

Eagle River Presbyterian Church

Sunday, October 2, 2022

GATHERING IN GOD'S PRESENCE

*PRELUDE Instrumental Megan McGee-Bonta

WELCOME

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: We are branches, rooted in the vine of Christ.

People: We come because we seek to abide in Christ.

Leader: The branches that remain in the vine bear much fruit.

People: We come because we long to be spiritually vibrant, alive, productive.

Leader: If we abide in Christ, then Christ's words will abide in us.

People: We come because we strive to be faithful disciples.

Leader: We gather for worship now to the glory of the One God: Creator, Redeemer, Sustainer.

People: Let us worship God who provides all we need to be fruitful.

*PRAYER OF INVOCATION

*SONG: "Joyful Joyful We Adore Thee" On screen

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

God, our Compassionate Planter, we carry our fears around with us like cherished possessions, when you would take them and toss them aside, spent and useless. You invite us to sit and chat with someone who wants to know more about you, but we are busy running errands. You give us a simple command—to love—and we complicate it with rules, worries, and doubts. Forgive us, Vine Grower. We still tend to get in the way of your

Gardener, Jesus Christ, who is Lord and Savior, and stymy you, Holy Spirit, in your work to help us be fully fruitful. For all we have done that we shouldn't, forgive us. For all we have not done that we should, forgive us. Hear us as we make our own personal silent confessions.

In the name of Jesus we pray. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

LISTENING TO GOD'S WORD

YOUNG DISCIPLES

K- 12th Grade students are invited to go downstairs to Sunday School

PRAYER OF READINESS

Lord, as we come together to study your Word, we bring all of who we are with our needs, our hopes, and our expectations. Meet us here in the power and presence of your Holy Spirit. Give us insight and understanding as we listen carefully for your voice. And then give us courage and conviction to align our lives with the way of Jesus. We pray in his name. Amen.

SERMON "The Jesus Way: Fruitfulness"

SCRIPTURE

John 15: 1-8

RESPONDING AS GOD'S PEOPLE

SACRAMENT OF COMMUNION

SONG "Let Us Break Bread Together" Sanctuary Choir

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: "In the Garden" Don Watson/Peter Fontanese

*DOXOLOGY

*PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

GOING IN GOD'S NAME

*CHARGE AND BLESSING

POSTLUDE.

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