**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: God makes a way out of no way.

**People: God sees our tears and turns them into joy.**

Leader: God makes the impossible possible

**People: and sees the desperate needs of all people.**

Leader: Come close, healing Lord, and receive our worship.

\*PRAYER OF INVOCATION

Creator God, you have formed us as your own, so whether we are weeping or laughing, dreaming or shouting for joy, we are always coming home to you.

For all this and more, we thank you in Jesus’ name. **Amen.**

\*HYMN “How Firm a Foundation” Hymnal **463 v.1-3**

**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.)*

**Merciful God, you pardon all who truly repent and turn to you. We humbly confess our sins and ask your mercy. We have not loved you with a pure heart,**

**nor have we loved our neighbors as ourselves. We have not done justice, loved kindness, or walked humbly with you, our God. Have mercy on us, O God, in your loving-kindness. In your great compassion, cleanse us from our sin.** **Do not cast us away from your presence, or take your Holy Spirit from us. Restore to us the joy of your salvation and sustain us with your bountiful Spirit.**

\*DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS

Leader: Do not fear, says the Lord, for I have redeemed you. I have called you by name; you are mine. God is doing a new thing; now it springs forth! By the grace of Jesus Christ, we are forgiven!

**People: Thanks be to God!**

CHILDREN’S MESSAGE

**HEARING THE WORD**

PSALM OF THE DAY Psalm 126 Pew Bible **p.441**

SCRIPTURES Isaiah 43:16-21 Pew Bible **p.515**

John 12:1-8 Pew Bible **p.761**

Philippians 3:4b-14 Pew Bible **p.832**

MESSAGE ***Character and Calling: Faith*** *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

\*DOXOLOGY “Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow” Hymnal **606**

**CELEBRATING THE LORD’S SUPPER**

\*HYMN “How Firm a Foundation” Hymnal **463 v.4-5**

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 “To God Be the Glory” Hymnal **634**

\*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***

***April 3, 2022***

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