

*Journeying Together to Know Christ's Love, and To Make Christ Known*

**July 9, 2023**

**GATHERING IN GOD'S PRESENCE**

PRELUDE Instrumental

WELCOME

\*WORDS OF BLESSING FOR EACH OTHER

\*HYMN #142 "All Hail the Power of Jesus Name"

\*CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: Holy God, as we gather this morning to worship you, may we speak truth, so that our words may give grace to those who hear.

**People: May we pray in faith, so that our words may give grace to those who hear.**

Leader: May we sing with joy, so that our words may give grace to those who hear.

**People: May we listen with open minds and receptive hearts, so that your words may give grace to us who hear.**

**All: We stand in agreement with these words as we come to worship you, O God, so we say together, "Amen!"**

PRAYER OF INVOCATION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**What a life this is, gracious God! It is full of your presence, gifts and love. You have been so generous toward us. Living into your generous love also still includes the ways we fall short of all you expect. Forgive us when we are shallow, seeking a quick blessing or a fast favor from you without being willing to invest fully in a trusting, committed relationship with you. Forgive us when we are one-sided, always asking for mercy and compassion, but not returning the same. Forgive us when we approach you begging for guidance and direction, but then neglect to follow your instructions. Forgive us when we cry out with our pressing**

**questions, but then stop listening for your answers. [. . . time for our personal, silent confessions . . . ] Thank you for always giving us another chance to appreciate the fullness of your love. Help us shed our self-interest and find joy in serving your interests above all else. Amen.**

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

MUSIC "Prayer of Being" Sanctuary Choir

MINUTE FOR MISSION Ed & Barb Lukes

**LISTENING TO GOD'S WORD**

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

SERMON "Life to the Full: The Generous Way"  
Scripture: Matthew 6:1-4

**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 "In the Garden"

\*DOXOLOGY

\*PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

**GOING IN GOD'S NAME**

\*CHARGE AND BLESSING

POSTLUDE Instrumental

Some of our worship material is adapted from:

- Joanna Harader on her blog, Spacious Faith;
- Rev. Christine Sobania Johnson on her blog, Freshly Squeezed Liturgy

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**DISCOVER ERPC**  
Meet on July 16th after the service in the ERPC library.  
Don't miss out. This is your opportunity to learn all about being a member here at ERPC. Learn all about our Church!  
What is a "member?"  
What is a "Presbyterian?"  
Bring your questions and your notebooks, and join Pastor Pat & Barb Layman who will answer those questions and more!



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**Our Community Assessment is underway  
Interviews with community organizations  
have begun**

**Be part of determining ERPC's future service  
and ministries**

**Interested? Have questions?**

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