

**CELEBRATION AND WORSHIP**  
**EAGLE GROVE UMC      EASTER 4      MAY 8, 2022**  
**GATHERING**

**WELCOME** We welcome you to worship this morning, as we celebrate the Christian home, and honor our graduating seniors as they reach this milestone.

Envelopes are available for your regular giving to help implement EGUMC ministries at the stairwell, by the office, and in the back of the sanctuary, by the elevator. We do not pass offering plates during the service. Giving can also be done through tithe.ly online, as well as by mail. Thank you for your generosity as we continue to walk our path of discipleship together.

**CENTERING PRAYER**

**PRELUDE AND BRINGING IN THE LIGHT**

**\*CALL TO WORSHIP**

Come together to praise God who is the source of our life and our love.

**We lift our voices in praise for God who loves us always.**

We come to celebrate and support families who practice love in their homes and communities.

**We lift our voices in thanks for the love we feel in our families.**

We come praying for families who feel no love for themselves or for others.

**We lift our voices in sorrow for those who hurt because of the actions of others.**

*Let us worship, trusting in God's love and mercy<sup>1</sup>*

**\*OPENING HYMN**

*Happy the Home When God is There*

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**OPENING PRAYER**

**Draw me today into fresh encounters with Jesus, O God. Make me a servant of love so that others may know how much You love them and I may know how much You love me. Let me not be afraid of new pastures, whether they be green or brown or parched. And as I pass through whatever the day's valleys, keep my head lifted up to the mountain, from whence my help comes.**

**Never let me forget the people Jesus welcomed... the greedy and the great, the bad and the good, he respected and the cheats. Even as the world becomes more callous and chaotic, may I never underestimate Your capacity to fashion the miraculous from the monstrous, even to make me a choice masterpiece from the mire and the clay. <sup>2</sup>**

**Hear my prayers, God**      *time or silent reflection*

**We pray together as Jesus taught**

**LORD'S PRAYER**

**PROCLAMATION AND RESPONSE**

**SCRIPTURE FOR TODAY**

Deuteronomy 6:4-9    John 13:34-35      Matthew 7:24-27

Matthew 5:14-16    *Go Light Your World*

presented by Emma Johnston and Cadence Stephens

## TIME FOR THE YOUNGEST DISCIPLES

### REFLECTION ON THE WORDS

Pastor Alaire

### TIME OF PRAYER AND DEDICATION OF OUR GIVING

#### SENDING FORTH

#### \*HYMN AS WE GO TO SERVE

*Be Thou My Vision*

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#### WE GO INTO THE WORLD

#### BLESSING OUR GRADUATES

Each one of you is a special part of this congregation. No one else, in the whole world, is quite like you. We are proud of you, and we love you.

As a congregation, we want to support you, and encourage in you a growing commitment to Christ.

We bless you to grow, in body and mind and spirit. We bless you to make mistakes, and to learn from them, even if the consequences are difficult and painful.

We bless you to explore life, to be adventurous in discovering who God has created you to be.

*Trust in the Lord with all your heart; do not depend on your own understanding. Seek God's will in all you do, and God will direct your paths. (Proverbs 3:5-6)*

We promise to support you with our love, counsel and prayers, and continue to walk with you on your journey of faith.<sup>3</sup>

#### BENEDICTION AND SENDING FORTH

#### THE LIGHT LEADS US

*Shalom to You*

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#### \*POSTLUDE

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

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

<sup>1</sup>Discipleship Resources

<sup>2</sup>Leonard Sweet

<sup>3</sup>re:worship

#### COMING UP

**TODAY** – Our graduates will remain in the front of the sanctuary to receive your congratulations. Please stay as well for the fellowship time honoring them.

Afterschool programming for children and youth is on pause – watch for summer events!

**Thur, May 12** – Iowa Annual Conference Clergy Session, 1-3pm

Baptisms and reception or transfer of memberships is being planned for Sundays in May and June. Msg Pastor Alaire if you, or someone in your family is interested in knowing more. Dates are flexible.