

September 5, 2021  
**GATHERING FOR WORSHIP**

PRELUDE  
WELCOME

**\*CALL TO WORSHIP**

Leader: Here at the feast of God's holy word and holy meal, eyes and ears are opened so that we may all be made glad and filled with hope.

**People: Let us worship God who feeds us and restores our souls**

**\*PRAYER OF INVOCATION**

Direct and help us, O Lord, in all our deeds, that in all our works begun, continued, and ended in you, we may glorify your holy name, and finally, by your mercy, obtain everlasting life; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever. **Amen.**

HYMN            "O For a Thousand Tongues to Sing"            Hymnal 610 v.1,3,5

**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 love us with open arms, O God. Forgive us when we do not put your love into practice: when we do not challenge the injustice around us; when we are not generous with the gifts we have to share; when we are slow to compassion and quick to judgment; when we contribute to the brokenness of the world instead of helping to make it whole. 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: Now stand firm in your faith, covered by the saving grace of God and ready to proclaim the gospel of peace. In the name of Jesus Christ, we are forgiven!

**People: Thanks be to God!**

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

**HEARING THE WORD**

PSALM OF THE DAY            Psalm 146            Pew Bible p.447

SCRIPTURES            Luke 24:13-35            Pew Bible p.749

MESSAGE            **The Best and Worst Day of Your Life**            *Rev. Todd Carter*

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH    *Nicene Creed* - see insert

**RESPONDING TO THE WORD**

SHARING OUR JOYS AND CONCERNS

PASTORAL PRAYER

MINUTES FOR MINISTRY

OFFERING OURSELVES TO GOD

**CELEBRATING THE LORD'S SUPPER**

HYMN            "Let Us Break Bread Together"            Hymnal 525

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 Jesus, I have Promised"

Hymnal 724 v.1,2,4

\*CHARGE AND BLESSING  
POSTLUDE

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*\*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: If the level of community transmission is substantial or high, the session recommends mask wear and social distancing by all congregants. If the level is low or moderate, mask wear and social distancing will be optional for vaccinated and recommended for unvaccinated and immunocompromised. The level of community transmission is posted by the entrance. Tithes/offerings may be placed 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.



As often as  
you eat  
this bread  
and drink  
the cup,  
you proclaim  
the  
Lord's death  
until he comes.

1 Corinthians 11:24

Eagle River Presbyterian Church

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## Announcements

Last week's in-person attendance -----35

August Month End Undesignated Income ----- \$21,759.35

August Month End Regular Expenses ----- \$16,103.48

The office will be closed tomorrow for **Labor Day**.



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We are happy to welcome **Rev. Todd Carter** to our pulpit today. Rev. Carter is a retired Methodist minister and a part-time chaplain at Providence Hospital. He and his wife Debby moved to Eagle River in the spring.

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Next Sunday is **Rally Day** – the first day of Sunday school for kindergarten through 6<sup>th</sup> grade! We will start the school year off as we have the past few years, helping to **harvest the garden**. Please dress in something you don't mind getting dirty!



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Also next Sunday, September 12, we will begin accepting items to sell in our **garage sale** to raise funds for Christian Education here at ERPC. The sale will take place Saturday, September 18, beginning at 8 am. Items can be dropped off at church all week leading up to the sale.

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### 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](http://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 99577

### *Nicene Creed*

**We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is seen and unseen.**

**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father; Through him all things were made.**

**For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven: was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary and became truly human.**

**For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate, he suffered, died, and was buried.**

**On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified, who has spoken through the Prophets.**

**We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come. Amen.**