

Eagle Grove UMC and Goldfield UMC

WE GATHER

Gathering Music

Welcome and Centering Prayer

Prelude and Bringing in the Light

***Calling Ourselves to Worship**

This Is the Day

#657

Pastor will lead children and youth as they sing "leader" parts. The congregation sings "all". We'll sing 2x.

***Opening Song**

Morning Has Broken

#145

Prayer

God of Strength and Mercy, you have brought us together again and blessed us with your presence. Fill us with joy as we worship you today. We gather partially because it's part of our weekly routine; we have felt you with us in worship. We may come because we're searching, unsure of exactly what, but knowing we need...something.

We also come to be challenged, to grow and move with you, and to see the ways we still have work to do, and for that we look to you, the one we trust to be with us.

Strengthen and heal us, all while you walk with us toward a better future. Fill us with the mercy and grace that empower us to try and fail. Fill each of us with the hope and joy that we see so abundantly at our camps. Extend our worship and ministry today from our community out into your work in the world. Amen.

WE PROCLAIM

Scripture for today

Galatians 5:13-25

Thoughts for the children, Reflection for us all

Kali Tomlinson

UMC Camp Okoboji Program Coordinator

WE RESPOND

Time of Prayer

Redeeming God, how easily we say we would follow you, but how often we live as if we don't have a clue as to what that means. We choose to gossip about our friends, rather than surrounding them with love. Our competitive nature wills us to win at all costs, when we could be engaged in costly service. We expect others to do for us and rarely ask what we might do for them.

Forgive us, Holy One. Set us free to serve in love and compassion; help us to feast on the fruit the Spirit offers to us; put us on the path of faithful discipleship, as we walk with our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ.

Silence is kept

Friends, call to mind what God has done for you; think about how God's love comes in fresh and surprising ways; reflect on the fruit of the Spirit poured out upon you.

We will remember all the wonder, all the joy, all the mercy which is ours. From the rich abundance of the Spirit's fruit, we will serve others. Thanks be to God as we pray together as Jesus taught,,, Lord's Prayer (#895)

We Give our Tithes, Offerings and Ourselves

Camping ministry starts and continues with having a healthy local church. We invite you to give generously in that way. Envelopes or a memo on your check can indicate EGUMC or Goldfield UMC.

We also invite you to give to our local campership fund, either through the offering plate, in the campership jar (in the back of the sanctuary or on the counter at fellowship time), by supporting the bake sale Saturday, or sending a gift online, or in the mail.

***Doxology**

#95

***Prayer of Dedication**

Good and gracious God, all that we have comes from you. Today we return a portion of all that you have blessed us with back into your service. Accept this act of worship as we give not only our financial gifts, but our gifts of time, talent, and prayers. Bless our camps, camp leaders, and campers so that they may encounter you through these gifts. Multiply these gifts to reach farther and do more than we can dream or imagine. Amen.

***Hymn of Response**

Sanctuary

#2164

WE GO FORTH

We Go Out Into the World Practice Love

Benediction

We Follow the Light

Bind Us Together

#2226

Postlude as we go to the lower level for food, fellowship, and more camping information.

OPPORTUNITIES TO SERVE

Wed, April 24, 3:30-5pm – End of year Celebration for Afterschool Kids.

5:15pm – Confirmation practice.

Fri, April 26, 5:30-6:30pm – Drop off donations for Campership Bake Sale @Rails, not the church.

They need to be packaged, ready to sell.

Sat, April 29, 8:30-9:30am – Drop off Campership Bake Sale donations @Rails, ready to sell.

10AM -?? BAKE SALE for camperships at @Rails.

Next Sunday, April 30 is Confirmation Sunday, 9:30am service at Eagle Grove UMC.

11am – Sunday worship at Goldfield UMC

Sunday, May 7 we will honor our high school and college graduates. Baskets for cards will be out.

2pm – Camp Clear Lake District Conference at Algona UMC. All are welcome.

5:30-6:30pm here at EGUMC – Information about what's happening in the UMC regarding disaffiliation. This will be a Q&A time so you can learn, led by Rev. Jena Finch-Manchester.

May 1-6 Pastor Alaire will be at Midwest Mission in Chatham IL for volunteer work and onsite board meeting. She'll be available via text or email, and emergency coverage is lined up.