

**WE GATHER**

**GATHERING MUSIC**

**WELCOME AND CENTERING PRAYER**

**PRELUDE AND BRINGING IN THE LIGHT**

**\*CALLING OURSELVES TO WORSHIP**

Followers of Christ, God calls us just as we are to live as truth-tellers and gospel-bringers in the world.

**God, we know you call us, and still, we ask, "Who am I that you would call me?"**

Like Moses standing before the burning bush convinced of his unworthiness to lead your people out of bondage, we ask,

**"Who am I that you would call me?"**

Like Peter who thought he got it right only to realize that who Jesus is doesn't meet his expectations of who a Savior should be, we ask,

**"Who am I that you would call me?"**

As we raise this question to God today, we open our hearts to receive God's answer:

**You are my beloved children. You are my disciples. You are my people called to share the love of God for the transformation of the world. Amen.**

**\*OPENING HYMN**

*The Gift of Love*

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**PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

Gracious God,

Though we live in a culture that is reluctant to admit guilt, assume responsibility, or ask for forgiveness, we are so bold as to pray the words of the psalmist who said: *Search me, O God, and know my heart; test me and know my thoughts. See if there is any wicked way in me, and lead me in the way everlasting.*

Search us, O God, and reveal anything in our lives that stands between us and your love.

Search us, O God, show us our sins so that we might confess them,

Search us, O God, show us places where we have neglected Christian responsibility and then teach us how to live on this earth with each other,

Search us, O God, show us the faces of those we have wronged so that we might seek their forgiveness.

*Silent Reflection*

**ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

We have not been called to this hour of worship to wallow in sin and self-pity. God has promised to forgive our sins when we confess them and to cleanse us from all manner of unrighteousness. We are each invited to the table of hospitality. **Thanks be to God. Amen.**

**WE PROCLAIM**

**CHILDREN'S TIME**

**SCRIPTURES FOR TODAY**

Exodus 3:1-15, Romans 12:9-21, Matthew 16:21-28

**REFLECTION**

*Who Am I?*

Pastor Alaire

## WE RESPOND

### PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

#### WE GIVE OUR TITHES, OFFERINGS AND OURSELVES

##### \*DOXOLOGY

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##### \*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

God of grace and hospitality, as we bring our gifts for the work of your kingdom, we also bring ourselves, just as we are, to you. May we know your peace. Free us from our reluctance to reach out. Help us to truly be your hands of love and joy. Amen.

##### HYMN

*Come to the Table of Grace*

Come to the table of grace, come to the table of grace.

This is God's table; it's not yours or mine. Come to the table of grace.

2. Come to the table of peace ... 3. Come to the table of love... 4. Come to the table of joy...

**THE SACRAMENT OF COMMUNION** *liturgy will be on the screen. You may follow, beginning on pg 13*

## WE GO FORTH

##### \*CLOSING HYMN

*Be Thou My Vision*

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#### WE GO OUT INTO THE WORLD PRACTICE LOVE

##### \*BENEDICTION

Receive this good news: You are beloved children of God, called and equipped to be agents of divine love in the world. And remember, you do not go alone. God goes before you, with you, and behind you wherever you go. Thanks be to God. Amen.

##### \*WE FOLLOW THE LIGHT

*Go Now In Peace*

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##### \*POSTLUDE

## OPPORTUNITIES TO SERVE

**After school Wednesdays** (names of the groups will be coming!!!) begin at Eagle Grove on Wednesday, September 6. Kindergarteners – Gr 8 are invited to come from early dismissal (1:45pm) until 5pm. Registration form on FB page. Yes, we need info again from returning kids, please.

**NEW!!! On Wednesdays** Youth gr 8 – high school will meet for food, fellowship and more after sports' practices (5:30 or so) until ??? Specifics will come together as they meet with Yalonda and Angie! Friends invited.

Yes, look for signup sheet on the back table for ways you all can help.

**Goldfield Women** meet this Wednesday morning. **Eagle Grove United Women of Faith** will meet on Thursday@9:30am

**Sat, Sept 16** you can help 100's of others pack meals, at the Webster City Fairground. Signup is needed; sheets on the table. Sponsored by Midwest Mission.

Fyi – The building/office in Eagle Grove is now open Wednesday and Thursdays, 10a-1p, and is closed on Tuesdays.