

CELEBRATION AND WORSHIP

EAGLE GROVE AND GOLDFIELD UMC

OCTOBER 9, 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**

Make a joyful noise to the Lord, all you people!

With shouts of joy we celebrate the good news of God's love.

Open your hearts to the warmth of God's redeeming love.

God has poured such wonder into our lives!

Come, let us worship God with hearts and souls and voices!

Let our praise ring to the rafters and ascend to the heavens! AMEN¹

***OPENING HYMN**

Lord, I Lift Your Name on High

#2088

PRAYER FOR THE MORNING

O Lord, our Creator and Sustainer, you give us seasons to plant, to grow, to harvest, and to rest, and we are grateful. As the leaves turn and fall from the trees during autumn, help us to embrace these seasons and changes in our own lives as a natural part of this thing we call life.

There are ups and down, twists and turns, doubts and fears, trials and triumphs and just when we are about to be ensnared by evil and destruction, you part the waters so we can step over and walk safely across our miseries, strife, and obstacles.

You have created each one of us uniquely and molded us beautifully into your own image – whether anybody remembers to tell us today we are ALL THAT and more, simply because we are yours. Help us to stand strong and sure when the winds blow fiercely; give us courage to walk proudly and confidently like we're supposed to. Remind us that through it all you are with us, every moment, every step, every time and in every situation – no matter who or where we are. We boldly pray together as Jesus taught....*Our Father....* Amen.

PROCLAMATION AND RESPONSE

SCRIPTURE FOR THE DAY

Luke 17:11-19, 2 Timothy 2:8-15

MORNING REFLECTION

Pastor Alaire

***HYMN OF RESPONSE**

Something Beautiful

#394

***DEDICATION OF OURSELVES AND OUR GIFTS**

God of love and compassion, the need for your presence in this world is often overwhelming. Confrontation and division are everywhere we look: in communities, in our countries, in our church,

and in our world. We have endured much, and others have had to endure so much more. May the gifts we give help all your children endure in these strange and challenging times. In the name of Jesus, the Christ, we pray and sing together

Doxology

#95

WE GO INTO THE WORLD

*HYMN OF SENDING

When We Are Living

#356

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 Discipleship Resources.

COMING UP

TODAY – Charge Conference for both congregations, 2pm, at Trinity UMC, Ft Dodge, with other churches in our circuit. Council members should attend; everyone is encouraged to come.

Mon, Oct 10 – 9am – 3pm – Come spend a day apart in mission at Jefferson IA UMC as the space is prepared to become Midwest Mission's newest drop center. Make PDK's, unload boxes, help with shelving, etc.

Wed, Oct 12, 2-5pm – Spirit-filled Wednesday, Kndg – gr 8, at EGUMC. We'll be putting together the Ingathering kits as part of our time, so any 1-handle school bags you've been sewing need to be in the church on Tuesday, please, so we can set up our assembly line.

5:15pm – Confirmation Class @Eagle Grove UMC

Fri, Oct 14, after the game – Last **5th Qtr** of the season. Contact Jerry Becker to volunteer to help.

Sat, Oct 15, 7am - Methodist Men meet @ Family Table.

Sat, Oct 29 – Goldfield UC Turkey Dinner serving 4:30-6:30pm, take-out only. Pastor Alaire and Goldfield members have tickets. \$12.50 each. Yummy meal that supports the ministries of the church.

Temps will be dropping all too soon and so many school kids need our help. The Hat & Mitten Tree is up in the Goldfield UMC until Thanksgiving. Decorate it to keep kids warm!

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 Tue, 10-11:30am; Wed during the Afterschool, 2-5pm (side door) or Sun worship

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

--Goldfield UMC – Sunday morning.

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

We're collecting 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!