

CELEBRATION AND WORSHIP

EAGLE GROVE AND GOLDFIELD UMC

OCTOBER 16, 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

We come before God as equal in God's sight.

God knows us thoroughly and loves us completely.

None of us is perfect and without blemish.

Yet God has called us children.

God asked us to be compassionate and responsible in our caring and witness.

We are called to joyful obedience in God's realm.

Thanks be to God who trusts us and pours abundant love on us. AMEN.¹

*OPENING HYMN

Be Thou My Vision

#451

PRAYER FOR THE MORNING

Moved by our struggles, God, we remember you make the way. Hear us, loving, faithful God, even when we straggle behind, wondering where you are in all this.

Sometimes we feel compelled to action and sometimes we need to cry on the sofa.

Sometimes we have fortitude to show up boldly for others and sometimes we need to get ourselves through another day.

Sometimes we find healing as we gather with others; other times we feel overwhelmed. Our prayers and our actions intermingle and overlap. They wax and they wane. Consolation and courage comes and goes. Bless it all, God of changes. Bless us and hear our prayers.

Silent Reflection

God hears the cries of our hearts, sees our actions, knows our attitudes. In the midst of it all, God reaches out to heal and forgive us. Receive all God has offered to you. Live in God's love.¹ We pray together as Jesus taught...

LORD'S PRAYER

PROCLAMATION AND RESPONSE

SCRIPTURE FOR THE DAY

Luke 18:1-8

MORNING REFLECTION

Pastor Alaire

DEDICATION OF OURSELVES AND OUR GIFTS

*DOXOLOGY

#95

WE GO INTO THE WORLD

*HYMN OF SENDING

Lord of All Hopefulness

#2197

HOW WE CAN SERVE

BENEDICTION AND SENDING FORTH

*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. ¹Liturgy today from Ministry Matters and *enfleshed.com*

COMING UP

Wed, Oct 19, 2-5pm – Spirit-filled Wednesday, Kn dg – gr 8, at EGUMC

Fri, Oct 21, 1:30pm - Celebration of the life of Jane Knudsen here at EGUMC. Lunch will follow. .

Sat, Oct 29 – Goldfield UMC Turkey Dinner serving 4:30-6:30pm, take-out only. Some tickets are in the EG office; Pastor Alaire and Goldfield members also have tickets. \$12.00 each. Yummy meal that supports the ministries of the church.

The annual **Halloween Walk** is scheduled for Halloween – Monday, Oct 31, from 4-5pm. Our parking lot will be the site of Trunk-or-Treat for the 250+ kids who usually participate. Invite a friend to join you, combine your treats, bring lawn chairs, and enjoy the hour, looking at the cute costumes, meeting the parents – and having a great time (with or without decorating your trunk or wearing a costume). The only parking in our lot from 3-5:30 will be candy-givers! Clipboard in the back to let us know you're coming – everyone provides their own pre-wrapped treats to give away.

Mark your calendars...**Wednesday, November 9**, we're having the first of regular **Family Nights** at Eagle Grove UMC. Supper will be at 5:30pm, and the K-4 and middlers will share (and maybe teach everyone) music and more. We'll close with a Thought and a Prayer, ending no later than 6:30. All the congregation is invited and encouraged to join in (Dec 14, Feb 5, Feb 22, April 5, May 1 are tentative dates).

The Closet, a virtual ministry of EGAMA, is accepting freshly-laundered, gently-used kids' winter coats, snowpants, and boots, and new hats and mittens for kids in Eagle Grove/Goldfield area. Please drop off **ONLY** at these times, when someone is present to accept your items:

--Eagle Grove UMC this week - Tue, 10-11:30am; Wed during the Afterschool, 2-5pm (side door)

--214 W Broadway on Mon, or Wed between 5pm and 7pm.

--Financial gifts can be made to *The Closet*, and left in the offering plate.

Winter gear for elementary kids and middlers only. New would be great, but used will be so loved! Pre-owned must be nearly-new or we will not accept. We have no storage for any other clothing.

Coats For Kids via Upper Des Moines is a similar project – their coats must be brand-new, store tags attached, and returned to their office with the request slip (the slips at area banks and convenience stores.)

Your donations for either of these drives are needed no later than October 20. Think of the big smiles and all the laughter at recess as you shop or sort. Thanks from all the kids!