

EAGLE GROVE & GOLDFIELD UMC

WE GATHER

WELCOME

ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE AND BRINGING IN THE LIGHT

**\*CALLING OURSELVES TO WORSHIP**

L: How joyful it is, to celebrate the good news of God's love!

**P: We are called to be Easter people!**

L: Darkness cannot claim us!

**P: Fear cannot bind us!**

L: Christ is risen!

**P: Christ is risen, indeed! AMEN!**

**\*OPENING HYMN**

*Love Divine, All Loves Excelling*

Red #384

**\*OPENING PRAYER**

Lord of Light and Mercy, be with us this day as we again hear the stories of faith and sight. Help us to believe in your abiding presence with us, both in our darkness and in the light which you bring. Give us courage and strength to witness to your resurrection. For we offer this in Jesus' Name, AMEN.

WE PROCLAIM

SCRIPTURE FOR TODAY

Acts 3:12-19, 1 John 3:1-7, Luke 24:36b-48

REFLECTION

"See What Kind of Love"

Ann Trimble-Ray

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Gracious God, you give to us your greatest gift, Your Son Jesus Christ, as we still don't understand what is going on. You call us to be people of courage and hope; and yet we run and hide, doubting and fearing. You challenge us to proclaim our faith; but we huddle in darkness whispering our words of discouragement. Shake us up, Lord! Forgive us when we seem to need prodding over and over again. Help us to see the presence of Jesus in our lives; and remind us of all that He taught us, to help us to live as disciples, serving you by serving others. Change us! Remold us! Make us truly the disciples you have called us to be. AMEN.

## **WORDS OF ASSURANCE**

Do not be afraid. The Light of God has vanquished the darkness! Christ is risen! Doubts are erased. Rejoice! God's love is poured upon you, now and forever. AMEN.

## **WE RESPOND**

### **WE GIVE OUR TITHES, OFFERINGS AND OURSELVES**

#### **\*DOXOLOGY**

Red #95

#### **\*PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

**Loving Creator, we come together to present our tithes and offerings. We are reminded of the profound love with which you have called us your children. Help us recognize that our generosity and stewardship of the resources you've entrusted to us are a sign of our commitment to this holy transformation. May these offerings we bring today be a reflection of our love for you and our desire to be faithful stewards of your blessings. Bless our giving and guide us in using these gifts wisely. In Jesus' name, we pray. Amen.**

## **WE GO FORTH**

#### **\*CLOSING HYMN**

*Change My Heart, O God (2 times)*

Black #2152

### **WE GO OUT INTO THE WORLD PRACTICE LOVE**

#### **\*BENEDICTION**

Go in courage and peace, proclaiming the Risen Lord to all! Be those who bring hope and justice to a hungry and hurting world! The peace of the Lord is with you now and forever. AMEN.

#### **\*WE FOLLOW THE LIGHT**

*God of Grace and God of Glory*

Red #577

## **Announcements**

--Reminder that Dial A Devotion comes out with a new devotion every Tuesday. To call and listen to the devotions, call 515-448-3355.

-UWF will be at Rotary this Thursday @ 3pm.

-Methodist Men will meet this coming Saturday, April 20<sup>th</sup> at Family Table @ 7am.

--If you have anything that needs to go in the newsletter please have it to me (Amy) no later than Wednesday, April 25<sup>th</sup>. Thank you.

--April 28<sup>th</sup> we will be celebrating the baptism of Cece Wilde, daughter of Jake and Maddie Wilde @ 11:30. His later time is to accommodate Pastor Luke's schedule coming from Fort Dodge. There will be fellowship time with coffee and treats following the 9:30 service for all.