



March 7, 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 listen for the commandments of God

People: and align our lives with God's vision for peace.

Leader: God has marked us as beloved

People: and called us together to worship.

PRAYER OF INVOCATION

Eternal God, your kingdom has broken into our troubled world through the life, death, and resurrection of your Son. Help us to hear your word and obey it, that we may become instruments of your saving love; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

HYMN "Guide Me, O thou Great Jehovah" Hymnal 65

**RECEIVING FORGIVENESS FROM
GOD AND EACH OTHER**

CALL TO CONFESSION

Despite all that God has taught us, we still act foolishly; we are still weak. In the cross of Christ, we find forgiveness and grace. We confess our sins, trusting in God's wisdom and strength rather than our own.

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, how fickle we are; we sin against you without even knowing it. Clear us, we pray, of any unknown sin,

and save us from willfully ignoring your way. Let your commandments rule and guide us. Forgive us for worshiping anyone or anything except you; keep us faithful. Forgive us for failing to honor all our relationships with those closest to us and those who are distant neighbors. Help us to speak words of blessing and kindness, rather than words that belittle or destroy. Turn us away from violence, falsehood, and selfishness. Forgive us for thinking everything depends on our efforts and power, for you are the God who made us, led us out of slavery, and has brought us into the community of faith. Help us to depend on you alone and to rest in your peace. In Christ's name we pray.

Amen.

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

Leader: Brothers and sisters, in Jesus Christ, crucified, risen, and coming again, we are forgiven and set free to live in faithfulness with God and with one another!

People: Thanks be to God!

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

HEARING THE WORD

PSALM OF THE DAY

Psalm 19

SCRIPTURES

Exodus 20:1-17

John 2:13-22

1 Corinthians 1:18-25

MESSAGE *Lent Series: Covenant People*
The All-In Covenant

Rev. Piper Cartland

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

As we travel through this season of turning and returning back to You, dying to the ways of death, living again Your Way of life, we remember the rule you gave to our ancestors in Spirit, we remember, and we renew our part in this promise.

We remember You, Holy One, our God, who brings us into freedom. We worship only You.

We will not make an idol of anything found on Earth, not bow down or worship any god but You.

We will honor the Name, the Holy Name, and will not tolerate misuse of the Holy Name.

We will rest. Will breathe. Will set time aside for You alone.

We will honor those who go before us: parents, elders, ancestors.

We will treasure life, preserve it. We will treasure relationship, and be faithful.

We will take nothing that is not ours. We will not lie, or deceive; will not betray our neighbor, not look at our neighbor with greed or envy.

We will love and honor Holy One. We will love and honor neighbors, human and not human, and ourselves.

May it be so.

Amen.

BEARING THE WORD INTO THE WORLD

SHARING OUR JOYS AND CONCERNS

PASTORAL PRAYER

MINUTES FOR MINISTRY

OFFERING OURSELVES TO GOD

CELEBRATING THE LORD'S SUPPER

HYMN "Here, O Our Lord" Hymnal 517 v. 1-3

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 "Here, O Our Lord" Hymnal 517 v. 4-5

CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

Announcements

February Month End Ordinary Income ----- \$13,595.00

February Month End Ordinary Expenses ----- \$17,917.74

The **prayer deacon** this week is Elizabeth Hobbie. You can email any prayer requests that you would like Piper to mention during the Pastoral Prayer.

Lay leaders are needed for the month of March! Please let the office or Piper know if you can help lead worship this month.

Wednesday Night Bible Study has resumed with a Lenten study, *Simon Peter: Flawed but Faithful Disciple*. It's not too late to join! There are a few extra books, so if you would like to participate please let Piper know.

Thank you to everyone who volunteered at the workday last weekend! We made a lot of progress setting up the sanctuary and classrooms.

Please remember to visit the "**Ways to Give**" tab on the church website: www.erpresbyterian.org

1) Donate online with a credit card by clicking the link from our website.

2) Visit your local bank or your bank's website and set up a recurring electronic payment.

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