

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 40:1-5)

Leader: I waited patiently for the Lord; he turned to me and heard my cry.

People: He lifted me out of the slimy pit, out of the mud and mire; he set my feet on a rock and gave me a firm place to stand.

Leader: He put a new song in my mouth, a hymn of praise to our God.

People: Many will see and fear the Lord and put their trust in him.

Leader: Blessed is the one who trusts in the Lord, who does not look to the proud, to those who turn aside to false gods.

People: Many, Lord my God, are the wonders you have done, the things you planned for us. None can compare with you; were I to speak and tell of your deeds, they would be too many to declare.

*PRAYER OF INVOCATION

*HYMN "This Is My Father's World" Hymnal 370

RECEIVING FORGIVENESS FROM GOD AND EACH OTHER

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION:

Too often we overlook all that you've done for us. We become self-consumed, loving ourselves too much, others too little and You hardly at all. In Your grace and compassion: hear the silent confession of our own sins, and forgive us, we pray.

*DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS

Leader : Sisters and brothers, hear the word of the Lord. You are welcome. You are found. You are forgiven. Fully and without condition. Amen.

People: Amen.

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

HEARING THE WORD

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE Luke 15:1-11 Pew Bible p.740

MESSAGE *Pastor Blake Severson*

*HYMN "Amazing Grace" Hymnal 649 v.1

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

SHARING OUR JOYS AND CONCERNS

PASTORAL PRAYER, followed by The Lord's Prayer (we say *sin*)

MINUTES FOR MINISTRY

INVITATION TO THE OFFERING

OFFERING OURSELVES TO GOD

OFFERTORY

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

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

GOING INTO THE WORLD

*HYMN "Hear the Good News of Salvation" Hymnal 441

*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 October communion table flowers are sponsored by Suellyn Novak.



Eagle River Presbyterian Church
October 8, 2023



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