

# CELEBRATION AND WORSHIP

FEBRUARY 19, 2023

EAGLE GROVE UMC AND GOLDFIELD UMC

## GATHERING

WELCOME AND SHARING

PRELUDE AND BRINGING IN THE LIGHT

### \*CALL TO WORSHIP

God, we come to the mountaintop to be covered in your presence.

**We are comforted by your holiness and your glow;**

we are comforted by the hope of the mountain top,

**where you are so close, so accessible, where there is no doubt of your glory**

The mountain top reminds us why we worship you.

**We witness your bright power, and your plan for the nations of the earth.**

**God, bring us to the mountain top; so that we may be inspired to do your work in the valley below.**

### \*OPENING HYMN

*O God Beyond All Praising*

#2009

### PRAYER OF BROKENNESS

Holy One, we come before you, many of us feeling like we have climbed just a part of the mountain. There is so much more of a climb left. Can we even get to point to dream that we might be dazzled by what is Divine?

Our loads are heavy, with worry, with regret, with fatigue, with illness, with despair for all in the world that is hurting, in danger, in bondage and more.

We trudge ahead, following you, stumbling, hoping, praying... breathing hard, hearts pounding, and yes, even some of us are nimble and skipping.

Lead us Lord, to the top of that mountain, where we might be dazzled by your Light, lifted by what is Divine, filled by the sheer delight of what is numinous and ethereal and grounded and real.

We pray this, for ourselves, for one another, and for the worlds in which we live in. Amen.

TIME WITH THE CHILDREN (EGUMC)

## PROCLAMATION

SCRIPTURE LESSON

Exodus 24:12-18; Psalm 99;  
2 Peter 1:16-21; Matthew 17:1-9

MORNING REFLECTION

Pastor Alaire

## RESPONSE

HYMN OF PRAYER

*Turn Your Eyes Upon Jesus*

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PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE and LORD'S PRAYER

WE GIVE OUR TITHES, OFFERINGS AND OURSELVES

\*DOXOLOGY

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## \*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

Creator God of infinite patience, we see you in every plant that grows and blossoms, every creature that runs or flies, in mountains and sunsets and in every drop of rain that falls. Creation is not something that happened, but something that is happening every day. As we share our tithes and offerings today, we pray you, through Jesus, will continue the work of creation in us, that we might become more tolerant, more forgiving, more generous, and more loving. In that name, Creator, Redeemer, and Sustainer, we pray.<sup>3</sup> Amen.

## \*HYMN OF RESPONSE

*How Great Thou Art*

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## WE GO TO SERVE

## \*BENEDICTION AND SENDING

*Go Now in Peace* (sing 3 times)

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## \*POSTLUDE

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

<sup>1</sup> COSROW, UMC Committee on the Role and Status of Women <sup>2</sup> Rev Karla, RevGalBlogPals <sup>3</sup>Discipleship Resources

## WE GO INTO THE WORLD TO SERVE

**Midwest Mission, Jefferson site** is having work mornings tomorrow **Feb 20** and Sat, **Feb 25**, 9-noon.

There's space for you to volunteer and there may be others going so you can carpool. Ask Pastor today. Don't forget to flatten out your plastic grocery sacks so they can be cut for woven sleeping mats. Bring your stacks of bags into church – we'll find a place!

### LENT BEGINS THIS WEEK.

Giving Calendars for the season are on the table in the back/narthex. We're adding coins daily for mission work. (Eagle Grove to Heifer Project; Goldfield to Lotus Project)

**Ash Wednesday is February 22.** Soup Supper, serving **5-6pm**, followed by worship with the imposition of ashes at **6pm**. Both are at Eagle Grove UMC

**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.

**Lenten Lunches, Thursdays @noon.** All are invited for this hour of food, fellowship and devotion.

**2/23** – Evangelical Lutheran; **3/2** – E Free Church; **3/9** – EGUMC; **3/16** – Sacred Heart; **3/23** – 1<sup>st</sup> Baptist; **3/30** – UCC & Samuel Lutheran @ Samuel.