

October 29, 2023

GATHERING IN GOD'S PRESENCE

PRELUDE "Oh Worship the King"

WELCOME

*WORDS OF BLESSING

*HYMN #260 "A Mighty Fortress is Our God"

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: Children of God: welcome!

People: We are welcome to this place of love and grace.

Leader: Welcome to this place of hope and perseverance.

People: God invites all of us to be a part of the beloved community.

Leader: God invites all of us to share in the Good News that is in Christ Jesus.

People: We are welcome, just as we are. We are loved, just as we are.

Leader: In gratitude for all of this, let us worship God!

PRAYER OF INVOCATION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Everlasting God, we know how easy it is to forget your presence and power in our lives. Focused on our daily schedules and busy-ness, we do not pay attention to the night sky and the stars that glitter. Surrounded by the loud sounds of anger, violence, and hate, we have trouble listening to your whispers of hope and grace. Thinking that Scripture is filled only with stories, we cannot understand your truth which can change lives. [. . . our own silent prayers are offered . . .] Forgive us, Lord, because in you is full mercy and hope. Lift us to our feet so we may walk with you; fill us with your strength so we may serve your people; touch us with your healing so we may proclaim to everyone the Good News that has come in Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior.

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

MUSIC "One Stone at a Time" composed for ERPC
A special song for the children's sermon

MINISTRY UPDATE: PNC

Beth Willner

LISTENING TO GOD'S WORD

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

SERMON "Relief and Joy"
Scripture: Nehemiah 8:1-6, 16-18

PRAYER OF RESPONSE

Creator God, from the beginning of time, you have revealed yourself as the One who brings order out of chaos. You take what is broken and make it into something new and beautiful. Build and restore us, O Lord. Take the broken-down places of our lives and our world and build them up, not so that we can hide behind walls of protection, but that from places of peace and safety, we can testify to your amazing grace and love that makes all things new. Amen.

RESPONDING AS GOD'S PEOPLE

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

To share a joy or concern: Click [HERE](#) or use the QR code

OFFERING

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MUSIC "The Summons" Megan McGee-Bonta

*DOXOLOGY

*PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

GOING IN GOD'S NAME

*CHARGE AND BLESSING

POSTLUDE Instrumental

Some of our worship material is adapted from:

- Beth Merrill Neel on her blog, "Hold Fast to What is Good"
- Thom Shuman on his "Lectionary Liturgies" blog



INFORMATION
New Member Class
(after church) in
the ERPC library
Nov. 12th

Questions and RSVP to Barb @
barblayman7@gmail.com

Congregation Assessment Survey



Help the Pastor Nominating Committee develop a picture of our congregation to share with pastoral candidates

Complete the Holy Cow! survey by November 15

It will take 30 minutes or less

Here is the link, which you can also find in the weekly eBlast or an email from us

www.surveymonkey.com/r/EAGLERPCCO

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