

CELEBRATION AND WORSHIP

EAGLE GROVE AND GOLDFIELD UMC

SEPTEMBER 11, 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

God calls to the lost, the least, and all who long for home;

God calls when we wander from the path chosen for us and waste the gifts we have been given.

God calls and welcomes us back to worship this day;

let us celebrate and rejoice in God's presence forever; let us worship God together.¹

*OPENING HYMN

Lord of All Hopefulness

#2197

PRAYER OF CONFESSION AND ASSURANCE OF PARDON.

O Most Patient God, we recognize how much we need you for life itself. But how often have we behaved as if we did not know or even care about you? How often have we become the ones who do not carry out justice? How often have we tried to dominate others even as you stand with them? How often have we participated in the desolation of your creation by our treatment of the heavens, the earth and its waters? Forgive us for these times when we have lost our way.

All Loving God, we want to be among those whom you seek. Shower your mercy upon us. Find us and lead us safely home to faithfulness. *Silent reflection*

My friends, when we are lost, all is not lost. God is seeking us, ready to turn our lives around, Gathering us in to the people of God. Let us rejoice in God's mercy! ¹

We pray together, as Jesus taught...

LORD'S PRAYER

Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread, and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom and the power, and the glory, forever and ever. Amen.

PROCLAMATION AND RESPONSE

TIME WITH THE YOUNGER DISCIPLES

SCRIPTURE FOR THE DAY

Luke 15:1-10

MORNING REFLECTION

Pastor Alaire

***PRAYER**

God of relentless love, the Gospel reminds us of the joy you feel when one of your children chooses the path of repentance and redemption. We picture the celebration in your heart when that choice is made. We also know how prone we are to wander off that path as we pursue those things that satisfy ourselves only. Receive the gifts we offer this day as a sign of our striving to get back on the path that leads us to you. We pray in the name of Jesus the Christ, the light on our path! ¹ AMEN

WE GO INTO THE WORLD

***HYMN OF SENDING**

Amazing Grace

#378

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. ¹Discipleship Resources

COMING UP

Afterschool registration form is now on Eagle Grove UMC FB page.

Hardcopies of the newsletter and Upper Rooms are in the entryway, and back of the sanctuary.

Wed, Sept 14, 2 – 5pm

Wednesday Afterschool for Kndg – gr 8

6:15pm

Brief confirmation information gathering, youth gr 7-8 and up.

A parent or guardian should attend tonight with the confirmand.

Fri, Sept 16, 4-7pm

Visitation with family of Gwen Amonson, here at the church

Sat, Sept 17, 7am

Methodist Men meet @ Family Table.

10:30am

Celebration of the Life of Gwen Amonson, here at the church.

Sun, Sept 18, 9:30am

Worship and Dedication of Prayer Garden @Eagle Grove, outside, weather permitting. Bring a lawn chair, if you like; we'll have chairs outdoors as well.

We will not be broadcasting on the FM band, but will be on Facebook Live.

11am

Traditional Worship at Goldfield UMC

Mon, Sept 19, 9:30am

Study group, in person @EGUMC, begins, *Help is Here*, by Max Lucado.

Contact Melody Amonson, leader, for additional information. Study run 5 weeks.

Tue, Sept 20, 9:30am

Study group, online, begins, *Help is Here*. Contact Melody 515-851-0317, for connecting link and info. Monday and Tuesday groups will have different participants.

Bring in Personal Dignity Kit items during September - hand towel, washcloth, single pkg toothbrush, bar soap, 12.5-29 oz shampoo, 2-3 oz deodorant.. Leave them in the tubs in the sanctuary in Eagle Grove, or entryway at Goldfield.