

EAGLE GROVE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH  
CELEBRATION AND WORSHIP SEPTEMBER 12, 2021

WELCOME

GATHERING AS GOD'S PEOPLE

Centering Prayer and Bringing in the Light

Call to Worship

We come to worship God --

**with our mouths, our voices, our hearts.**

We come to honor God –

**by honoring the power of our words.**

We come to receive grace

**and to let grace sing out through our lives.**

God guides and empowers us.

**God saves and sustains us. Amen.**

Hymn

*Open My Eyes, That I May See*

#454

Morning Prayer

**God, you spoke and the world was ordered. Through worshipping you today, may we remember the power of our speech, too. May we recommit to speak in ways that help create hope and not harm, justice and not suffering. May our words flow forth faithfully and truthfully to honor you and care for each other. Amen.**

RECEIVING AND RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD

Scripture

James 3:2-12

Reflection

Dedication of our gifts and ourselves

Friends, we are called to match our actions with our words. As we worship the God of healing and hope, may we not only praise God's name with our mouths, but participate in God's work with all that we have. We give our offerings to heal and spread hope to a hurting world.

**Jesus, you are the living Word. Through our lives and our words, we pray that you will work your justice and mercy. Accept our gifts and use them to not only heal pain and suffering but to work against any harm that might come to your people and all creation. Amen.**

BEING SENT IN GOD'S WORK IN THE WORLD

Hymn

*The Summons*

#2130

How we can serve in the world

Benediction and Postlude

Please remain seated until the light has been carried out. Thank you.

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

**Outreach and mission:** If you would like to make a gift for hurricane relief, we will be sending them mid to late September.. Just indicate relief offering on your envelope or check. We also appreciate items or financial gifts you may make for Ingathering kits. More specifics are on the table in the back.

The **online study group** for the book *Growing Slow: Lessons on Un-Hurrying Your Heart from an Accidental Farm Girl* is beginning. Contact Melody for book and time information.

The author, Jennifer Dukes Lee, will be the **speaker** here, September 27. Lunch at 11:30, speaker at 12:30. For tickets, contact Melody, Pat, the greenhouse, or stop in the office. Invite friends and neighbors to join you for an inspirational time.

An **in-person study group** on the book will begin in early October.

Plans for the **Prayer Garden** on the east side of the building are being put into motion. Drive by during the week and see what is happening. Tell your neighbors about it!

Please be safe and careful as the virus re-appears in our county and community. The CDC encourages masking and vaccinations. We act in love. In-person services are continuing, and it is our intent to also share the service on Facebook Live@10am each week. A reflection is posted on Sermons-by-Phone 515-212-2802 and is also on Pastor's personal Facebook page.

### **Upcoming meetings**

Thur, Sept 16, 6:30 trustees

Sun, Sept 19, after worship, council meets to compile Charge Conference reports.

Charge Conference is Sun, Oct 10, 2pm at Mason City 1<sup>st</sup>.