

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 100)

Leader: Shout for joy to the Lord, all the earth.

People: Worship the Lord with gladness; come before him with joyful songs.

Leader: Know that the Lord is God. It is he who made us, and we are his; we are his people, the sheep of his pasture.

People: Enter his gates with thanksgiving and his courts with praise; give thanks to him and praise his name.

Leader: For the Lord is good and his love endures forever; his faithfulness continues through all generations.

*PRAYER OF INVITATION

*HYMN “Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise” Hymnal 12

RECEIVING FORGIVENESS FROM GOD AND EACH OTHER

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION:

The original sin of humanity was the desire to judge. We confess, O Lord, that we want to be on the right side so badly that we are willing to sacrifice love, grace, and mercy to get there. Even the most rebellious of younger sons, given time, can become an older son enraged by the grace extended to others. So it is with us, the long and steadfast faithful. Heal our hearts, loving father. Give us the courage to enter your feast on your terms. Give us freedom from the desolation that is our self-righteousness. Forgive us, yet again, and hear our sighs too deep for words as we pray to you in silence now.

*DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS

Leader : Hear the Good News! The saying is true and worthy of full acceptance. In Jesus Christ we are all forgiven. Yes, even for that.

People: Amen.

CHILDREN’S MESSAGE

HEARING THE WORD

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE	Genesis 3:1-5	Pew Bible p.2
	Luke 15:1-2,17-32	Pew Bible p.740

MESSAGE	Pastor Blake Severson
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*HYMN	“Amazing Grace”	Hymnal 649 v.1-3
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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
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GOING INTO THE WORLD

*HYMN	“Great Is Thy Faithfulness”	Hymnal 39
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*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 22, 2023*



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SCHOOL SUPPLIES

- Pens, pencils, sharpeners, crayons, and markers
- Notebooks and paper
- Coloring and picture books
- Solar calculators



PERSONAL CARE ITEM

- Toothbrushes
- Washcloths
- Combs
- Hairbrushes
- Small water bottles



ACCESSORIES

- Socks
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DO NOT INCLUDE

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