

**CELEBRATION AND WORSHIP**  
**EAGLE GROVE UMC      EASTER 6      MAY 22, 2022**  
**GATHERING**

**WELCOME** We welcome you to worship this morning. Envelopes are available for your regular giving to help implement EGUMC ministries. They're at the stairwell, by the office, and in the back of the sanctuary, by the elevator. We do not pass offering plates during the service. Giving can also be done through tithe.ly online, as well as by mail. As we continue to walk our path of discipleship together, your gifts for ongoing, everyday expenses, as well as mission and outreach are appreciated.

**CENTERING PRAYER**

**PRELUDE AND BRINGING IN THE LIGHT**

**\*CALL TO WORSHIP**

We come this morning full of ourselves:

**Our concerns, our plans, our opinions, our schedules.**

In this moment, help us empty our minds of the relentless 'I' and make space for you.

**Enable us to put down our priorities; to set aside our assumptions and schemes.**

Open our hearts to recognize your love in action in our lives.

**Reassure us of your divine vision, and let us rest in your unending care.<sup>1</sup>**

**\*OPENING HYMN**

*Spirit Song*

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**PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

Because you dwell in our hearts, Eternal God, you know how the anger, the pain, the bitterness of our lives try to crowd you out. The noise of the world deafens us to that Word which can heal us.

We want our children to be good, kind, and gentle to others, and then they hear us call others names, and speak of them with demeaning words. Our desire for revenge towards those who have hurt us shows that your peace, indeed, is not in us.

You promise a new heaven and a new earth, so create new spirits and new lives within us, Healing God. Shattered by our sin, your heart can still heal our brokenness.

Your Spirit, living deep within our souls, can teach us faithful ways.

Your Word, Jesus Christ our Lord, whispers to us of your mercy, your hope, your love.

*time of silent reflection*

**ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

The Word which can transform us is not some idle gossip, but good news for us. It fills us with forgiveness, equips us for service, and sends us forth to love others as God loves us.

**In our midst, the Holy Spirit teaches us all we need to know, gives us what we need in order to be faithful, and fills us with peace. Thanks be to God. Amen.**

**MUSIC FOR OUR SOULS**

Lincoln Bartley

## PROCLAMATION AND RESPONSE

### TIME FOR THE YOUNGEST DISCIPLES

### SCRIPTURE FOR TODAY

John 5:1-9 Acts 16:9-15

### REFLECTION ON THE WORDS

Pastor Alaire

### TIME OF PRAYER

### DEDICATION OF OUR GIVING

We do not only offer our gifts to you, but our community to all who are lonely, our hearts to all who are grieving, our hope to all who have lost their way, our lives to all who are tossed aside by the world. This we pray, in Jesus' name, who taught us to pray, saying:

### LORD'S PRAYER

### SENDING FORTH

### \*HYMN AS WE GO TO SERVE

*In Christ There Is No East or West*

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### WE GO INTO THE WORLD

### BENEDICTION AND SENDING FORTH

### THE LIGHT LEADS US

*Shalom to You*

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### \*POSTLUDE

**††** *We follow the Light of Christ into the world to serve* **††**

\* Please stand in body or spirit, as you are able.

<sup>1</sup>Ministry Matters

<sup>2</sup>Thom Shuman

### COMING UP

**Today** – Coffee, juice and treats in Fireside Room following worship.

2pm, EGHS graduation. Kudos again to Cadence Stephens (Amy & Andy Hunt), Emma Johnston (Amanda and Lionel Johnston), and Collin Spangler (Angie & Scott Spangler).

Next newsletter deadline is **Mon, May 23**.

Baptisms and reception or transfer of memberships is being planned for upcoming Sundays into June. Msg Pastor Alaire if you, or someone in your family is interested in knowing more. Dates are flexible.

If you or a family member has registered, or is going to register for camp, please see Pastor Alaire today for some paperwork you need to complete for payments.