

July 20, 2025

GATHERING IN GOD'S PRESENCE

GATHERING MUSIC

WELCOME

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: Come, all who hunger for grace! Whether you are a prodigal who longs to be welcomed home, or you are the elder sibling aching to be seen.

People: We come to the Father who runs to meet us, who always sees our hurt, and whose love is never withheld.

Leader: We come to the One whose name is holy, set apart in majesty yet intimate in relationship.

People: We come to pray, "Our Father," and find ourselves already embraced.

Leader: Let us worship God, our holy parent.

*OPENING PRAYER

*SHARING GOD'S PEACE

*HYMN #418 Softly and Tenderly Jesus Is Calling

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Holy God above, you have called us children, yet we have turned from your house. We wander far, chasing comfort, approval, or control, forgetting the joy of a home with you. We have been resentful, self-righteous, and unwilling to rejoice when mercy is shown to others. Forgive us, O God. Forgive the pride that keeps us from coming home. Forgive the bitterness that blocks our joy. May we experience your grace and know your love.

Leader: Let us continue our confession together in silence.

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

Leader: Hear the Good News! God hears our prayers, knows our hearts, and forgives us completely. You are loved, known, and held by the Holy God of the universe!

People: Thanks be to God. Amen.

LISTENING TO GOD'S WORD

TIME FOR YOUNG DISCIPLES

FIRST READING

Luke 15: 11-32

Leader: The Word of God for the people of God

People: Thanks be to God

ANTHEM Bless the Beasts and the Children

SECOND READING

Matthew 6: 9-13

Leader: The Word of God for the people of God

People: Thanks be to God

SERMON "A Prayerful Gift"

SILENT REFLECTION

RESPONDING AS GOD'S PEOPLE

*HYMN #649 Amazing Grace

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

<https://www.erpcc.org/submit-a-prayer>

OFFERING

<https://www.erpcc.org/give-pledge-donate>

*DOXOLOGY

*PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

GOING IN GOD'S NAME

*CHARGE AND BLESSING

POSTLUDE

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Youth Mission Fundraiser Today!
Car Wash 10:30 - noon \$20/car and donations accepted.

Congregational Meeting Sunday Aug. 3 following worship service.
The purpose is to review proposed changes to Pastor Brett's
Terms of Call. Contact the Clerk of Sessions for your vote.
970-376-5639; clerkofsession@erpc.org

August 5th 🧑‍🤝‍🧑 10 - 2 ERPC Volunteer Day
at Edwards Community Market
429 Edwards Access Rd A202, Edwards,
Contact Pat Heltphelt176@gmail.com

SAVE THE DATE! ERPC Cook out August 16th
Side dishes and desserts accepted and welcomed!
Watch eblasts for more details on this family friendly event.

STARTING HEARTS CLASS
CPR Class Saturday August 16TH, 11 - 2
Contact Shirley Petersmeyer
850-499-0659
Asking a \$10-20 Donation for the instructor.
