

**EAGLE GROVE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
CELEBRATION AND WORSHIP**

OCTOBER 17, 2021

Welcome

GATHERING AS GOD'S PEOPLE

Centering Prayer and Bringing in the Light

Call to Worship

Power and might and majesty belong to God who created and is creating.

Thanks be to God for God's mighty wonders.

Like the image of the powerful wind, and heavens as a garment, God's majesty is revealed in all creation.

We look around us at the wonders and marvel and the infinite variety and beauty which God has created.

Who are we, that God should pay attention to us?

We are God's beloved children, the stewards whom God has selected to care for God's world. AMEN.

Hymn

I Sing the Almighty Power of God

#152

Morning Prayer

Lord, everywhere we look we see the imprint of your creative love. The wondrous works of nature show your majesty. As we gather today to celebrate your love and creation, keep us mindful that we are part of that created order, meant to be stewards and not destroyers. Prepare us to work for you in ministries of peace and justice. AMEN.

RECEIVING AND RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD

Scripture

Job 38:1-7, (34-41)

Reflection

God speaks...

Dedication of our gifts and ourselves

God of great blessing, but even greater lessons, remind us again who gives life and who receives it. Sometimes, like Job, we need to have our questioning answered with a lesson – we need to learn that we are not the ones in charge in the universe.

The gifts we bring this morning are not a down payment toward future favor, but a token of a debt we will never be able to repay. May we gain wisdom in the giving, and may these gifts be blessed for your glory, not ours. We pray together, as Jesus taught....

Lord's Prayer

Hymn

How Great Thou Art

#77

SENT INTO GOD'S WORLD

How we can serve

Benediction

Response as we are sent

Bind Us Together

#2226

Postlude

✠✠✠ *We follow the Light of Christ into the World* ✠✠✠

Please be safe and careful as the virus and variants are still our county and community. The CDC encourages masking and vaccinations, including boosters, if you're eligible. We want to always act in love.

In-person services are continuing, and it is our intent to also share the service on Facebook Live@10am each week. The reflection is posted on Sermons-by-Phone 515-212-2802 and is also on Pastor's personal Facebook page.

This week

Wed, Oct 20 9:30am, *Growing Slow* book study, Fireside Room
no afterschool activities (early dismissal)

Thur, Oct 21 10am, EGEMA meets @ EGUMC, Fellowship Hall
6:30pm, Trustees meet, Fireside Room

Coming up

Friday, Oct 29, 4-5pm Annual Halloween Walk

Everyone is invited to be part of Trunk or Treat here in our parking lot, which is the ending point of the walk. Clipboard in the hallway to signup if you're interested. Specifics will be in the newsletter.

Monday, Nov 1 7pm Annual Charge Conference via Zoom. Gather in Fireside Room
Reports will be available Sun, Oct 31. All are invited. Church council members should attend.

Sunday, Nov 7 All-Saints' Worship, with communion.