March 17, 2024

GATHERING IN GOD'S PRESENCE

PRELUDE Instrumental

WELCOME

*WORDS OF BLESSING

*HYMN #339 Be Thou My Vision

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: The heavens are telling the glory of God. **People: May our worship reflect God's glory.** Leader: The firmament proclaims God's handiwork.

People: May we see each other as the handiwork of God. Leader: Let our prayer and praise, our singing and proclamation

project the love of God.

People: We commune with Christians around the world, with Christians throughout time.

Leader: With Christians across geography and across time,

All: Let us worship!

OPENING PRAYER

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Jesus calls us to deny ourselves. Yet we trust in our own works rather than in God's grace. Jesus calls each of us to take up our cross. Yet rather than allow our selfishness and sin to be put to death, we cling to what we know. Jesus calls us to follow him. Yet we fear where faith will lead and what it might change in our lives. In this moment of silence, we confess the sin that separates us from one another and from God.[...silent personal confessions...] How we long for your forgiveness, merciful God! Thank you for hearing our prayers and showering us with your goodness and grace. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

LISTENING TO GOD'S WORD

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

SERMON

"For Heaven's Sake: A Season of Self-Reflection"

"Called to be Different" Scripture: Mark 10:32-45

HYMN #467 How Great Thou Art

RESPONDING AS GOD'S PEOPLE

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

To share a joy or concern: Click **HERE** or use the QR code

OFFERING

To give online: Click **HERE**, or use the QR code

*DOXOLOGY

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

GOING IN GOD'S NAME

*CHARGE AND BLESSING

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Some of our worship materials come from:

- Jesus Sets the Table, by the United Church of Christ as posted on their Worship Ways website
- The Worship Sourcebook, as posted on the Calvin Institute of Christian Worship website
- Daniel Flucke, pastor at St. Peter Lutheran Church in Greene, Iowa
- parishresouces.org.uk

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Easter Lilies

Congregation can purchase a lity for \$12 in honor or memory of a loved one via our church website - erpc.org - giwe/pledge/donate, then online offerings. You can also sign up in the ERPC narthex



EASTER EGG HUNT FOR CHILDREN

Children are invited to hunt for eggs immediately following worship on **EASTER SUNDAY.** No need to bring a basket. We have bags for you! Meet by the fireplace in the narthex.