



February 14, 2021
GATHERING TO WORSHIP

PRELUDE

WELCOME

CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: Blessed is the Lord our God, who revealed the law to Moses.

People: The Lord our God is holy!

Leader: Blessed is the Lord our God, who has spoken through the prophets.

People: The Lord our God is holy!

Leader: Blessed is the Lord our God, who came to us in Jesus Christ.

People: The Lord our God is holy!

Leader: The one who spoke and called light out of darkness now shines in our hearts.

People: The Lord our God is holy!

Leader: The one who comes and does not keep silence now speaks in our midst.

People: The Lord our God is holy!

Leader: Now we have seen the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ.

People: The Lord our God is holy!

PRAYER OF INVOCATION

Great God of dazzling beauty and overshadowing majesty, in Jesus Christ, your beloved, we glimpse the image of your glory. Teach us to listen to him so that we may hear your voice and follow your holy way; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

HYMN "Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise" Hymnal 12

RECEIVING FORGIVENESS FROM GOD AND EACH OTHER

CALL TO CONFESSION

God alone is righteous; God alone is perfect; God alone is judge. Yet this holy, righteous God comes to us in love, to save us.

Rejoicing in God's grace, let us confess our sin.

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 of transformation, you make new life where there was old, dazzling light where there were shadows, peace where there was violence, and friends where there were enemies. Forgive us, O God, when we stand in the way of your transformative love. Forgive us when we do not live as people who have been changed by your grace. Call us to the mountain once more, and send us out to be witnesses of your transformative grace.

DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS

Our God comes and does not keep silence; God speaks to us with grace and love, saying: You are my beloved child. This is the good news of the gospel: In Jesus Christ we are forgiven.

People: Thanks be to God!

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

HYMN "Swing Low, Sweet Chariot" Hymnal 825

HEARING THE WORD

PSALM OF THE DAY Psalm 50:1-6

SCRIPTURE 2 Kings 2:1-12
Mark 9:2-9
2 Corinthians 4:3-6

SERMON *Epiphany Series: Created Anew
Creating the Story*

Rev. Piper Cartland

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

HYMN "I Love to Tell the Story" Hymnal 462

CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

Announcements

Month-to-Date Undesignated Income ----- \$6,804.80

Month-to-Date Regular Expenses ----- \$12,452.74

The prayer deacon this week is Stephanie Spencer, sspoooh@gci.net. You can email her any prayer requests that you'd like Piper to mention during the pastoral prayer.

The office will be closed Monday for the Presidents' Day holiday.

Wednesday night Bible study will resume this week with a Lenten study, *Simon Peter: Flawed but Faithful Disciple*. This first session will also observe Ash Wednesday, the beginning of the season of Lent. Everyone is welcome whether or not they plan to participate in the Bible study.

We are offering a **new member class** during March! If you've been thinking about joining our congregation or have questions about membership, please join us! We are still working out the details, but the class will most probably be virtual for an hour on Sunday afternoons. If you have questions, please talk to Piper.

Here are some ways you can keep up with your financial stewardship:

- 1) Donate online with a credit card by clicking the link from our website: www.erpresbyterian.org.
 - 2) 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.
 - 3) Checks can also be mailed to PO Box 771337 Eagle River, AK 99577-1337.
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