

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: Christ is risen!

People: Christ is risen indeed!

Leader: Hallelujah!

People: Praise God in his holy house of worship, praise him under the open skies;

Leader: Praise him for his acts of power, praise him for his magnificent greatness;

People: Praise with a blast on the trumpet, praise by strumming soft strings;

Leader: Praise him with castanets and dance, praise him with banjo and flute;

People: Praise him with cymbals and a big bass drum, praise him with fiddles and mandolin.

Leader: Let every living, breathing creature praise God! Because Christ is Risen!

People: Hallelujah!

*PRAYER OF INVITATION

*HYMN "To God Be the Glory" Hymnal 634

RECEIVING FORGIVENESS FROM GOD AND EACH OTHER

*CALL TO CONFESSION

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION:

God of the empty tomb and our empty hearts, when we are afraid to speak our faith in the world, forgive us and help us to find our voice. When we are afraid to forgive and to love again, forgive us and give us the power to forgive. When we are afraid to stand up to misguided authority, join with the

weak to make us all strong. When we are confined by our hurts, touch us with your wounded hands and set us free. When we are locked behind our doubts and fears, pass through our barricades, open our hearts, and give us peace. Amen.

*DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS

Leader: Christ comes with healing light into our locked places and shadowy hurts, resurrecting our spirits and breathing into us new life. As God's own forgiven people, go to bring peace, forgiveness, and new life to the world in the name of Jesus Christ.

All: Amen.

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

HEARING THE WORD

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE

Ezekiel 37:1-14	Pew Bible p.614
John 20:19-31	Pew Bible p.769
Hebrews 11:1, 12:1-4	Pew Bible p.851,852

MESSAGE

Pastor Blake Severson

*HYMN "Faith Begins by Letting Go" Hymnal 684

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

INVITATION TO THE TABLE

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

THE LORD'S PRAYER

COMMUNION OF THE PEOPLE (*Gluten-free bread is available in a small cup on each tray.*)

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

*HYMN “Rise, O Church, like Christ Arisen” Hymnal 536 v.1,4

GOING INTO THE WORLD

INVITATION TO THE OFFERING
OFFERING OURSELVES TO GOD
OFFERTORY

* “Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow” Hymnal 606

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

*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.

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.



*Eagle River Presbyterian Church
May 4, 2025*



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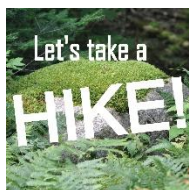
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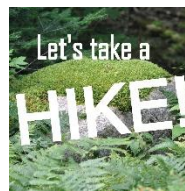
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