

**Eagle River Presbyterian Church**

**Sunday, January 29 , 2023**

**GATHERING IN GOD'S PRESENCE**

\*PRELUDE HYMN #138  
"Holy, Holy Holy! Lord God Almighty!"

WELCOME

\*CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: The words God speaks are the life and sustenance of all that exists. We have come to this time of worship to hear what Jesus teaches and believe it. We have come to see how he lives and do the same.

**People: The life Jesus gives is the re-creation and renewed birth of all that is broken and worn. We need this life and God has given it to us.**

Leader: The Spirit's stirring in our souls is the inspiration for creativity, compassion, joy, and community.

**People: We are here to spend time with the life-giving, life-restoring, life-fulfilling God. In all things, may we seek to connect with and reflect the love and hope that are ours in Jesus Christ right now.**

Leader: Let us worship God.

\*WORDS OF BLESSING FOR EACH OTHER

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**God, we confess that we are an impatient and selfish people. When you offer us the promise of a new future, we complain that you don't get there fast enough. When you provide for our needs, we complain that it isn't enough. When our bad attitudes and negative outlooks cause us to stumble, we blame you. Holy God, forgive our sinful ways. Teach us to be patient. Instruct us to be grateful. Guide us to be responsible and humble. Hear us now as we confess our own individual sin. [Keep silence as we pray.] As we turn our eyes to you, O Lord, let us experience your grace and your**

**gift of new life. In the name of Christ our Savior, we pray. Amen.**

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

SONG "Alleluia" Sanctuary Choir  
MINUTE FOR MISSION Nancy Wright

**LISTENING TO GOD'S WORD**

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

*After this message, all K-5th Grade students are invited to go downstairs to Sunday School.*

SERMON "Jesus Changes Everything For the Thickheaded"

Scripture: John 3 : 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.

SONG "Blessed Assurance"

\*DOXOLOGY

\*PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

**GOING IN GOD'S NAME**

\*CHARGE AND BLESSING

POSTLUDE

Attestations:

Some of our worship elements this morning come from the writings of Christine Longhurst, re:Worship; The Minor Keys, <http://theminorkeys.blogspot.ca/>; Nathan Nettleton <http://www.laughingbird.net/>; Amy Loving, The Worship Closet: The Place for Creative Worship Ideas, <http://worshipcloset.com/baptism-of-the-lord-sunday-year-b-words-for-worship/>; and the Baptist Union of Great Britain website. <http://www.baptist.org.uk/>

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