

**Eagle River Presbyterian Church**

**Sunday, March 26, 2023**

**GATHERING IN GOD'S PRESENCE**

\*PRELUDE "The Flower that Shattered the Stone"

WELCOME

SONG "10,000 Reasons" Praise Band

\*CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: The prophet asks: Can our soul-weary bones live again?

**People: God knows, and the answer is, "Yes!"**

Leader: We ask, "Can we dance again after mourning, loss and grief?"

**People: God knows, and the answer is, "Yes!"**

Leader: The gift is sure and unmistakable:

**People: God brings life and speaks words of life. God's breath poured out brings new life for weary souls!**

Leader: Let us celebrate the gift of God's new life,

**People: And come to worship with laughter, joy and dancing!**

\*WORDS OF BLESSING FOR EACH OTHER

PRAYER OF INVOCATION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**Jesus, cleanser of our souls, at this mid-point in the Lenten journey, look deep within our hearts and our lives, and clear away all that holds us back. We freely admit we are not always open to you and what you want from us. We regret this. May our minds, spirits and bodies be open to you more and more, and may our words and actions be transparent to Your love and truth. We pray that our church community will be purified in its life and mission, so that all that we do in and from here may reveal Your Gospel to others. In a moment of silence we sit before You, and name those things for which we seek Your cleansing and healing, so that we**

**may be more faithful disciples [. . . silent prayers . . .] We offer this to you as our prayer of confession. Thank you for hearing us. Amen.**

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

MUSIC "O Sacred Head Medley" ERPC Handbell Choir

MINUTE FOR MISSION Kent Petrie

**LISTENING TO GOD'S WORD**

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

SERMON "Jesus Changes Everything For those who Grieve"

Scripture: John 11:1-44

**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

MUSIC "Turn, Turn, Turn" Oran Palmateer

\*DOXOLOGY

\*PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

**GOING IN GOD'S NAME**

\*CHARGE AND BLESSING

POSTLUDE Instrumental

Some of our worship elements today are adapted from *Come Out! On the Breath of God, Service Prayers for the fifth Sunday of Lent*, written by the Rev. Elizabeth Dilley and posted at <http://www.ucc.org/worship/worship-ways>; Ann Siddall, and posted on the Stillpoint Spirituality Centre website

<https://stillpointsa.org.au>; Terri C. Pilarski, and posted on RevGalBlogPals.

<http://revgalblogpals.org/2012/03/11/sunday-prayer-lent-3b>.

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Holy Week April 2-9

Palm Sunday Service

April 2 at 9:30 a.m.

Communion Sunday

Brunch Potluck

Ham & rolls provided.

Please bring a dish to pass.

Sign up in the narthex.

Maundy Thursday Service

April 6 at 7 p.m.

Music by Kathy Morrow &

Special Guest:

Dr. Lauren Bonati

Good Friday Service

April 7 at 7 p.m.

Easter Sunday Service

April 9 at 9:30 a.m.

Easter Egg Hunt after the service

