

## **WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

## **PRELUDE AND BRINGING IN THE LIGHT**

## **CALL TO WORSHIP**

L: Today we are reminded that Christmas is near!

**P: Our hearts are filled with anticipation, yet there is still much to prepare.**

L: Let us pause and calm our spirits, making space to hear the wondrous news.

**P: Open our hearts to embrace Mary's story and the miracle of love.**

L: Believe in the good news that is unfolding among us!

**P: We believe and rejoice! God's love is here with us! AMEN.**

## **OPENING PRAYER**

Lord, be with us this morning as we encounter Mary and hear of the wondrous news that she received. Remind us that, like Mary, each one of us is a bearer of your Good News. We are called to proclaim hope, peace, joy, and love in your name. Open our hearts and our spirits today to receive with great joy the love that you have for us. For we ask this in Jesus' Name. AMEN.

## **LIGHTING THE CANDLES OF JOY by youth group**

**HYMN:** Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee     UMH # 89

**APOSTLES' CREED** UMH #881

## **CHILDREN'S TIME**

**PASTORAL PRAYER by Pastor Laurene Banza**

## **SCRIPTURE READING**

**Old Testament Reading:** Micah 5:2-5a

**New Testament Reading:** Hebrews 10:5-10

## **SPECIAL MUSIC**

**GOSPEL LESSON:** Luke 1:39-45

**RESPONSE** Glory Be to the Father UMH # 70

**MORNING MESSAGE:** Magnificat

## **PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

Holy and merciful God, we come before you with humble hearts, recognizing our tendency to question and doubt. As we reflect on the story of Mary, our souls are stirred to magnify your greatness and faithfulness. Yet, we confess that we struggle to fully surrender to your will and to trust in your plans. We often want to control the outcome and seek our own understanding. Forgive us, Lord, for our lack of faith and help us to slow down and trust in your perfect timing. May our souls truly magnify you in every aspect of our lives, as we remember the ways you have always worked wonders in our midst. Hear our prayer, O Lord. Amen.

## **OFFERING/INVOCATION**

**DOXOLOGY** UMH # 95

**HYMN:** Angels From the Realms of Glory UMH # 220

**BENEDICTION by Pastor Laurene Banza**

**SENDING OFF SONG:** Turn Your Eyes Upon Jesus (2x)

Sign-up sheets have been placed in the back of the sanctuary for filling the volunteer roles of acolytes, children's sermon, and scripture reader through March of 2025. If you are willing and able, please volunteer!

There will be a Christmas Eve service on December 24th at 5:00 P.M. led by Pastor Laurene Banza.

The church office will be closed December 23rd - December 26th. I will be in the office on Friday, December 27th, to prepare for the Sunday worship.

**Greeters:**

December 24th - Kelly and Melody Amonson

December 29th - Ben and Brandi Wesselink

**Acolytes:**

December 24th -

December 29th - Jevan Alt and Easton Amonson

**Scripture Readers:**

December 24th -

December 29th - Justin Alt

**Children's Sermon:**

December 24th -

December 29th -

**Birthdays:**

December 24th - Carol Porter

December 25th - Paul Wilde

December 28th - Abel Davidson

December 29th - Kyle Amonson

December 30th - Lincoln Bartley

**Dial-A-Devotion:**

December 24th - Sharon Seibert

December 31st - Sharon Seibert

**Meetings/Activities:**

December 24th - Christmas Eve Service - 5:00 P.M.

# Eagle Grove United Methodist Church

## December 22nd, 2024

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