

Worship – August 16 , 2020

Pastor Alaire Willits

Music as We Gather

Welcome, Joys and Concerns

Call to Worship

We gather here this day to hear God's word for us. We think of all those in Iowa, the US, and around the world that are struggling to recover this week from not only the virus, but all the weather damage.

We praise God for the opportunity to gather together. We are blessed. Let us worship God.

Prayer of Confession

God of infinite mercy and love, we come before you this day, knowing that we have not always been faithful to what you would have us do. We have too often turned our backs on those in need, choosing not to hear their cries.

Forgive us, O Lord. We know that you do not want us to behave in this way. Your love and mercy, so generously showered over us, should be a beacon to guide our own actions.

We make no excuses, for none would suffice. We ask your forgiveness and blessing, turning us again around and placing us on the path of compassion and peace. Hear the prayers on our hearts.

Silent reflection time

Words of Assurance God's love is greater than our understanding and our comprehension. That love is continually given to each and every one of us each day. Rejoice! God's forgiving love is poured out for you now and always. **AMEN.**

Scripture

Matt 15: (10-20) 21-28

Morning Reflection Pastor Alaire

Words we really don't want to hear.

Dedicating Ourselves & Our Gifts.

...we pray together as Jesus' taught, Our Father...

Blessing and Going Forth

We are sent from this spot, from this time, to share God's transforming love. The Holy Spirit will strengthen us.

Lord, encourage us and empower us to do your will. We go, to live and love and laugh and serve you. AMEN.

Song to Send Us Out *a capella*

Bind us together, Lord. Bind us together with cords that cannot be broken. Bind us together, Lord. Bind us together, Lord. Bind us together in love.

Mission Projects for Learning

Eagle Grove UMC is preparing Caring Kits for all the system teachers and staff, valued at about \$6 each. Your gift TODAY to underwrite the cost will be greatly appreciated. UMW invites everyone to stop by Thursday morning at 9:30am and help assemble.

We're also working on school kits. Shop from the list below or mark "Ingathering" on your check or envelope! Thanks!!!

A school kit contains: 3 notebooks -1 subject spiral 8" x 10 1/2", 1 Box 12 Colored Pencils, 1 Pair of Scissors – student, 1 Box 24 Crayons, 1 Ruler - 12" long with metric, 6 Pencils – unsharpened, 1 Pencil Sharpener, 1 Pencil Eraser - 2" or larger

Prayer concerns: Derricklee H Kayne C
Cory J Don R Mark T Todd W Jim S Denny T
Kirby A Gwen J
The friends and families of Arlene C
The friends and families of Georgianna B