

**CELEBRATION AND WORSHIP**

**FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT, 2022**

**EAGLE GROVE AND GOLDFIELD UNITED METHODIST CHURCHES**

**GATHER**

**WELCOME**

**JOYS AND CONCERNS**

**PRELUDE AND BRINGING IN THE LIGHT**

**CALL TO WORSHIP <sup>1</sup>**

It was the night when peace was born. Just as now the world was torn

**But all was calm and all was bright. The star above gave out its light.**

Dear people all around the world, let us unite.

**We will show how peace can change us, how peace can help us grow.**

**LIGHTING THE ADVENT CANDLES**

**LITURGY OF LIGHTING**

**PRAYER**

Advent God, we open ourselves to hear your call today, to become those who not only wait, but also work, for peace in our lives, our families, our communities, and our world.

**Fill us with your peace and light, make the world so calm and bright.**

**\*OPENING HYMN**

*O God of Every Nation*

#435

**PROCLAIM**

**DISCOVERING THE LIGHT**

*O Little Town of Bethlehem, v. 1,*

#230

*We will build our visual in the chancel each week.*

**SCRIPTURES**

Isaiah 2:1-4; 9:2, 6-7

**WITNESS TO THE LIGHT**

Pastor Alaire

**RESPOND**

**TIME OF PRAYER**

Let us take a moment of silence, of calm, in order to center our hearts, let go of those things in our lives that we regret, asking God for the peace of forgiveness. *Silence*

Know this, already your world is a little bit calmer and brighter having offered to God the bits of chaos clouding your life. Now the dark skies give way to beams of light illuminating your way. Move forward into God's future, forgiven and free. Let us pray together:

**Our God, architect of this world, we know you had a vision for all your creation to dwell together. With the creatures of the air, earth, and sea, you long for us to live in respect and with one another.**

**We think of all the places where peace is NOT – countries, between groups of people, even in our families and between friends. So many people, Lord. Wrap them in your love so tight. Guide them with your holy light.**

**May we find ways to bring healing in this abused and broken world. We remember Jesus, who taught us to pray saying,**

LORD'S PRAYER

\*DOXOLOGY

#95

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\*CLOSING SONG

*Let There be Peace on Earth*

# 431

BEING AGENTS OF PEACE IN THE WORLD

\*BENEDICTION

Go with God into this day. May the Spirit guide your way.

Offer peace to all you greet. Like Christ, see God in all you meet.

\*WE FOLLOW THE LIGHT INTO THE WORLD.

*Bind Us Together*

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POSTLUDE

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\*Let us stand in body or in spirit

<sup>1</sup>Liturgy today from Worship Design Studio

### COMING UP

**Wednesdays Nov 30, Dec 7 and Dec 14, 2-5pm**, Afterschool for K-4 and Middlers.

**5:15pm** – Confirmation

**Thur, Dec 1, 9:30am** – Women's Christmas Gathering. United Women of Faith, Goldfield women and friends meet for brunch and devotions @ EGUMC

EGUMC is taking orders for poinsettias until December 1. Envelopes are available today, or stop by the office Tuesday.

**Wed, Dec 7, 9:30am** Goldfield women meet and put up their tree in the sanctuary.

**Other dates to know:**

**Wed, Dec 14, 5pm** – Family Night at EGUMC. Supper, carols, and a Christmas story.

**Sat, Dec 17, 7am** – Methodist Men meet @ Family Table. Bring a guest.

**Tue, Dec, 20, 6pm** – Longest Night Service at Eagle Grove. The UCC will join us; everyone is invited to come to this time for reflection and remembrance in this season.

**Christmas Eve worship – 5pm at Goldfield, 7pm at Eagle Grove.**

There will NOT be worship in-house on Christmas Day. A service presented by our Iowa Conference Cabinet will be available online. The link will be sent to you, and posted on Facebook. Invite your family to join you at a convenient time.