

August 23, 2026

GATHERING IN GOD'S PRESENCE

PRELUDE Dark Horse - David Lanz

WELCOME

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: From every city block to the rural neighborhoods, from the mountain tops to the valley floor:

People: We come to worship the God who is present among us.

Leader: God faithfully meets us wherever we are,

People: May faithfulness and courage infuse all parts of our lives.

Leader: Let us worship God, who loves justice and who brings profound love into our lives.

*OPENING PRAYER

*SHARING GOD'S PEACE

*HYMN #1 Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty!

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Loving God, we are often a people who think too much or too little of ourselves. Forgive us when we consider ourselves so grand that we do not rest and enjoy your presence, defining ourselves by our ability rather than your love. Forgive us when we esteem ourselves so little that we dare not rest and sit with ourselves, exposed, without the cloak of productivity. Help us to stand before you as we are, flawed and beloved, wanting to return to you.

Leader: Let us continue our confession together in silence.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Leader: God uses all people to bring God's grace and compassion into the world. You are never outside God's power and forgiveness. Friends, hear the Good News, you are forgiven.

People: Thanks be to God. Amen.

LISTENING TO GOD'S WORD

FAITH SHARING and BLESSING OF THE BACKPACKS

First Reading

Matthew 2:13–15

Leader: The Word of God for the people of God

People: Thanks be to God

ANTHEM

Deliver Us

Second Reading

Exodus 2:1-10

Leader: The Word of God for the people of God

People: Thanks be to God

SERMON

SILENT REFLECTION

RESPONDING AS GOD'S PEOPLE

*HYMN #12 Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

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OFFERING

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*DOXOLOGY

*PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

GOING IN GOD'S NAME

*CHARGE AND SENDING

POSTLUDE

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Join the ERPC Team! 2026 Walk to End Alzheimer's
Saturday September 19th at 9:30 am - Brush Creek Pavilion
909 Capital St., Eagle
Contact Tim Thompson 541-810-1800

Tiny Tunes: Wednesday morning 9:30-10:30 am (Starts 9/2)
For information on this free, community event contact our Spiritual
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