

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 (Psalm 133)**

Leader: How good and pleasant it is when God's people live together in unity!

People: It is like precious oil poured on the head, running down on the beard,

Leader: running down on Aaron's beard, down on the collar of his robe.

All: It is as if the dew of Hermon were falling on Mount Zion. For there the Lord bestows his blessing, even life forevermore.

***PRAYER OF INVOCATION**

***HYMN** "Spirit of the Living God" Hymnal **288** – *sing twice*

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.)*

In a dry and barren land, our bones feel dried up. We are thirsty. We confess that we seek to quench our thirst in our own ways. We drink deeply, choosing these sweet waters that turn to fear in our bellies. We confess that rather than turning to you, we set out to be brave. Seeing the fear outside ourselves, we try to force out fear by casting out others. Lord help us to drink deeply of your love remembering it is perfect love that casts out fear. Strengthen

us to practice love to ourselves, those close to us, and those we overlook. Fill us with living water until it overflows.

***DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS**

Leader : There is nothing you could ever do to make God love you less! There is nothing you could ever do to make God love you more! You are forgiven...yes...even for that.

People: Alleluia!!! Amen.

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

HEARING THE WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE Ezekiel 37:1-14 (NRSV)
 Romans 8:31-39 (NRSV)

MESSAGE

Pastor Blake Severson

***HYMN** "Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing" Hymnal **475**

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

SHARING OUR JOYS AND CONCERNS

PASTORAL PRAYER

MINUTES FOR MINISTRY

INVITATION TO THE OFFERING

OFFERING OURSELVES TO GOD

OFFERTORY

*** "Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow"** Hymnal **606**

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

GOING INTO THE WORLD

*HYMN “My Hope is Built on Nothing Less” Hymnal 353

*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION
POSTLUDE

**Those who are able please stand*

WELCOME to worship – we are glad that you’re here! If you are visiting today and would like to share your contact information, there are welcome cards in the pew pockets. Please fill one out and place it in the offering plate. Everyone is invited to stay for coffee, snacks, and fellowship in the narthex after worship.



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



ASSISTIVE LISTENING DEVICES are available. Please request one from the Sound Tech at the sound desk.



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.

The September communion table flowers are sponsored by John and Patti Malecha.



*Eagle River Presbyterian Church
September 17, 2023*



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