

## GATHERING TO WORSHIP

*Please take a moment during the Prelude to silence your cell phones and quietly prepare yourself for worship.*

### WELCOME AND MINUTES FOR MINISTRY

#### PRELUDE

#### \*CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: On our worst days,

**People: God is good.**

Leader: On our best days,

**People: God is good.**

Leader: When life is consistent,

**People: God is good.**

Leader: And when life turns on its head,

**People: God is good.**

Leader: Day and night, Monday through Sunday,

**People: God is good. God is here. God is love.**

Leader: Hold tight to that good news.

**People: Let us worship God!**

\*HYMN      “God the Sculptor of the Mountains”      Hymnal 5

#### \*PRAYER OF AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

**I believe in a God of second chances, a God who sees through my stubbornness and holds my fear with tenderness. I believe that this God of second chances uses ordinary people like Peter to do good in the world. Therefore, I believe and hope that God can use me too. I believe that from time to time, God invites us to imagine the impossible. I believe that from time to time, God invites us to change our minds. This change is holy and important work, although challenging. When fear and scarcity plague me, or when the impossible feels out of reach, I believe that God meets me with grace and invites me to follow. Thanks be to God for a love like that. Amen.**

### RECEIVING FORGIVENESS FROM GOD AND EACH OTHER

#### \*PRAYER OF CONFESSION:

**Holy God, we often find ourselves moving through a world that does not make sense. Like Peter, we want to yell out, “This should not happen!” We want to control scenarios beyond our reach. We want to hold your world in our hands. Forgive us for the moments when we lead with declarations instead of curiosity. Forgive us for arguing when we could listen. Forgive us for fixating on one truth, when we could open ourselves up to many. Soften our hard edges and teach us how to listen. With hope in our hearts we pray, amen.**

#### \*DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS

Leader: Friends, no matter how many times you have dug your heels in, no matter how many fights you have wanted to pick with God, no matter how many times you have disagreed, raged, or clung to what you know instead of embracing holy change – we worship a God of grace. Nothing can separate us from God’s love, not even a stubborn attitude or a tense heart. So hear and believe the good news of the gospel: God’s love for us will always be deeper than we can imagine. We are seen. We are loved. And we are forgiven. Now follow Peter, and go be the Church in the world.

**All: Amen.**

#### CHILDREN’S MESSAGE

### HEARING THE WORD

#### PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

#### SCRIPTURE

**Mark 1:35-39, 6:30-34**

MESSAGE      “A Lenten Discipline, Quiet Places”      *Rev. Todd Carter*

#### MUSICAL INTERLUDE

#### \*HYMN

“How Lovely, Lord”

Hymnal 402

### RESPONDING TO THE WORD

#### SHARING OUR JOYS AND CONCERNS

PASTORAL PRAYER, followed by The Lord's Prayer (we say *sin*)  
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 "Come Thou Fount of Every Blessing" Hymnal 475

\*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

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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.

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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 March flowers are sponsored by Patti and John Malecha.



*Eagle River Presbyterian Church*  
*March 10, 2024*



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March 10, 2024

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