

GATHERING TO WORSHIP

Please take a moment during the Prelude to silence your cell phones and quietly prepare yourself for worship.

*PRELUDE HYMN “Were You There” Hymnal 228

*WELCOME

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: On Friday, we thought the good news had been silenced.

People: On Friday, we thought the good news had taken its last breath.

Leader: On Friday, we thought the good news had been buried.

People: But today, we know the good news is alive and well. The good news is dancing!

Leader: The good news is on the loose! The good news is out in the world, calling your name! Alleluia! Even death has lost its sting.

People: Because our redeemer lives!

Leader: We can heed Christ’s call to not be afraid. All because Christ is Risen!

People: He is risen indeed!

Leader: Christ is Risen!

People: He Is Risen INDEED!

Leader: CHRIST IS RISEN!

People: HE IS RISEN INDEED!

* HYMN “Low in the Grave He Lay” *see insert*

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH FOR LENT

I believe in the good news of Jesus Christ.

It sounds like welcome and feels like home.

It sounds like laughter and feels like mercy.

It sounds like love and feels like a seat at the table,

so I believe in the good news of Jesus Christ.

I have seen it alive in the world.

And even when my heart aches, even when wars rage,

even when mercy feels out of reach, I remember the one who

welcomed the children and led with nonviolence.

I remember the one who cared for the vulnerable

and inspired those around him.

**I remember that the good news really is good news,
for I have seen it alive in the world.**

Thanks be to God! Amen.

RECEIVING FORGIVENESS FROM GOD AND EACH OTHER

*CALL TO CONFESSION

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION:

Gracious God, we want to be Easter people. We want to shout your good news from the rooftop. We want to follow the disciples, who ran to look for you. We want to follow the angels, who said, “Be not afraid,” but we are afraid. And we don’t know where to look. And we are worried we’ll say the wrong thing. So forgive us, for we are imperfect Easter people. We are ‘best intentions’ and ‘best laid plans’. We are an out-of-tune chorus of “alleluias.” We are on our way, but we are not there yet. Show us how to embody your good news in this world. Show us how to be your Easter people. With hope for tomorrow, we pray, amen.

*DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS

Leader: Family of faith, even when we are an out-of-tune chorus of “alleluias,” we belong to God. Jesus died and rose for you. And there is nothing that could keep God’s love at bay. So join me in this good news declaration: Through Jesus Christ we are seen, saved, loved, and claimed. This is the good news of the gospel!

All: Thanks be to God! Amen.

CHILDREN’S MESSAGE

HEARING THE WORD

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE

Matthew 28:1-10, 16-20

Pew Bible p.706

MESSAGE

Pastor Blake Severson

*HYMN

“In Christ Alone”

see insert

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

INVITATION TO THE TABLE
PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING AND THE LORD'S PRAYER
COMMUNION OF THE PEOPLE (*Gluten-free bread is available on each tray, in a white cup.*)
PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

GOING INTO THE WORLD

INVITATION TO THE OFFERING
OFFERING OURSELVES TO GOD

OFFERTORY HYMN "Jesus Christ is Risen Today" Hymnal 232

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

*HYMN "I'll Fly Away" *see insert*

*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

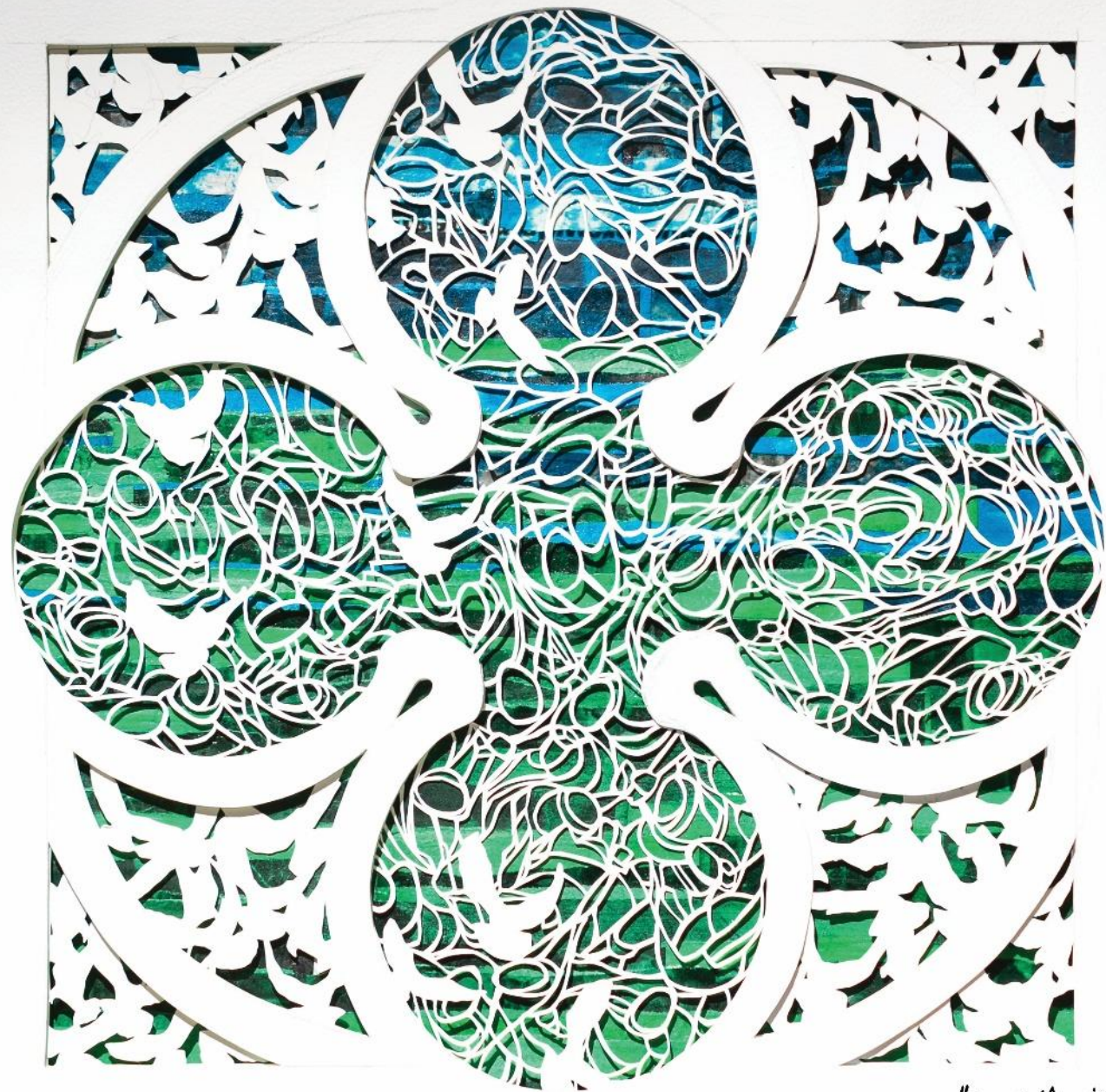
**Those who are able please stand*

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.



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*Eagle River Presbyterian Church
April 5, 2026*

Low in the grave He lay
Praise of the Lord — His Resurrection

123

1. Low in the grave He lay— Je - sus my Sav - ior! Wait - ing the com - ing day— Je - sus my Lord!

Chorus

(C) Up from the grave He a - rose, With a might - y tri - umph o'er His foes He a -
rose a Vic - tor from the dark do - main, And He lives for - ev - er with His saints to reign. He a -
rose! He a - rose! Hal - le - lu - jah! Christ a - rose!

2. Vainly they watch His bed—
Jesus, my Savior!
Vainly they seal the dead—
Jesus my Lord!
3. Death cannot keep his prey—
Jesus, my Savior!
He tore the bars away—
Jesus my Lord!

In Christ Alone

IN CHRIST ALONE] 8 8 . 8 8 . 8 8 . 8 8 .
Keith Getty, 1995

Stuart Townend, 1995

1. In Christ a - lone my hope is found, He is my light, my strength, my song;
2. In Christ a - lone, who took on flesh, Full - ness of God in help - less babe.
3. There in the ground His bo - dy lay, Light of the world by dark - ness slain.
4. No guilt in life, no fear in death, This is the pow'r of Christ in me.

This cor - ner stone, this sol - id ground, Firm through the fierc est drought and storm.
This gift of love and right - eous - ness, Scorned by the ones He came to save.
Then burst - ing forth in glor - ious day, Up from the grave He rose a - gain.
From life's first cry to fin - al breath, Je - sus com - mands my des - ti - ny.

What heights of love, what depths of peace, When fears are stilled, when striv ings cease.
Till on that cross, as Je - sus died, The wrath of God was sat - is - fied,
And as He stands in vic - to - ry, Sin's curse has lost its grip on me,
No pow'r of Hell, no scheme of man, Can ev - er pluck me from His hand;

My Com - fort er, my all in all, Here in the love of Christ I stand.
For ev - 'ry sin on Him was laid; Here in the death of Christ I live.
For I am His, and He is mine, Bought with the pre cious blood of Christ.
Till He re turns or calls me home, Here in the pow'r of Christ I'll stand.

SGW

I'll Fly Away

Albert E. Brumley



Some bright mor-ning when this life is o-ver I'll fly a-way,
When the sha-dows of this life have gone I'll fly a-way,
Just a few more wear-y days and then I'll fly a-way,



To that home on God's ce - le - stial shore I'll fly a-way.
Like a bird from pri - son bars has flown I'll fly a-way.
To a land where joy shall ne - ver end, I'll fly a-way.



I'll fly a - way O glo - ry I'll fly a - way.



When I die, Hal - le - lu - jah by and by, I'll fly a-way.



Welcome to Eagle River Presbyterian Church

April 5, 2026

Weekly Walk

Sunday	10:00 am	Worship
Sunday	11:30 am	Children's egg hunt
Tuesday	6:30 pm	Greater Eagle River Garden Club meeting
Wednesday	9:30 am	Coffee hour at church

Last week's In-Person Attendance ----- 42

Year-to-Date Regular Income ----- \$78,468.54

Year-to-Date Regular Expenses ----- \$69,770.32

We will have an **adult Sunday school** group led by Ralph Keihl after worship for about an hour next Sunday, April 12th, and Sunday, April 26. We will be discussing the sermon scriptures.

At Easter, we are invited to contribute to the **One Great Hour of Sharing** denominational offering. Gifts to this fund will address hunger, poverty, disaster, climate change, immigration/migration and refugees worldwide. If you would like to contribute through the church, write "One Great Hour" on the memo line.

Save the date -- and your donations, if you are doing any spring cleaning! **May 30** will be the Christian Education/Mission garage sale. We will be accepting donations the week prior to the sale.

