

## CELEBRATION AND WORSHIP

JANUARY 15, 2023

EAGLE GROVE UMC AND GOLDFIELD UMC

### GATHERING

#### WELCOME AND SHARING

#### PRELUDE AND BRINGING IN THE LIGHT

#### \*CALL TO WORSHIP

Based on Isaiah 49, The Message

Listen up, everyone! God has given us work to do.  
**God has called each of us before we were even born.**  
It was God who named us.  
**It is God who claims us.**  
The light of God's love shines in us.  
**Let's shine God's love into all the world!**

#### \*OPENING HYMN

*God, whose love is always stronger*

tune: Beach Street

God, whose love is always stronger Than our weakness, pride and fear,  
In your world, we pray and wonder How to be more faithful here.  
Hate too often grows inside us; Fear rules what the nations do.  
So we pray, when wars divide us: Give us love, Lord! Make us new!

Love is patient, kind and caring, Never arrogant or rude,  
Never boastful, all things bearing; Love rejoices in the truth.  
When we're caught up in believing War will make the terror cease,  
Show us Jesus' way of living; May our strength be in your peace.

May our faith in you be nourished; May your churches hear your call.  
May our lives be filled with courage As we speak your love for all.  
Now emboldened by your Spirit Who has given us new birth,  
Give us love, that we may share it Till your love renews the earth!<sup>1</sup>

#### PRAYER OF CONFESSION

*inspired by Isaiah 49, Psalm 40, 1 Corinthians 1*

**Faithful God, you call us to be saints, but we are more comfortable with the role of sinner; you call us to be your servants, but we worry that we lack the skills to do your work; you put a new song of praise in our mouths, but we stumble on unfamiliar words; you show us the work to be tackled, but we turn away defiant, insisting we have more important things to do.**

**Put your song on our lips and in our hearts, and remind us of the joy that awaits us when we put our trust in you. Guide us into the light of your unwavering, never-ending, and grace-filled love. Hear our prayers, O Lord.** *Silent reflection*

#### WORDS OF ASSURANCE

*inspired by 1 Corinthians 1:1-9*

God is faithful and ever-present. The God who knew us before our birth loves us still and strengthens us, that we will one day be blameless. Through the gift of Jesus Christ, God offers forgiveness, grace, and mercy. Enter into the light!<sup>2</sup> We pray together as Jesus taught

#### LORD'S PRAYER

## TIME WITH THE CHILDREN

### PROCLAMATION

#### SCRIPTURE LESSON

Isaiah 49:1-7, Psalm 40:1-11, 1 Corinthians 1:1-9

#### MORNING REFLECTION

*Not Lacking*

### RESPONSE

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

##### \*DOXOLOGY

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##### \*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

God of Revelations, may this offering be used to fill in the gaps of what we can not yet imagine. May we become conscious of possibility in our communities. We needed to be reminded by the apostle Paul that we have all that we need, whatever our circumstances. Renew us, loving God, and give us a new day and another chance. May we envision expansive ways of being together infused with freedom and joy. Amen.

##### \*HYMN OF SENDING

*Here I Am, Lord*

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#### WE GO TO SERVE

##### BENEDICTION AND SENDING

*Bind Us Together*

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##### \*POSTLUDE

*We follow the light of Christ into the world.*

<sup>1</sup> Carolyn Winfrey Gillette

<sup>2</sup> Ministry Matters

### WE GO INTO THE WORLD TO SERVE

**Wednesdays, 2pm-5pm** Spirit-filled Wednesdays, K-gr4, gr5-8 at Eagle Grove UMC

Additional volunteers are needed to help in the classrooms. Talk to Nicolle, MaryBeth or Pastor for specifics. We can also use pre-packaged, individually packaged snacks (Doritos, Cheez-its, Teddy Grahams, etc. No sweets, please), oranges, and clementines.

**Wednesdays, 5:15pm-7pm** Confirmation Class at Eagle Grove

**Saturday, January 21, 7am** Methodist Men meet at Family Table

**Sunday, January 22** Goldfield Food Pantry Sunday



Help us work to fight hunger in our community. Bring just ONE can of soup each week – and as you pick it out, spend time in prayer for the family that you will be helping. Give nourishment and prayer. Our collection will grow through Super Bowl Sunday, February 14. Together we will make an impact,