

**EAGLE GROVE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH**  
**CELEBRATION AND WORSHIP**                      **SEPTEMBER 19, 2021**

**WELCOME**

**GATHERING AS GOD'S PEOPLE**

**Centering Prayer and Bringing in the Light**

**Call to Worship**

We come to worship to draw near to you, Loving God.

**To learn what is means to be happy, to be wise, to be faithful.**

We come to worship knowing we have much to learn.

**Teach us your ways, so that we may teach others.**

**Let us worship God!**

**Hymn**

*Blessed Assurance*

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**Morning Prayer**

**Creating God, we come to worship, always seeking, always full of wants and needs: we seek after wisdom, clarity, the respect of our community, happiness, knowledge.**

**Scripture tells us that you want the same things for us. But when we look closely, and with an open heart, we learn that our understanding of wisdom, clarity, respect, happiness and knowledge differ from your teachings.**

**Keep our hearts and minds open to hear your word, to discern how to respond faithfully, and then by our practices, by our way of living, make visible our understanding of your ways. We pray together, as Jesus taught, our Father...**

**Lord's prayer**

**RECEIVING AND RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD**

**Scripture**

James 3:13-4:3, 8a

**Reflection**

*Core strength*

**Dedication of our gifts and ourselves**

**BEING SENT IN GOD'S WORK IN THE WORLD**

**How we can serve in the world**

**Hymn**

*They'll Know We Are Christians By Our Love*

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**Benediction**

**Blessing our Prayer Garden space**

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

**Outreach and mission:** We have accumulated supplies for 106 school kits! The youth will be assembling them in October. This coming week, we ask you to remember folks in Haiti and Louisiana – emergency relief is desperately needed. Cash gifts, or requested supplies. Blankets, diapers, toilet paper, baby wipes, and liquid laundry soap, dish soap and household cleaner. Our gifts will be picked up Sept 26 – the office will be open Tue and Wed morning this week, or bring them next Sunday. Thanks! What a difference we can make.

Did you get your tickets for the luncheon and speaker yet? Jennifer Dukes Lee will be here Monday, September 27; lunch at 11:30, speaking at 12:30. Invite friends and neighbors to join you for an inspirational time – seating is limited, so be sure you let Pat or Melody know you're planning to come. You need a ticket/reservation.

Can't make the lunch? You can come just for the presentation in the sanctuary, at 12:30.

An **in-person study group** on her book, *Growing Slow: Lessons on Un-Hurrying Your Heart from an Accidental Farm Girl* will begin in early October.

Work on our **Prayer Garden** on the east side of the building will be happening soon. We'll dedicate the space today. Watch for changes, and tell your neighbors about it!

Please be safe and careful as the virus continues to appear in our county and community. The CDC encourages masking and vaccinations. 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.

**TODAY** - after worship, council meets to compile Charge Conference reports.

**Next Sunday, September 26**

Baptism of Ella Willwerth, daughter of Nick and Hannah during worship.

After the service, work setting tables and prepping lunch for UWF meal/speaker.

**Sunday, October 3**, we will celebrate World Communion Sunday.