

WE GATHER

GATHERING MUSIC

WELCOME AND CENTERING PRAYER

PRELUDE AND BRINGING IN THE LIGHT

***CALLING OURSELVES TO WORSHIP**

Family of God, as we gather today, Jesus asks us, "Who do you say that I am?"

You are our Messiah, the Son of the living God!

Family of God, as we gather today, the Holy Spirit asks us, "Who do you say that I am?"

You are our Comforter, Advocate, and Sustainer!

Family of God, as we gather today, God the Father asks us, "Who do you say that I am?"

You are our Creator, Provider, and Healer!

Family of God, as we gather today, the Triune God asks us, "Who do you say that I am?"

You are Love that creates, saves, and enfolds us into the family of God! May we be instruments of Love in all that we are and all that we do. Amen.

***OPENING HYMN**

Many Gifts, One Spirit

#114

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

We look for you in all the wrong places, God of the lost, and wonder why we cannot find you. We wander the corridors of power, while you are on the sidewalks, beside the homeless. We sit at the head tables of the world, while you are handing out soup to the hungry at the kitchen's backdoor. We applaud those who win the race, while you are cheering on those in last place.

In forgiving us, God of new life, you would transform our cold hearts into those melted in service to others. In granting us mercy, you challenge us to think of all those we have ignored. In gifting us with grace, you enable us to proclaim Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior, as the hope, the joy, the peace the world seeks. *Silent Reflection*

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

It's not money, but our generosity with it; it is not power, but our willingness to humble ourselves; it is not our efforts, but Christ's gift, which transforms us into God's children.

It is more than just how we think. In mercy and grace, our hearts, our lives, our spirits are transfigured and made new. **Thanks be to God. Amen.**

WE PROCLAIM

CHILDREN'S TIME

SCRIPTURES FOR TODAY

Exodus 1:8-2:10, Psalm 124
Romans 12:1-8, Matthew 16:13-20

REFLECTION

Who Do You Say I Am?

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WE RESPOND

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

LORD'S PRAYER

HYMN

Jesus, Name Above All Names

#2071

WE GIVE OUR TITHES, OFFERINGS AND OURSELVES

***DOXOLOGY**

#95

***PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

Generous God who always gives to each one of us the best, we thank you for this opportunity to share from our abundance. Bless these gifts, offered through the ministries and mission of this church. In Jesus' name, we pray. AMEN.

WE GO FORTH

***CLOSING HYMN**

Christ For the World We Sing

#568

WE GO OUT INTO THE WORLD PRACTICE LOVE

***BENEDICTION**

Family of God, go from this place led by the Triune God who loves you, saves you, and sustains you, that in our following, we may be agents of goodness and blessing wherever we go. Go now in peace. Amen.

***WE FOLLOW THE LIGHT**

Go Now In Peace

#665

***POSTLUDE**

OPPORTUNITIES TO SERVE

Sat, Sept 2 – wedding of Maci Pickering and Jeremy Weber at Eagle Grove UMC. Rehearsal is Friday evening. Blessings and prayers as continue their life journeys together.

After school Wednesdays (names of the groups will be coming!!!) begin at Eagle Grove on Wednesday, September 6. Kindergarteners – Gr 8 are invited to come from early dismissal (1:45pm) until 5pm. Those who have sports/dance/etc can step out as needed. Registration form on FB page. Yes, we need info again from returning kids, please.

Youth gr 8 – high school will meet for food, fellowship and more after sports' practices (5:30 or so) until ??? Specifics will come together as they meet with Yalonda and Angie!

Watch on the church FB page for details...we know there will be lots and lots of food and laughter and learning about faith. What could be better?

Fyi – The building/office in Eagle Grove is now open Wednesday and Thursdays, 10a-1p, and is closed on Tuesdays.