

April 14, 2024

**GATHERING IN GOD'S PRESENCE**

\*PRELUDE Instrumental

WELCOME

HYMN #438 Blest Be the Tie that Binds

\*CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: The Apostle Paul told us to lead a life worthy of the calling we have to be followers of Jesus.

**People: We cannot do this alone, we dare not try this alone, so we gather as God's people to worship the God who calls.**

Leader: This way of life is filled with service and meekness.

**People: We come to build up one another, in humility and gentleness, with patience and love.**

Leader: Lead a life which reflects your calling, the life of peace, grounded in the Spirit.

**People: We rejoice in our oneness in Christ and in the gift of love that comes from God.**

Leader: Live a life worthy of the calling to which you have been called.

**People: We gather as God's family to honor God, know more of the love of Christ, and to make him known.**

Leader: Let's worship God!

\*WORDS OF BLESSING FOR EACH OTHER

OPENING PRAYER

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**Gracious God, it is your will that your children should be one in Christ. We pray for our unity and the unity of your Church. Forgive all our pride. Forgive our lack of faith, lack of understanding and lack of love, which are the causes of any divisions. Deliver us from narrow-mindedness, bitterness and our prejudices. Save us from accepting something as "normal" that is a scandal to your Word and an offense to your love. [ . . . silent personal confessions . . . ]**

**Teach us to recognize the gifts of your grace at work among us as we seek to live out the faith of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

MINUTE FOR MISSION

Allana Smith

MUSIC Mighty to Save

**LISTENING TO GOD'S WORD**

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

SERMON "The Glue That Holds Us Together-Our Mission"  
Together

Scripture: Ephesians 4:1-8;11-16

HYMN #543 Abide With 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:

- Thom Shuman as posted on Lectionary Liturgies
- christianity.com
- the Liturgy of the French Reformed Church
- Moira Laidlaw as posted on Liturgies Online
- St Martins Presbyterian Church, Christchurch, Australia

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## Service/Fellowship Opportunity

Join a group of ERPC folks on Tuesday, April 23 for the opportunity to volunteer at the Community Market in Edwards. Meet at ERPC at 9:30am to carpool together. After serving at the Edwards location, we will plan to have lunch together at E-Town before returning to the church.

Contact Laura Smith 317-873-2678/[laura@erpc.org](mailto:laura@erpc.org) to sign up for this event.

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