

May 28, 2023

GATHERING IN GOD'S PRESENCE

PRELUDE Instrumental Bob Finnie

WELCOME

*WORDS OF BLESSING FOR EACH OTHER

*HYMN #316 "Breathe on Me Breath of God"

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: Happy are those who follow the ways of the Lord.

People: God's ways are just and merciful.

Leader: Those who follow God's ways are continually nourished in faith.

People: In all that they do, they prosper.

Leader: Come, let us open our hearts to God's compassionate love.

People: Let us celebrate God's mercy and justice. Amen!

PRAYER OF INVOCATION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

We profess that you are God, O Holy One. We have no other gods, and yet, we do not always serve you with sincerity and faithfulness. Our "other gods" are not the ones of our ancestors—the ones beyond the River, or in Egypt, or of some ancient people group. We struggle with gods here and now who seek to fulfill us by consumerism and with self-importance. We hear gods who instill in us fear of our enemies and the call to do them harm. We hear gods who cause us to lose hope. [. . . a time of personal silent confession . . .] Help us, Faithful and True God, to find fulfillment in you. Move in us and through us according to your love's transforming power. We repent of our sins and turn our hearts again to you. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

MUSIC "The Secret "
Don Watson, Bob Finnie & Deb Swain

MINUTE FOR MISSION Ed Lukes

A RESOLUTE STORY Ella Burnett

LISTENING TO GOD'S WORD

SERMON "Resolute No Matter What: Legacy of Blessing"
Scripture: Ruth 4:13-22

RESPONDING AS GOD'S PEOPLE

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

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OFFERING

To give online: Click [HERE](#), or use the QR code

MUSIC "Let Them in Peter"

*DOXOLOGY

*PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

GOING IN GOD'S NAME

*COMMISSIONING OF MISSION TEAMS AND BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE Instrumental

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[NOMINATING COMMITTEE UPDATE](#)

Do you feel called to the ministry & mission of ERPC?

Do you have the passion, commitment and skills to serve in a leadership position or on a committee?

The Church Nominating Committee has begun its work. It will begin its search for church officers for 2024; and it is actively seeking the Pastor & nominating committee members for the 2023/2024 term.

Are you or someone you know the right fit for any of these? Where else would you like to serve?

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