

Eagle Grove UMC and Goldfield UMC
"Look for the Thirst-Quencher" Lent Week Three, 2023

WE GATHER

Gathering Music

Welcome

Prelude and Bringing in the Light

Calling Ourselves to Worship

Hearts open, minds awake,
change us now for heaven's sake.
Leave us not alone in hatred's wake.
God, show us how, show us how to love.

Come and Fill Our Hearts (sing 2x – words on the screen)

#2157

*Opening Hymn

Guide Me, O thou great Jehovah

#127

Prayer of Confession and Assurance of Pardon.

Holy and Merciful One, we come bringing our deepest longings, and our failed attempts at satisfying them.

We have often looked for love, for acceptance and security, in the approval of others, giving away the power to claim for ourselves that we are inherently beloved, created by God.

We yearn for lives that matter, we desire relationships that thrive, we want less regret.

At times we fail to see that you have already given us what really matters: your love and acceptance. You provide opportunities all around us to make a difference in the lives of others by affirming their worth and dignity. You give us a fresh start each day, inviting us to do better. In this silence, we bring to you our pleas for openness to a different way of living.

Silence

The Psalmist reminds us that our God is the "rock of our salvation" in whose hand is the "depths of the earth and the heights of the mountains."

We open our hearts, our minds, our souls, our vision to the ways of love created by God, embodied in Jesus, and already moving in us by the Spirit. We are forgiven, loved, and freed! Amen!

WE PROCLAIM

Children's Time

Scriptures for today

Reflection

John 4: 5-42

Pastor Alaire



WE RESPOND

Prayers of the People

Our response to the petitions will be *Kyrie* #2275

We Give our Tithes, Offerings and Ourselves

*Doxology #95

*Prayer of Dedication

We thank you God for accepting us - for showering your love upon us. We ask you to receive our humble gifts in return - and to use them and us to bring your gospel to all around us - and indeed to every corner of the earth. Amen.

*Hymn of Response *Fill My Cup Lord* #641

WE GO FORTH

We Go Out Into the World Practice Love

Benediction

Go forth into the world, looking for love in all the right places!

**We will look for signs of The Thirst-Quencher,
and we will pour out the life-giving water of love wherever we go!**

We go with God, to live, to love, to share and to care. Let us sing as we follow the light

Go Now, In Peace (sing 3x, words will be on the screen) #665

Postlude

OPPORTUNITIES TO PRACTICE LOVE

Wednesday, March 15, 2-5pm...Spirit-filled Wednesday, fun, food, learning, crafts and games for K-4 and middlers. Friends invited! We can use apples for snack.

5:15-7pm...Confirmation Class

Saturday, March 18, 7am – Methodist Men will meet at Family Table.

Thursday Lenten Lunch Locations, noon – 1pm: March 16@Sacred Heart;

March 23@1st Baptist;

March 30@Samuel Lutheran, UCC helping to serve.

Come to one, come each week. Bring a neighbor with you.

Are you part of our Lenten Giving Projects? Pick up a Giving Calendar and a bank today if you don't have one – you can use whatever coins you choose; they can be different each day. Or you can count for the “answers” each day – and put in cash on Saturdays. How you give is up to you. Eagle Grove giving will go to Heifer Project – there's info on the back table about HPI. Goldfield's will be for the Lotus Community Project. Pennies turn into dollars...and together we'll make an impact! Thank you in advance! We'll continue until Easter Morning.