

## CELEBRATION AND WORSHIP

MAY 9, 2021

CONFIRMATION & BAPTISM

### WELCOME

#### PRELUDE AND BRINGING IN THE LIGHT

Let praise cascade off my lips

**Invigorate my soul so that I can praise you well.** Let your love, God, shape my life with salvation.

**And I'll stride freely through wide-open spaces.** I see the limits to everything human.

**But the horizons can't contain your commands.** I'll tell the world what I find, speak out boldly in public, unembarrassed.

**I cherish your commandments.**

The way you tell me to live is always right;

**Help me understand it so that I can live to the fullest. Amen.<sup>1</sup>**

**\*HYMN**      *I Am the Church, vs 1-4*      #558

#### \*PRAYER

**Gracious God, what are human beings that you are mindful of us, mortals that you care for us? Yet to us you give your love. With us you share your Son and your Spirit. Your love has been poured into our hearts. May we be your wise ones today, living into your love and hope for us. Amen.<sup>2</sup>**

## CONFIRMATION & BAPTISM

-Braeden Pamperin son of Amanda Poncin &  
Jake Pamperin

-Brooklyn Osborn daughter of Jeff & Stacy Osborn

-Darci Anderson daughter of Mike & Angie Anderson

-Myah Edwards daughter of Blake & Brittany Sadler and  
Ryan Edwards

-Jersey Willwerth daughter of Jestin Willwerth & Jodi Reed

-Tarissa Middleton daughter of Roderick & Sonya  
Middleton

Please follow in the insert and read aloud the ***bold italicized*** sections.

### REFLECTION FOR THE MORNING

*What's it all about?*

Jesus Loves Me      #191

Jesus Loves the Little Children

*Jesus loves the little children.*

*All the children of the world.*

*Every color, every race, all are covered by God's grace.*

*Jesus loves the little children of the world.<sup>3</sup>*

This Little Light of Mine      #585

### TIME OF PRAYER AND DEDICATION

God of comfort and strength, we commit again our prayers of joy or lament, of thanks or cries of frustration, and our presence, in person or virtually. Use the gifts we bring, our tithes, offerings and self. Turn our service into witness as we spread your light throughout the world. Amen and Amen.

## LORD'S PRAYER

**HYMN OF SENDING**      *Bind Us Together*      #2226

## BENEDICTION AND SENDING FORTH

## POSTLUDE

<sup>1</sup> Ministry Matters

<sup>2</sup> Shadow\_Wanderer, r/Christianity. Original source unknown.

You may leave cards and notes on the table along the back of the sanctuary. There is a bag for each confirmand.

## COMING UP

**Sunday, May 24**, we will celebrate Pentecost. Wear something red, if you like.

**May 25 – 29** Pastor Alaire will be working at Midwest Mission Distribution Center. Regular messages can go into the office, or by email to her. You may call her in the event of an emergency. Plans are in place for care coverage.

The Eagle Grove UCC congregation has been invited to worship with us on **Sunday, May 30**, here in our sanctuary. Their pastor, Todd Edeker will lead the service; Anita Idio will be the pianist. It's good to worship together in prayer and praise.



**Eagle Grove United Methodist Church**

**Sunday, May 9, 2021**

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