

CELEBRATION AND WORSHIP

FEBRUARY 12, 2023

EAGLE GROVE UMC AND GOLDFIELD UMC

GATHERING

WELCOME AND SHARING

PRELUDE AND BRINGING IN THE LIGHT

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

We gather to pray together and to praise our God!

We gather to join with one another on the journey of faith.

We gather to sing and to lift up our voices to God!

We gather to lift up one another's burdens, and know we are not alone.

We gather to follow Jesus Christ our Lord!

We gather to seek the wisdom of God and to share Christ's love.

Come, let us join together in worship.

Let us worship our God and follow our Savior Jesus Christ. Amen.

***OPENING HYMN**

Thy Word Is a Lamp unto My Feet

#601

PRAYER OF BROKENNESS

Almighty God, we confess that we have taken your commandments and turned them into rules. We have criticized those who have fallen short and selfishly proclaimed ourselves righteous.

We have failed to understand the spirit of the commandments and the way that was shown by you to live, loving God and loving our neighbors.

Forgive us for turning your law into burdens for others and ourselves, instead of a way to love and freedom in you. As we remember Christ, who has given us the way and leads us on, we pray.

Silent Reflection

BLESSING AND ASSURANCE OF PARDON

You are loved. Love is the way. When you love God, you love others. Then you truly lay down your life for others, you lay down your life for God. Give yourself to God by serving others. Know that in God's love there is forgiveness, healing, and reconciliation.¹ **Amen.**

TIME WITH THE CHILDREN (EGUMC)

PROCLAMATION

SCRIPTURE LESSON

Deuteronomy 30:15-20; Psalm 119:1-8
1 Corinthians 3:1-9; Matthew 5:21-37

MORNING REFLECTION

Pastor Alaire

RESPONSE

HYMN OF PRAYER

Dear Lord and Father of Mankind

#358

PRAYERS OF THE DAY

LORD'S PRAYER

WE GIVE OUR TITHES, OFFERINGS AND OURSELVES

*DOXOLOGY

#94

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

Holy God, as we offer to you gifts from the abundance you have provided us, we recognize that the offering that concerns you is more than what is in our wallets and purses, but in our hearts. You desire from us hearts that are a fit place for you to live and dwell.

Help us to clear out long-held anger, resentments, prejudice, and hate. Help us to furnish our hearts with love, mercy, justice, compassion, and forgiveness so they might be a place where you feel welcome and at home. Help us present this offering as well. In Jesus, we pray.² Amen

*HYMN OF RESPONSE

Make Me A Servant

#2176

WE GO TO SERVE

*BENEDICTION AND SENDING

Go Now in Peace

#665

*POSTLUDE

*Please stand in body or in spirit as you are able. ¹ Rev-o-lution.com ² Discipleship Resources

WE GO INTO THE WORLD TO SERVE

No **Wednesday Afterschool** or **Confirmation Class** this week. Resume February 22, usual times.

Additional volunteers are needed to help in the classrooms. Talk to Nicole, MaryBeth or Pastor for specifics. Can you help out March 1,8,15, 29 and April 5 (during Lent)?

We can use oranges and clementines for snacks over the next few weeks.

Watch our Facebook page for the **Souper Bowl** update!

Methodist Men meet this Saturday, **February 18, 7am** @ Family Table.

Midwest Mission, Jefferson site is having work mornings **Feb 18, 20 or 25**

(Sat, Mon, Sat). Let's carpool! Don't forget to flatten out your plastic grocery sacks so they can be cut or woven sleeping mats. Bring your stacks of bags into church – we'll find a place!



Ash Wednesday is **February 22**. We will have a Soup Supper, serving **5-6pm**, followed by worship with the imposition of ashes at **6pm**.

Confirmation Retreat, February 24, 5pm – February 26, 3pm. Keep our confirmands in your prayers.

Friday, March 3, 9:30am World Day of Prayer gathering @ Goldfield UMC – ALL are invited.

Our speaker will be from Lotus, an emergency shelter for women, children and all family units. Their safe shelter is located in Vincent. Invite your neighbors to join you for fellowship, learning and prayers. All are welcome. The churches in both Eagle Grove and Goldfield have been invited.