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 (Psalm 138)

Leader: I will praise you, Lord, with all my heart; before the "gods" I will sing your praise.

People: I will bow down toward your holy temple and will praise your name for your unfailing love and your faithfulness, for you have so exalted your solemn decree that it surpasses your fame.

Leader: When I called, you answered me; you greatly emboldened me.

People: May all the kings of the earth praise you, Lord, when they hear what you have decreed.

Leader: May they sing of the ways of the Lord, for the glory of the Lord is great.

People: Though the Lord is exalted, he looks kindly on the lowly; though lofty, he sees them from afar.

Leader: Though I walk in the midst of trouble, you preserve my life. You stretch out your hand against the anger of my foes; with your right hand you save me.

People: The Lord will vindicate me; your love, Lord, endures forever—do not abandon the works of your hands.

*PRAYER OF INVITATION

*HYMN "In Christ Alone" see insert

RECEIVING FORGIVENESS FROM GOD AND EACH OTHER

*CALL TO CONFESSION

*PSALM OF CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS (Psalm 85, from <u>The Message</u>):

God, you smiled on your good earth!
You brought good times back to Jacob!
You lifted the cloud of guilt from your people,
you put their sins far out of sight.

You took back your sin-provoked threats, you cooled your hot, righteous anger Help us again, God of our help; don't hold a grudge against us forever. You aren't going to keep this up, are you? scowling and angry, year after year? Why not help us make a fresh start – a resurrection life? Then your people will laugh and sing! Show us how much you love us, God! Give us the salvation we need! I can't wait to hear what he'll say. God's about to pronounce his people well, The holy people he loves so much, so they'll never again live like fools. See how close his salvation is to those who fear him? Our country is home base for Glory! Love and Truth meet in the street, Right Living and Whole Living embrace! Truth sprouts green from the ground, Right Living pours down from the skies! Oh yes! God gives Goodness and Beauty; our land responds with Bounty and Blessing. Right Living strides out before him, and clears a path for his passage.

Leader: Thanks be to God. Amen.

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

HEARING THE WORD

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE

Genesis 18:16-33 Colossians 2:6-19 Pew Bible **p.12** Pew Bible **p.834**

MESSAGE Pastor Blake Severson

*HYMN

"There is a Longing in Our Hearts"

Hymnal 470

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE
THE LORD'S PRAYER
INVITATION TO THE OFFERING
OFFERING OURSELVES TO GOD
OFFERTORY

* DOXOLOGY "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

WELCOME to worship – we are glad that you're here! If you are visiting today and would like to share your contact information with the office, 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.

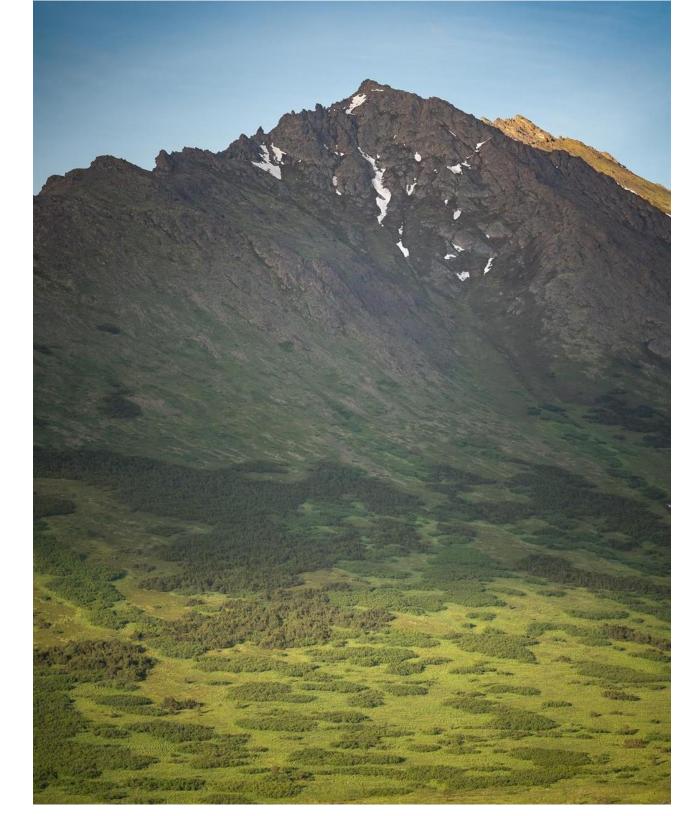


LARGE PRINT HYMNALS with a black cover are on the small bookcase in the rear of the sanctuary.

Children up to Kindergarten age are welcome in the nursery. There are clipboards with coloring pages in the narthex if children wish to stay in the sanctuary.



The communion table flowers for July are sponsored by Pam Darnall.



^{*}Those who are able please stand



Welcome to Eagle River Presbyterian Church

July 27, 2025

Weekly Walk

Sunday 10:00 am Wednesday 9:30 am

Worship Coffee hour at church

Last week's In-Person Attendance ----- 46 Year-to-Date Regular Income ----- \$148,828.67 Year-to-Date Regular Expenses ----- \$142,185.53

We are starting to collect school supplies for our annual supply drive. Any general school supplies are appreciated; however, classrooms tend to run out of #2 pencils, markers, crayons, and dry erase markers quickly, so emphasis on those items would be great!

Kairos prison ministry will hold their training here at ERPC on Aug. 30, Sept. 20, and Oct. 18 in preparation for their fall retreat at Hiland Mountain Correctional Center. If you'd like to learn more, there is a flyer on the table in the narthex.



In Christ Alone

