

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: Destruction and violence are everywhere; strife and contention are all around.

People: The needs of the world are so great; O Lord, increase our faith

Leader: The law is slack, and justice does not prevail.

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Leader: How many threats surround us: warfare, homelessness, loneliness, loss.

People: The needs of the world are so great, but you, O God, are greater still –

Leader: the One in whom all things are possible.

All: O Lord, increase our faith in you!

*PRAYER OF INVITATION

*HYMN “O for a World” Hymnal 372

RECEIVING FORGIVENESS FROM GOD AND EACH OTHER

*CALL TO CONFESSION

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION:

Merciful God, you have called us to live in sincere faith and to suffer for the gospel. We confess that we do not come before you with a clear conscience. Our faith is clouded by sin and uncertainty. We shrink from your call to live sacrificially on behalf of others. Too quickly, we seek our own ease and comfort first. We confess that in our own lives, and in the church, we rely on our power rather than yours. Forgive us,

we pray, for we are fractured and fearful disciples. Take away from us a spirit of cowardice, and restore to us the spirit of power rightly used, of love unconditionally offered, and of self-discipline gracefully lived. In new mercy, forgive us and increase our faith, that we may be faithful servants at your table. In Christ’s name we pray. Amen.

*DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS (Psalm 1:1-3)

Leader: Blessed is the one who does not walk in step with the wicked or stand in the way that sinners take or sit in the company of mockers, but whose delight is in the law of the Lord, and who meditates on his law day and night. That person is like a tree planted by streams of water, which yields its fruit in season and whose leaf does not wither – whatever they do prospers.

All: Amen.

CHILDREN’S MESSAGE

HEARING THE WORD

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE

Lamentations 3:19-36 Pew Bible p.584
Luke 14: 25-33 Pew Bible p.739

MESSAGE

Pastor Blake Severson

*HYMN “Change My Heart, O God” Hymnal 509

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

SHARING OUR JOYS AND CONCERNS

INVITATION TO THE TABLE

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

THE LORD’S PRAYER

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

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

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 "Faith Begins by Letting Go" Hymnal 684

*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.



*Eagle River Presbyterian Church
October 5, 2025*



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October 6, 2024

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