

CELEBRATION AND WORSHIP

EAGLE GROVE AND GOLDFIELD UMC

NOVEMBER 20, 2022

Our offering plates are in the back of the room; we don't pass them during service. Everyone is also invited to write joys and concerns on the prayer cards there as well. You can indicate if you'd like them shared – out loud or with the prayer chain. Leave them in the offering plates, as well.

GATHERING

WELCOME

Pastor Alaire Willits

JOYS, CONCERNS AND A CENTERING PRAYER

PRELUDE AS WE BRING IN THE LIGHT

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Psalm 100

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*OPENING HYMN

Come, Ye Thankful People, Come

#694

A POEM FOR THE MORNING

adapted from *enfleshed.com*

**To pause and give thanks is to pay attention to the parts of living that bring delight,
turn us from what destroys and make life rich –**

This practice of intentional remembering helps realign our perspective
with the whole truth of our lives.

**When bitterness, or fear, or grief, become the whole view,
gratitude points us to the beauty, and the love, and the simple-pleasures that surround.
Our steady companions in life's complexities.**

We honor the Sacred, we honor each other,
we honor the earth and our creaturely companions
**when we remember this web of life that holds us.
All its terrors. All its gifts.**

Gratitude paired with denial about all that calls for mending and repair will not satisfy for long.

**But gratitude that is alive to all that is,
a sibling of sorrow, cousin of rage,
so aware of the ache and the loss and injustice –
but still seeing cause to pray: "thank you, thank you, thank you"
is to feast on the nourishment of God.**

PROCLAMATION AND RESPONSE

MUSICAL OFFERING

Lincoln Bartley

SCRIPTURE FOR THE DAY

Matthew 25:14-30

MORNING REFLECTION

Pastor Alaire

HYMN OF RESPONSE

What Gift Can We Bring

#87

DEDICATION OF OURSELVES AND OUR GIFTS

**O God, who desires good for all creatures, satisfy our hunger not just for food, but for freedom,
truth, justice and love.**

**O Risen Christ, you revealed yourself to us as one who gives to the poor and cares for all people. We
dedicate our lives and our offerings to your service.**

**O Holy Spirit, bless these gifts and abide in our hearts so that our gifts and our actions may live out
our faith, glorify God, and bring forth a fruitful harvest for the kingdom; through Jesus Christ our Lord.**

Amen

*DOXOLOGY

#95

WE GO INTO THE WORLD

*HYMN OF SENDING

Now Thank We All Our God

#103

HOW WE CAN SERVE

*THE LIGHT LEADS US

Bind Us Together

#2226

*POSTLUDE

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

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

COMING UP

The annual **Community Thanksgiving Day Feast** will be served 11am-1pm @ Sacred Heart, with the entire community pitching in to help. This year, you can eat-in, take out, or arrange for delivery.

Contact the Chamber office, 515-448-4831 to donate pies or salads, or to work setting up 9-11 on Thursday, serving, or for cleanup. Call reservations to the pharmacy, 515-448-3814.

For your planning:

The season of Advent begins Sunday, November 27. Poinsettia orders are being taken NOW. Forms/envelopes are available in the back of both sanctuaries.

We need lots of help to prepare our sanctuaries for the coming season. Eagle Grove UMC will decorate Sat, Nov 26, beginning at 10am. Everyone is invited to come and help as we put up trees and lots of stars! Goldfield women will work together Wednesday morning, Dec 7, beginning at 9:30am.

If your family would like to help with the Advent wreath lighting, please contact Pastor Alaire before Thanksgiving (712-212-5333 or alairew@gmail.com).

A Longest Night Service is scheduled on Tuesday, December 20. This quiet, reflective service celebrates the light of Christ coming into our lives.

Christmas Eve services will be **5pm at Goldfield**, and **7pm at Eagle Grove**. Both will have candles, carols and scripture. Worship will be online only on December 25 and January 1.

If you would like to schedule a baptism or a time to officially connect with our congregation as a member, please talk to Pastor to schedule this in December.