**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: The season of Lent sets us on a journey.

**People: The journey begins in the wilderness.**

Leader: We follow the way of Jesus, who faced trials, trouble, temptation, and testing.

**People: Like Jesus, we are not alone. The Holy Spirit is with us. God’s Word is on our lips.**

Leader: Our call is to trust in God alone, to do God’s will in all things.

**People: For God leads us not only into the wilderness, but also through the wilderness.**

\*PRAYER OF INVOCATION

Almighty God, your Son fasted forty days in the wilderness, and was tempted as we are but did not sin. Give us grace to direct our lives in obedience to your Spirit,

that as you know our weakness, so we may know your power to save; through Jesus Christ our redeemer, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

\*HYMN “Lord, Who Throughout These Forty Days” Hymnal **166**

**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 God, our refuge and fortress, forgive us when we fail to trust in you. We fall to temptation; we are swayed by false words; we speak false words of our own.**

**We choose our ease and comfort over your demanding claims upon us and upon the world. In turning from you, we settle for less than the abundant generosity you intend. Forgive us, we pray. Do not let us be put to shame, O God. Hear us as we call to you and show us your salvation. In Christ’s name we pray. Amen.**

\*DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS

Leader: Scripture declares, The Lord is generous to all who call on God’s name.

Friends, believe the good news: God does not turn away from us, but desires to bring us into the glorious freedom offered in Jesus Christ. Everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved.

**People: Thanks be to God!**

CHILDREN’S MESSAGE

**HEARING THE WORD**

PSALM OF THE DAY Psalm 91 Pew Bible **p.424**

SCRIPTURES Deuteronomy 26:1-11 Pew Bible **p.143**

Luke 4:1-13 Pew Bible **p.727**

Romans 10:8b-13 Pew Bible **p.802**

MESSAGE ***Character and Calling: Belief*** *Rev. Piper Cartland*

\*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH *Adapted from the Confession of 1967*

**The reconciling work of Jesus was the supreme crisis in the life of humankind.**

**His cross and resurrection become personal crisis and present hope for women and men when the gospel is proclaimed and believed. In this experience, the Spirit brings God’s forgiveness to all, moves people to respond in faith,**

**repentance, and obedience, and initiates the new life in Christ.**

**RESPONDING TO THE WORD**

SHARING OUR JOYS AND CONCERNS

PASTORAL PRAYER

MINUTES FOR MINISTRY

OFFERING OURSELVES TO GOD

**CELEBRATING THE LORD’S SUPPER**

\*HYMN “You Who Dwell in the Shelter of the Lord” Hymnal **43 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 “You Who Dwell in the Shelter of the Lord” Hymnal **43 v.3-4**

\*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: 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.

LARGE PRINT HYMNALS, with a black cover, are on the small bookcase in the rear of the sanctuary. 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.



***Eagle River Presbyterian Church***

***March 6, 2022***

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**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.

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