

April 7, 2024

GATHERING IN GOD'S PRESENCE

*PRELUDE

Prelude in C

WELCOME

HYMN #306

Fairest Lord Jesus

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: We've gathered here in the presence of God, and we are not alone.

People: With the angels in the highest heaven, we are here to worship the Lord.

Leader: With Abraham and Sarah, we are here to worship.

People: With the saints of every age, we are here to worship.

Leader: We are on this journey of faith together, all praise to God!

People: God draws us together to worship today. Praise God!

Leader: As we journey with God, we stand in God's presence and we are not alone.

All: Let's worship our gracious Lord God together!

*WORDS OF BLESSING FOR EACH OTHER

OPENING PRAYER

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Loving God, we hear the call to trust you, but some days our stresses and doubts seem even more real to us than you, and trust is elusive. We remember how Abram dared to believe in your promises. but belief like that is hard to come by. We are often inclined to think, "God helps those who help themselves," instead of daring to rely on your words. When the world seems filled with dangers, we can be quick to protect ourselves at the expense of others. We doubt, we fear, we wander. [. . . personal silent confessions . . .] With your help, O God, we confront our fears and struggles. We call on you to hold us up, keep us on your path, forgive us for the ways we stray. Fill us with your love. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

MUSIC

God Is My Shepherd

LISTENING TO GOD'S WORD

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

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

Scripture: Hebrews 11:8-10

HYMN #514 Let Us Talents and Tongues Employ

RESPONDING AS GOD'S PEOPLE

SACRAMENT OF COMMUNION

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

OFFERING

*DOXOLOGY

*PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

GOING IN GOD'S NAME

*CHARGE AND BLESSING

POSTLUDE

Invention No. 1

Some elements of our worship today are adapted from:

- *Journey of Steadfast Love: Service Prayers for the Second Sunday of Lent* by the Rev. Daniel B. Randall as posted on the United Church of Christ's Worship Ways website
- crosswalk.com

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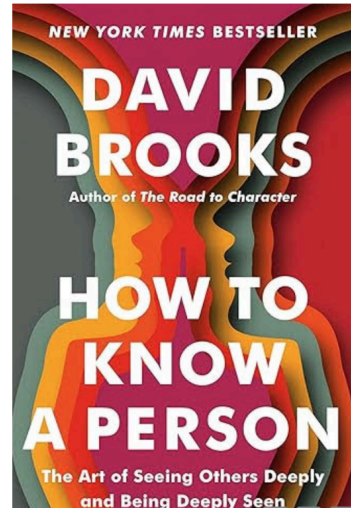
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Book Discussion

Get ready to take a dive into this important book by David Brooks. Pat Smith will host two opportunities to digest and discuss what it means to truly know a person. Get a copy, start reading and plan to attend one of these discussion opportunities. Everyone is invited! Both groups will be hosted in the library at ERPC. Monday, April 8, 6:00-7:30 pm & Wednesday, April 10, 10:00-11:30am



Invite a friend or neighbor

ALL AGES!

GAME NIGHT

FRIDAY, APRIL 12

6-9 PM

Please bring a board game from home

Bring a non-perishable item for the food Pantry

FREE DINNER
Pizza
salad
snacks

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