

May 14, 2023

GATHERING IN GOD'S PRESENCE

PRELUDE "Praise to the Lord, the Almighty" Laura Smith

WELCOME

*WORDS OF BLESSING FOR EACH OTHER

*HYMN #210 "O God, Our Help in Ages Past"

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: We are here to worship a remarkable God.

People: The love of God welcomes us. The grace of Christ awaits us. The joy of the Spirit enfolds us.

Leader: Come freely into the presence of God who loves unconditionally.

People: The love of God emboldens us. The grace of Christ redeems us. The joy of the Spirit uplifts us.

Leader: Come joyfully, eagerly and thankfully to praise God for loving us and the world so much.

People: The love of God overflows our hearts. The grace of Christ liberates our spirits. The joy of the Spirit sings in our minds.

All: Let us worship God!

PRAYER OF INVOCATION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Holy God, you call us to live in mystery, to walk by faith. Yet we long for plans with goals and schedules. It's hard to live by faith. You call us to place our trust in you, to live according to your direction. Yet we want life to make sense from a human point of view. It's hard to live by faith.

You call us to feel the mystery of life, to marvel at the power of your love. Yet it's not easy to accept your promise that everything old has passed away. It's hard to live by faith. [. . . our own silent prayers of confession . . .] Forgive us, holy maker of reality. Forgive us for playing god

instead of accepting our humanity. We pray in Jesus' name. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

MUSIC

Praise Band

A RESOLUTE STORY

Jean Corcoran

LISTENING TO GOD'S WORD

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

SERMON "Resolute No Matter What: Seeds of Hope"

Scripture: Ruth 3:1-18—Brennan Koenig

RESPONDING AS GOD'S PEOPLE

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

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OFFERING

To give online: Click [HERE](#), or use the QR code

MUSIC

"Mom"

Don Watson

*DOXOLOGY

*PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

GOING IN GOD'S NAME

*CHARGE AND BLESSING

POSTLUDE

Instrumental

Some of our worship material is adapted from:

- Bruce Prewer, posted on <http://www.bruceprewer.com/DocC/C51sun22.htm>
- Peter Bankson, posted on <http://www.ministrymatters.com>
- Richard Einerson, posted on http://www.richardeinerson.com/einerson_004.htm
www.lords-prayer-words.com

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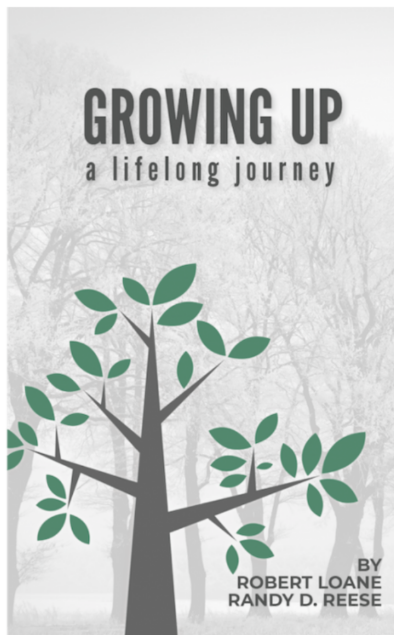
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CONGRATULATIONS

Class of 2023!

Sunday May 21st is Senior Sunday

Join us at 9:30 for worship and at the coffee reception time to honor and recognize our graduating High School students.



God nourishes us on our journey through the people who come alongside us, reminding us who we are and who God is, confirming where we are heading and how we might get there.

Join us this summer as we enter into 7 conversations designed to explore these questions:

- Who is God?
- Who am I?
- What does God desire to do through me?

Join one of three groups meeting at the following times and places:

ERPC

Wednesdays 5-6pm July 12-Aug 23

Color Coffee (Eagle)

Tuesdays 10-11am July 11-Aug 22

Color Coffee (Eagle)

Thursdays 5:30-6:30pm July 13-Aug 24

For more information or to reserve a book (\$10), text or call Laura Smith 317-873-2678 or contact by email: laura@erpc.org.
