

EAGLE GROVE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
CELEBRATION AND WORSHIP **JULY 11, 2021**

GATHERING MUSIC **WELCOME** **ANNOUNCEMENTS** **CENTERING PRAYER**
PRELUDE AND BRINGING IN THE LIGHT

CALL TO WORSHIP.

Based on Psalm 24

The earth is the Lord's, and everything in it!
From the east to the west, from the north to the south,
God's Spirit moves across the face of the earth.
**From the east to the west, from the north to the south,
we gather together, united by God's Spirit,
to celebrate God's glory and proclaim His praise!**
Let's worship God together!¹

OPENING HYMN *There's a Wideness in God's Mercy*

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PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Holy God, we confess that too often we have not been open to the rhythms of life you offer to us. We let ourselves be put off your pace and allow ourselves to wander off into our own songs. Too often the melodies of the world confuse us. We have led ourselves and others to paths that are not according to your loving pace and direction.

Help us pay attention with all of our senses. Make our walking, moving and speaking faithful; help us take the risks that are part of letting you lead. Pull us back into your rhythms. Clean our hearts, purify our hands and steady our feet that we might know and share your blessings.

Time of silent reflection

ASSURANCE OF GRACE.

God assures us that if we trust God's Word, we will be led back to the songs that God would have us sing. God is eager to show us the path home. Accept the offer of the new song we have been given through Jesus the Christ. ²

TIME WITH CHILDREN

SCRIPTURE FOR THE DAY AND REFLECTION Ephesians 1:3-14

SONG OF RESPONSE *Loving Spirit*

#2123

DEDICATION OF OUR GIFTS AND OURSELVES

Generous and Giving God, you have poured your blessings on us as the rain soaks the sun-parched grass of our lawns. You have lavished us with redemption, forgiveness, and grace. When you send the rain to water the grass, you expect growth in return. Remind us this day, as we make our gifts to you, that we have been blessed for a purpose – that we might be a blessing to others. May we grow in compassion, in mercy, in longing for justice and love, as Christ loved us.³ In that holy name, we pray in the name of your son, who taught us to pray, saying, Our Father....

LORD'S PRAYER

HYMN OF SENDING FORTH

It Is Well with My Soul

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BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

✠✠✠ *We follow the Light of Christ into the World* ✠✠✠

¹re:worship

² Thom Schumann

³Discipleship Ministries

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Tuesday, July 13, 9am...Gather in Fellowship Hall to sew 1-handle bags for Ingathering. Talk to Melody for specifics.

Wednesday, July 14, 10-11:30am...Church office open.

Wednesday, July 14, 1-6pm...all hands invited to help complete Ed Bldg cleaning and begin setup for VBS. Share an hour!

Saturday, July 17, 7am...Methodist Men meet at Family Table. Jerry Becker has specifics.

Sunday, July 18...Church Council meets following worship

...Set up classrooms and sanctuary for Vacation Bible School.

Mon-Wed, July 19-21, 5:30-8:15pm...Vacation Bible School. Registration is online on our Facebook page

Wednesday, July 21 – plan to join the kids at 7:45 for their closing time. Offering for the week will be going to Heifer Project; your gifts will be appreciated.

There's a Wideness in God's Mercy

1 There's a wideness in God's mercy,
like the wideness of the sea.

There's a kindness in God's justice,
which is more than liberty.

2 There is welcome for the sinner,
and more graces for the good.

There is mercy with the Savior,
there is healing in his blood.

3 For the love of God is broader
than the measures of the mind,
and the heart of the Eternal
is most wonderfully kind.

4 If our love were but more simple,
we should rest upon God's word,
and our lives would be illumined
by the presence of our Lord.

Loving Spirit

Loving Spirit, loving spirit,
you have chosen me to be
you have drawn me to your wonder,
you have set your sign on me

Like a mother you enfold me,
hold my life within your own,
feed me with you very body,
form me from your flesh and bone.

Like a father you protect me,
teach me the discerning eye,
hoist me up upon your shoulder,
let me see the world from high.

Friend and lover, in your closeness
I am known and held and blessed:
In your promise is my comfort,
in your presence I may rest

It is well with my soul

When peace like a river, attendeth my way,
When sorrows like sea billows roll;
Whatever my lot, thou hast taught me to say
It is well, it is well with my soul

Refrain: It is well (it is well), With my soul (with my soul).
It is well, it is well with my soul

Though Satan should buffet, though trials should come,
Let this blest assurance control.
That Christ has regarded my helpless estate,
And has shed His own blood for my soul. Refrain

My sin, oh the bliss of this glorious thought!
My sin, not in part, but the whole,
Is nailed to the cross, and I bear it no more,
Praise the Lord, praise the Lord, O my soul! Refrain

And Lord, haste the day when my faith shall be sight
The clouds be rolled back as a scroll;
The trump shall resound, and the Lord shall descend
Even so, it is well with my soul! Refrai