

**Eagle River Presbyterian Church**

**EASTER SUNDAY**

**March 31, 2024**

**GATHERING IN GOD'S PRESENCE**

\*PRELUDE Passacaglia  
HYMN #123 Jesus Christ Is Risen Today

WELCOME

\*CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: Jesus said: "I am the resurrection and the life. Anyone who believes in me will live, even after dying. Everyone who lives in me and believes in me will never ever die." It is my privilege to declare on this Easter Sunday, Christ is risen!

**People: Christ is risen indeed! Like those who saw him alive on the day of his resurrection, we have seen the glory of God.**

Leader: Christ is risen! All glory to God!

**People: Christ is risen indeed! Let us worship the risen Lord!**

\*WORDS OF BLESSING FOR EACH OTHER

OPENING PRAYER

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**Almighty God, in raising Jesus from the grave, you shattered the power of sin and death. We confess that we remain captive to doubt and fear, bound by the ways that lead to death. We neglect the opportunity we have everyday to share this amazing news with others and invite them to live by faith in the risen Jesus. We overlook the poor and the hungry, and pass by those who mourn; we ignore the cries of the oppressed, and are indifferent to calls for peace; we despise the weak and abuse the earth you made [ . . . a period of personal silent confession . . . ]. Forgive us, God of mercy. Help us to trust your power to change our lives and our world and**

**make us new, so we may know the joy of the fullest life of all, given in Jesus Christ, the risen Lord. Amen**

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

MUSIC Lamb of God

**LISTENING TO GOD'S WORD**

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

SERMON "For Heaven's Sake: A Season of Self-Reflection"  
Celebrate Life!

Scripture: Mark 16:1-8

HYMN #108 Christ Is Alive

**RESPONDING AS GOD'S PEOPLE**

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

OFFERING

MUSIC Unclouded Day

\*DOXOLOGY

\*PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

**GOING IN GOD'S NAME**

\*CHARGE AND BLESSING

POSTLUDE Unclouded Day (reprise)

Some elements of our worship today are adapted from:

- the Presbyterian Church (USA) Book of Common Worship.
- Ann Harbridge, Minister at Trinity Centennial United Church, Rosemont, Ontario

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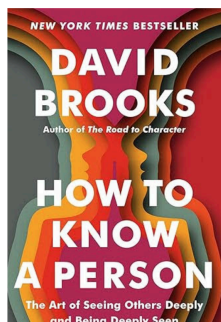
*Children's Easter Egg Hunt today following the service.*



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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



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*“Journeying Together to Know Christ’s Love and to Make Christ Known”*