



March 14, 2021
GATHERING TO WORSHIP

PRELUDE
WELCOME
CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: We worship in the season of Lent, a time to examine our hearts and our lives

People: and journey with Christ through the suffering of the world.

Leader: Let us watch for the coming sign of God's power,

People: a humble servant lifted up on a cross.

Leader: God has marked us as beloved

People: and called us together to worship.

PRAYER OF INVOCATION

Almighty God, through Jesus Christ you bring salvation to the world. Give us strength to believe in him that we may share in his victory over the power of death and fulfill the purpose for which you have made us, for he dwells with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever. **Amen.**

HYMN "Come, Ye sinners, Poor and Needy" Hymnal 415

RECEIVING FORGIVENESS FROM GOD AND EACH OTHER

CALL TO CONFESSION

This is the judgment, that the light has come into the world, for people loved darkness rather than light because their deeds were evil. Let us uncover our sin before the liberating light of Christ.

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.)*

By the gift of your grace we are saved, O God, from all that separates us from you. Still, we would rather believe that we can earn your love. Still, we would rather believe that we are in ultimate control. Forgive us when we do not recognize the radical gift of your grace; have mercy when we fail or refuse to share that grace with another. Forgive us, O God, and wash us in your mercy. Forgive us, O God, and free us to try again.

DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS

Indeed, God did not send the Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him.

In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven.

People: Thanks be to God!

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

HEARING THE WORD

PSALM OF THE DAY Psalm 107:1-3, 17-22

SCRIPTURE Numbers 21:4-9
John 3:14-21
Ephesians 2:1-10

SERMON *Lent Series: Covenant People*
The Unbroken Covenant

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 "There is a Balm in Gilead" Hymnal 792

CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

Announcements

Month-to-Date Undesignated Income ----- \$10,484.00

Month-to-Date Regular Expenses ----- \$10,763.27

The prayer deacon this week is Nancy Davis. You can email her any prayer requests that you'd like Piper to mention during the pastoral prayer.

There will be a **session meeting** this Tuesday evening at 7pm at church.

Wednesday night Bible study will meet on Zoom at 6:30.

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.
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