

July 30, 2023

**GATHERING IN GOD'S PRESENCE**

PRELUDE Instrumental

WELCOME

\*WORDS OF BLESSING FOR EACH OTHER

\*MUSIC "10,000 Reasons" Praise Band

\*CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: As we are called into worship today, it is sobering to remember that when God appeared on earth in the person of Jesus, most of the world did not recognize him and therefore did not worship him. People of God, let us behold our God:

**People: Though Jesus was God, he did not think of equality with God as something to cling to. Instead, he gave up his divine privileges; he took the humble position of a slave and was born as a human being. When he appeared in human form, he humbled himself in obedience to God...**

Leader: Today we ask for the faith that will open our eyes to see Jesus for who he is, that we might worship him in truth, and live our lives in imitation of his way, truth and life. Disciples of Jesus, open your eyes to see your Lord!

**People: We open our eyes to see his glory. We open our ears to hear his wisdom. We open our hands to offer him gifts. We open our mouths to sing his praise. We open our hearts to offer him our love. Come, let us worship our Lord!**

PRAYER OF INVOCATION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**Merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart and mind and strength. We have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We have judged others, forgetful that you alone are the Judge. Remind us of when we have**

**judged unfairly or with contempt, without seeing the log in our own eye, without seeing the many ways in which we entitle ourselves while disapproving of others. We confess that even though we're supposed to seek first the Kingdom of God, it is truly the kingdom of self that we seek. Hear us now as we confess our personal sins to you in silence....**

(silent prayers of confession)

**In your mercy forgive what we have been and done, And by your Spirit transform us into the likeness of Jesus. May we delight in your will, walk in your ways, and always seek to live to the praise of your glory. Amen.**

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

MUSIC "No Depression in Heaven" Claire Polar

**LISTENING TO GOD'S WORD**

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

SERMON "Life to the Full: A Perfect Point of View"  
Scripture: Matthew 7:1-6

**RESPONDING AS GOD'S PEOPLE**

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

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MUSIC "Turn Your Eyes Upon Jesus"

\*DOXOLOGY

\*PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

**GOING IN GOD'S NAME**

\*CHARGE AND BLESSING

POSTLUDE

**We welcome ERPC's own Rev. Gregg Meserole as our preacher today while Pastor Pat is on a pastor's retreat in New Mexico.**

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