

Journeying Together to Know Christ's Love, and To Make Christ Known.

July 23, 2023

GATHERING IN GOD'S PRESENCE

PRELUDE "His Eye Is On The Sparrow" Megan McGee-Bonta

WELCOME

*WORDS OF BLESSING FOR EACH OTHER

*HYMN #525 "Here I Am Lord"

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: God is our Salvation!

People: We will trust and not be afraid! For God is our Strength and Song—and our only Salvation.

Leader: With joy we will draw water from the well of Salvation. We will say in that day—

People: Give thanks to God! Call on God's name! Make known God's deeds among all the nations!

Leader: Sing praises to God for all the marvelous things God has done—let them be known in all the earth.

People: Sing and shout for joy, people of God everywhere! For right here among us lives the Holy One of God.

All: Let us worship God!

PRAYER OF INVOCATION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

O God, we want to have our cake and eat it, too: we want to be a friend of the world and still be your friend. Yet, Jesus taught us: "No one can serve two masters." Give us strength and courage to get our priorities straight: help us to seek your kingdom first; help us to live faithfully and joyfully in the world, and to be friends with the people you call us to serve. Where we fall short of all this, forgive us, we pray. [. . . silent prayers of confession . . .] Help us also to remember that our best relationship is the one we have with you, and all other relationships come to us so we can live for you. May

we walk in your ways today and every day. We pray in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

MUSIC "Fairest Lord Jesus" Sanctuary Choir

LISTENING TO GOD'S WORD

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

CELEBRATION OF OUR SUMMER MISSION TRIPS

SERMON "Life to the Full: Our Hearts' Desires"
Scripture: Matthew 6: 19-34

RESPONDING AS GOD'S PEOPLE

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

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MUSIC "This is My Song" Mike Wodlinger

*DOXOLOGY

*PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

GOING IN GOD'S NAME

*CHARGE AND BLESSING

POSTLUDE

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**Our Community Assessment is underway
Interviews with community organizations
have begun**

**Be part of determining ERPC's future service
and ministries**

Interested? Have questions?

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