

GATHERING

WELCOME Welcome to worship this morning. Both congregations have offering plates in the back of their sanctuaries; Eagle Grove also has one at the stairwell by the office. Your support of both expenses as well as giving to missions is appreciated. It's one way to be the church.

Cards to share your joys and concerns are also available in the back of the sanctuary. You can place them in the offering plates and they'll be picked up. There's an option on them to have concerns kept private and/or shared with a prayer chain, or to announce.

JOYS AND CONCERNS

CENTERING PRAYER

PRELUDE AND BRINGING IN THE LIGHT

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

Give thanks to God! For God is good.

We give thanks for God's steadfast love.

Give thanks to God! For God's love endures.

We give thanks that God is at work among humankind.

Give thanks to God! For only God can satisfy us.

We give thanks to God for filling our spiritual hunger with good things. ¹

***OPENING HYMN**

Great Is Thy Faithfulness

#140

MORNING PRAYER

Merciful God, we live in a society that focuses on gathering things. We collect, store, gather items, gadgets, even people. We focus our energies on our collections providing adequate room for them and yet we bar the door to the needs of others, of those who have little or nothing, of those for whom life has been a constant struggle. We are sorry for the ways in which we have failed you.

Forgive us. Turn us around to look at the ways in which our wealth, both of substance and spirit, can be used for healing and hope. Enable us to be in ministry to those in need and to care for this world. Hear us, O Lord. *Time of Silence*

WORDS OF ASSURANCE

Children of God, blessings have been poured upon you so that you may use them to help others. God walks with you and guides your steps as you reach out in compassion, mercy and justice to all in need. **AMEN.**¹

PROCLAMATION AND RESPONSE

TIME FOR THE YOUNGEST DISCIPLES

SCRIPTURE FOR TODAY

Luke12:13-22

REFLECTION ON THE WORDS

Pastor Alaire

HYMN OF RESPONSE

Change My Heart, O God

#2152

TIME OF PRAYER

LORD'S PRAYER

DEDICATION OF OURSELVES AND OUR GIFTS

Holy God, loving parent; your patience with your children is beyond our comprehension! How many times have we sung praises to you "from whom all blessings flow" and yet in our lives, in our practice and in our giving, we've acted like most of those blessings are from our own – to do with as we wish?

Often, we have been deaf to your teaching and blind to your leading. May the gifts we give today be a token to our goal to live generous lives that honor you and express gratitude for your goodness to us. In the name of Jesus, our savior, we pray. Amen. ²

SUNG RESPONSE

Doxology

#95

SENDING FORTH

*HYMN AS WE GO TO SERVE

A Change To Keep I Have

#413

WE GO INTO THE WORLD

BENEDICTION AND SENDING FORTH

*THE LIGHT LEADS US

Shalom to You

#666

*POSTLUDE

††*We follow the light of Christ into the world to serve*††

* please stand in body or spirit, as you are able.

¹Ministry Matters ²Discipleship.org

COMING UP

Next Sunday, worship with communion. 9:30am @ Eagle Grove UMC

11am @ Goldfield UMC

Monday, August 1, 7-9pm Pool Party at EG Aquatic Center! Friends welcome. Sponsored by Goldfield Presbyterian and Goldfield and Eagle Grove UMCs.

Wednesday, August 3, 6:30pm Concert at Eagle Grove UMC. Brent Vernon and his buddy Sam! Take a little time for yourself and your family. Love offering accepted.

Thursday, August 4, 9:30am Regular meeting of United Women of Faith @Eagle Grove.

Thursday, August 11, 11am-1pm Salad luncheon hosted by Eagle Grove Women of Faith. Funds used for their mission and outreach projects. \$10/person – Great food!