit that is at work within us, God forgives our sins and strengthens our inner beings. So now live knowing the love of Christ, which surpasses all knowledge and fills us with the fullness of God.

People: Thanks be to God!

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

HEARING THE WORD

PSALM OF THE DAY	Psalm 145	Pew Bible p.447
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SCRIPTURES 2 Kings 4:42-44 Pew Bible **p.263**

John 6:1-21 Pew Bible **p.754**

MESSAGE Rev. Blake Severson

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

GOING INTO THE WORLD

*HYMN "God of the Fertile Fields" Hymnal **714**

*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: 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.



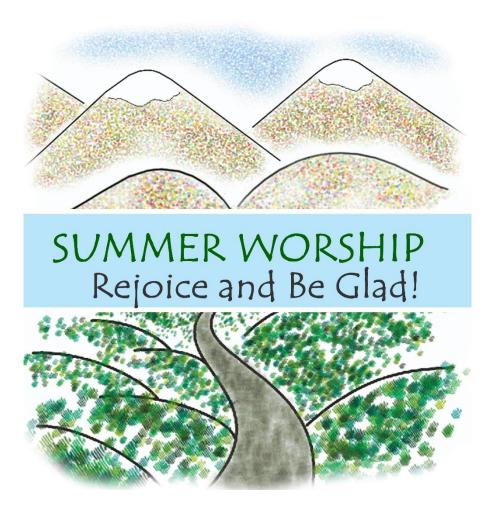
LARGE PRINT HYMNALS are on the last row of pews, with a black cover. If you use one, please put it back after worship.



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

There are cards 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.



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Weekly Walk

Sunday Sunday 10:00 am 2:00 pm

Worship Food Pantry Volunteer Picnic on church patio

Last week's In-Person Attendance ----- 29 Month to Date Income ----- \$18,898.80 Month to Date Expenses ----- \$13,626.37

We are happy to welcome Reverend Blake Severson to the pulpit today. He is the pastor of South Park Presbyterian Church in Rock Island, IL. He and his wife, Megan, and daughter, Ada, are in Alaska visiting family and friends.

The rose on the pulpit this morning celebrates the birth of Christa and Mike Stueben's daughter, and Paul and Piper's granddaughter, Madeline Grace. Madeline was born on July 19 weighing 7 lbs. 2 oz. Congratulations to everyone!

Food Pantry volunteers are invited to attend the annual volunteer picnic today at 2:00 on the church patio.

The picnic will follow their 1:00 board meeting, in the same location.

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



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Luca Rasic



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