

WE GATHER

Gathering Music

Welcome and Centering Prayer

Prelude and Bringing in the Light

***Call to Worship**

Come and hear what God has done --

God has listened to all our prayer.

When we pass through the torrent of deep troubles,

God turns the sea to dry land.

When we are tangled in the web of life,

God does not let our feet slip.

When we are tested as silver is tried,

God keeps us in the land of the living.

When we go through fire and water,

God brings us to a spacious place.

Come and hear what God has done --

God surrounds us with steadfast love.

Shout joyful praises to God, all the earth!

***Opening Song**

To God Be the Glory

#98

Prayer of Confession

As God's beloved children, we are invited to come to our God with the fullness of our lives, to admit our love and our hate, to admit our faith and our fear. Trusting in God's mercy, let us make our confession, first in silent prayer. *Time of private prayer*

Holy and gracious God, at times we feel so frail and fragile, getting blown about by the latest crisis, by bad news, by our own short tempers and failings.

You call us to hold fast to what is good, but so often we flounder, unable to find that solid thing that will center us again.

Help us, we pray. Help us to see you as our center, and to cling to the good that you create in the world. Help us to set aside all our jealousies and prejudices, all of our betrayals and lies, all that adds to the world's hurt. Help us to grow even more into Christ's likeness, that we will bear his love and truth to the world. We pray in his name. Amen.

WE PROCLAIM

Children's Time

Scripture and Reflection

from Psalm 66, and 1 Peter 3:13-22

WE RESPOND

Time of Prayer

Spirit of the Living God

#393

We Give our Tithes, Offerings and Ourselves

***Doxology**

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***Prayer of Dedication**

Holy God and author of our existence; our story is part of a greater story, and your hand is visible on every page and every scene. So too our stories cannot be disconnected from those in the past who have shaped the steps we take – saints and sinners, rebels and followers. They are part of our story as we are part of theirs.

As we offer gifts this day, we pray they might be used to strengthen the story of faith that will be told by those who will come after we are gone. We pray this in the name of Jesus. Amen.

***Hymn of Response**

Lord, I Lift Your Name on High

#2088

WE GO FORTH

We Go Out Into the World to Practice Love

Blessing and Benediction

***We Follow the Light**

Go Now In Peace

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***Postlude**

OPPORTUNITIES TO SERVE

Weaving on the looms, creating sleeping mats, continues – Eagle Grove open Tuesday at 9:30am and 6:30pm, and again Thursday at 9:30am. Check the schedule at Goldfield posted on the door.

Time to get camping registrations sent in! Talk with Pastor for campership assistance. Gifts for camperships are appreciated.

Baccalaureate for Eagle Grove graduates is **Wednesday, May 17**. EGAMA is providing a meal @ 5pm, and coordinating the service. Graduation is Sunday, May 21, 2pm.

Methodist Men will meet at Family Table, 7am on **Saturday, May 20**