

Eagle Grove UMC and Goldfield UMC
"Look for the Liberator" Lent Week Five

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**

O For a Thousand Tongues to Sing

#57

Prayer of Confession and Assurance of Pardon.

Holy and Merciful One, in this season, 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 mirage of certainty, believing that if we just hold things very tightly, we will survive.

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. You give us a fresh start each day, inviting us to do better.

In our silence, we bring to you our pleas for openness to a different way of living. *Silence*
The Psalmist reminds us, "In God, there is steadfast love, and the great power to redeem."

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

Psalm 130; John 11:1-45

Reflection

Mike Biedenfeld

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

Almighty and restoring God, we have been living through some difficult days, as churches and as individuals. We experience days when we rise, wondering if we will make it through one more day, whether the church will survive for another generation; and we feel like those dry bones in the valley.

As we offer our tithes and offerings, help us to hear the word of hope the prophet shares, not just with our ears but with our hearts. May it call us back to life and service, out of the graves of despair in which we have buried ourselves. In Christ's name. Amen.

*Hymn of Response *Lord I Lift Your Name on High*

#2088

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 Liberator,
shedding the shrouds of death to live and love freely.**

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 29, 2-5pm, Afterschool for K-4 and middlers. (learning about Holy Week).

5:15pm – Everyone invited for soup, bread....and songs, worship and fellowship. Come and meet some of the afterschool families. We'll finish up by 6pm.

Thursday Lenten Lunch, March 30, noon - 1pm @Samuel Lutheran, UCC helping to serve.

Invite a neighbor to join you.

Newsletter for April will come out this week. Lilies and flowers for Easter morning need to be ordered and paid for through the office (Goldfield w/Jill), by April 1.

Holy Week Services Open to everyone.

Palm Sunday worship – April 2, 9:30am at Eagle Grove; **11am** at Goldfield.

Monday, April 3, 6:30pm - Hope in the Midst, a service of candles and reflection, especially those grieving or dealing with loss or change. Service at EGUMC

Thursday, April 6, 6:30pm - Maundy Thursday service w/communion, in EGUMC sanctuary,

Community Good Friday Service, at Evangelical Lutheran, **6pm** Soup supper; **7pm** Worship.