

## 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 (Isaiah 12)

Leader: In that day you will say: "I will praise you, Lord. Although you were angry with me, your anger has turned away and you have comforted me.

**People: Surely God is my salvation; I will trust and not be afraid. The Lord, the Lord himself, is my strength and my defense; he has become my salvation."**

Leader: With joy you will draw water from the wells of salvation.

**People: In that day you will say: "Give praise to the Lord, proclaim his name; make known among the nations what he has done, and proclaim that his name is exalted.**

Leader: Sing to the Lord, for he has done glorious things; let this be known to all the world.

**People: Shout aloud and sing for joy, people of Zion, for great is the Holy One of Israel among you."**

#### \*PRAYER OF INVITATION

\*HYMN "In the Lord I'll Be Ever Thankful" Hymnal 654 x2

### RECEIVING FORGIVENESS FROM GOD AND EACH OTHER

#### \*CALL TO CONFESSION

#### \*PRAYER OF CONFESSION:

**God of peace we confess we are a people of fear. We have let anxiety rule our days and worry our nights. We have been distracted by nerves and focused on tension. We confess we have ignored your command to not be afraid.**

**Forgive us, O God. Calm our hearts, settle our stomachs, and renew in us the ability to find our comfort in you. Amen.**

#### \*WORDS OF FORGIVENESS

Leader: The prophet Isaiah assures us: God is building a new heaven and a new earth; the former things will not be remembered or come to mind. Forgiven and freed, rejoice in what the Lord is creating in you, in me, in all creation.

**All: Thanks be to God! Amen.**

#### CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

### HEARING THE WORD

#### PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

#### SCRIPTURE

**Isaiah 65: 17-25**

Pew Bible p.532

**Revelation 21:1-8**

Pew Bible p.878

#### MESSAGE

*Pastor Blake Severson*

#### \*HYMN

"Be Still, My Soul"

Hymnal 819

### 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      “When Peace like a River”      Hymnal 840

\*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

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*\*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.

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

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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.

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The communion table flowers for November are sponsored by Jean and Gary McCarthy.



*Eagle River Presbyterian Church  
November 16, 2025*



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