

January 21, 2024

GATHERING IN GOD'S PRESENCE

PRELUDE "Joyful Joyful We Adore Thee"
Megan McGee-Bonta

WELCOME

*WORDS OF BLESSING

*HYMN #280 "Amazing Grace"

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: It's time for us to focus on God to whom our worship is gladly given.

People: In the silent places of our souls, we now turn to God, for God alone is our rock and salvation.

Leader: Jesus came into Galilee, preaching the good news of God, saying the time has come, the realm of God was at hand.

People: The realm of God is not very far from us, for in God "we live and move and have our being."

Leader: Jesus said, "Repent and believe the good news. The time has come."

People: In the silent places of our souls, and with full voice as a church, we worship You, O God, for you alone are our rock and salvation.

Leader: Let us worship God.

PRAYER OF INVOCATION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Gracious God, forgive us when we listen to voices that tell us to put our trust in whatever institution can increase our wealth, in whatever relationships can satisfy our selfish needs, in whatever ideology that can give us the next easy answer. Forgive us when we are reluctant disciples, or turn away once again to a shallow faith, or turn away from each other. [. . . time for our personal confessions . . .] Merciful God, thank you for your forgiveness. Holy Spirit, breathe new life into us, as we can only offer true worship, and provide

faithful discipleship, when we are empowered by you. In Jesus' name, we pray. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

MUSIC "Day By Day"
Sanctuary Choir and Praise Band

CELEBRATING DON WATSON AND MEGAN MCGEE BONTA

LISTENING TO GOD'S WORD

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

SERMON

"Joy Overflows: Jesus on the Move – Follow Me"
Scripture: Mark 1:14-20

RESPONDING AS GOD'S PEOPLE

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

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OFFERING

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MUSIC "The Name of Jesus" written for ERPC

*DOXOLOGY

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

GOING IN GOD'S NAME

*CHARGE AND BLESSING

POSTLUDE

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February 4th after the service is the ERPC Discover Class for those interested in learning more about our ministry and mission, and those interested in membership. After getting some refreshments in the fellowship hall, we will meet in the church library on the 2nd floor. Explore what it means to be a Presbyterian and a member. Contact: Barb Layman office@erpc.org

