

Eagle River Presbyterian Church

Sunday, March 19, 2023

GATHERING IN GOD'S PRESENCE

*PRELUDE Instrumental "How Great Thou Art"

WELCOME

HYMN #341 "Blessed Assurance"

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: Come, let us celebrate the forgiving, reconciling love of God.

People: For once we were lost and felt so far away; now we have been found and welcomed home.

Leader: Know that God's love is lavished upon you forever.

People: We rejoice at the news of forgiveness and hope!

Leader: Come, let us celebrate and praise the God of Love.

All: AMEN!

*WORDS OF BLESSING FOR EACH OTHER

PRAYER OF INVOCATION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Lord Jesus Christ, we call you Lord, yet it is too easy for us to worship other things: other activities, other relationships, other gods. You tell us we cannot serve two masters, yet we spend more time focusing our energies elsewhere, diverting our time, our energy, our money, our attention away from you. Forgive us, gracious Savior, when our hearts are led astray, when we serve other gods and worship them, *when we get distracted and take our eyes off you and your ways.*

[. . . silent confession for our own sin . . .] Gracious Lord, strengthen us to set our faces toward Jerusalem in this Lenten season, to take up our cross and follow you. We pray this, counting on your grace. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

SONG "What the World Needs Now Is Love" Sanctuary Choir

MINISTRY UPDATE

Beth Wilner

LISTENING TO GOD'S WORD

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

SERMON "Jesus Changes Everything For the Opposition"
Scripture: John 9:35-41; 10:1-18

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 "The Flower that Shattered the Stone"

*DOXOLOGY

*PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

GOING IN GOD'S NAME

*CHARGE AND BLESSING

POSTLUDE Instrumental

Some of our worship elements are adapted from the writings of Nancy Townley, on the Worship Connection page of the Ministry Matters website,
<http://www.ministrymatters.com/all/entry/3623/worship-connection-march-6-2016>; Chip Hardwick

<http://www.pcusa.org/blogs/faith/2012/3/30/prayer-confession-mar-ch-madness>; Christine Jerrett.
<https://christinejerrett.wordpress.com>

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Holy Week April 2-9

Palm Sunday Service

April 2 at 9:30 a.m.

Communion Sunday

Also:

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.