

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: No matter how far from God we seem to be, we do not lose heart:

People: For the days are surely coming, says the Lord.

Leader: No matter how many obstacles we face in life, in the church, we do not lose heart:

People: For the days are surely coming, says the Lord.

Leader: No matter how hard it is to continually pray and work for justice, we do not lose heart:

People: For the days are surely coming, says the Lord,

Leader: when God will forgive and restore the people; when God will equip them for every good work;

All: and when God will grant justice, for God hears our cries day and night. Amen.

*PRAYER OF INVITATION

*HYMN "Great Is Thy Faithfulness" Hymnal 39

RECEIVING FORGIVENESS FROM GOD AND EACH OTHER

*CALL TO CONFESSION

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION:

Gracious God, we confess that we do not meditate on your commands and teachings all day long. We do not keep your word before us always and in all things. Instead, we turn away from your demanding truth and wander toward easier options. Forgive us, we pray, for pursuing our own desires rather than yours. Forgive us for growing weary in

following you; for failing to pray and work tirelessly for justice; for losing hope in your power to transform the powers of this world. Tune our ears to the sound of your justice. Turn our hearts to your commandments and word of grace. Do not remember our sin, but remember your mercy forever. We pray in Christ's name. Amen.

*WORDS OF FORGIVENESS

Leader: Friends, God promises to forgive us, to put our sins out of God's own mind and heart. In this way, God gives us not just a second chance but a new beginning. Believe the good news of the gospel: our salvation is through faith in Christ Jesus.

All: Thanks be to God! Amen.

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

HEARING THE WORD

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE

Jeremiah 31:27-34	Pew Bible p.560
Luke 18:1-8	Pew Bible p.742

MESSAGE

Pastor Blake Severson

*HYMN "O God, Who Gives Us Life" Hymnal 53

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

THE LORD'S PRAYER

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 "Seek Ye First" Hymnal 175

*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 with the office, there are welcome cards in the pew pockets. Please fill one out and place it in the offering plate during the collection time. Everyone is invited to stay after worship for coffee, snacks, and fellowship in the narthex.



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.

The communion table flowers for October are sponsored by Suellyn Novak.



*Eagle River Presbyterian Church
October 19, 2025*



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