

April 21, 2024

**GATHERING IN GOD'S PRESENCE**

\*PRELUDE Instrumental

WELCOME

\*WORDS OF BLESSING FOR EACH OTHER

\*HYMN #309 Of the Father's Love Begotten

\*CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: God looks from heaven upon the children of earth to see whether there are any wise enough to seek the fellowship of God.

**People: We do seek this fellowship! By faith Christ lives within our hearts, so we will be rooted and grounded in love and filled with all the fullness of God.**

Leader: When the Lord restores the fortunes of God's people, the people of faith will rejoice, and the whole Church will be glad.

**People: We bow down before God, the Father of Christ Jesus, from whom every family on earth is named.**

Leader: To God be all the glory, in the Church and in Christ Jesus throughout all generations, forever and ever. Amen!

**People: Let's all worship God who is worthy of our praise!**

OPENING PRAYER

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**Almighty God, we acknowledge and confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed; we have not loved you with all of our heart, soul, mind, and strength; we have not loved our neighbor as ourselves. Deepen within us our sorrow for the wrong we have done, and the good we have left undone. [ . . . time for personal silent confession . . . ] Lord, you are full of compassion and gracious, slow to anger, and full of mercy; there is always forgiveness with you. Restore us to the joy of your salvation, bind up what is broken, give light to our minds, strength to our wills, and rest to our souls. Speak to each of us, and let your word do all you desire in us and through us, we pray. Amen.**

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

MINUTE FOR MISSION

Kent Petrie

MUSIC You Are My King (Amazing Love)

**LISTENING TO GOD'S WORD**

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

SERMON "The Glue That Holds Us Together-Our Mission"  
Know Christ's Love  
Scripture: Ephesians 3:14-19

HYMN #304 Jesus Loves Me

**RESPONDING AS GOD'S PEOPLE**

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

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\*DOXOLOGY

\*PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

**GOING IN GOD'S NAME**

\*CHARGE AND BLESSING

POSTLUDE Instrumental

Some elements of our worship today are adapted from:

- Bruce Prewer as posted at [bruceprewer.com](http://bruceprewer.com)
- Moira Laidlaw as posted on the Liturgies Online website
- [faithandworship.com](http://faithandworship.com)

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Service & Volunteer Opportunity!

**Meet this Tuesday at 9:30 at ERPC** for the opportunity to volunteer and serve. A group will carpool to the Community Market in Edwards.

Lunch to follow at ETown! Contact Laura Smith for details.

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