

# CELEBRATION AND WORSHIP

FEBRUARY 5, 2023

EAGLE GROVE UMC AND GOLDFIELD UMC

## GATHERING

### WELCOME AND SHARING

### PRELUDE AND BRINGING IN THE LIGHT

### \*CALL TO WORSHIP

We are called to bring a new understanding of God: that God so loves the world.

**We are the salt of the earth.**

We are called to bring a new hope in God: that God gives us new life.

**We are the light of the world.**

We are called to follow the commandments and the law.

**The Law of God is to love God and to love one another.**

Come, let us be the salt of the earth, the light of the world.

**Come, let us love one another with the love of God.**

**Let us join together in our love of God to worship and follow Jesus.<sup>1</sup>**

### \*OPENING HYMN

*Gather Us In*

#2236

### PRAYER FOR THE MORNING

God of mystery and of judgment, who has made us to be salt and light in a tasteless, shadowed world, guide us in this time of worship. Grant us understanding and spiritual discernment so that others may see your good works through us, give you the glory, and be moved to serve you. Amen.

### TIME WITH THE CHILDREN (EGUMC)

## PROCLAMATION

### SCRIPTURE LESSON

Isaiah 58:1-12; Psalm 112:1-10;  
1 Corinthians 2:1-16; Matthew 5:13-20

### MORNING REFLECTION

Pastor Alaire

## RESPONSE

### WE GIVE OUR TITHES, OFFERINGS AND OURSELVES

### \*DOXOLOGY

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### \*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

**God of all creation, source of every blessing: you have given us so much. As we bring our tithes and gifts to you this day, these seem so small by comparison, unless we see that we are truly called to give ourselves back to the world. May we be the salt that brings value and flavor into relationships with those around us. May we be the light that helps others find their way to your love and care. We pray all of this in the mighty name of Jesus, who came to help us see all we could be. Amen.<sup>1</sup>**

**THE SACRAMENT OF COMMUNION <sup>2</sup>**

All are welcome at the Lord's Table. The liturgy will be on the screen (the congregation may read the **bold** words.)

**WE GO TO SERVE**

**\*BENEDICTION AND SENDING**

Our Enlivening God calls us to be salt —  
**to add flavor to the world.**

Our Enlivening God calls us to be light —  
**to add illumination and beauty to the world.**

Our Enlivening God calls us to be courageous —  
**to respond to the needs of the world, so that God's presence may be revealed to all the world. We go, to live and love and serve our God. Amen. Amen**

We follow the light of Christ into the world as we sing together, *Go Now in Peace* #665

**\*POSTLUDE**

\*Please stand in body or in spirit as you are able.

<sup>1</sup> Discipleship Resources

<sup>2</sup> Communion liturgy from Maren Tirabassi

**WE GO INTO THE WORLD TO SERVE**

**Wednesdays, 2pm-5pm** Spirit-filled Wednesdays, K-gr4, gr5-8 at Eagle Grove UMC

Additional volunteers are needed to help in the classrooms. Talk to Nicole, MaryBeth or Pastor for specifics. Can you help out March 1,8,15, 29 and April 5 (during Lent)? We can use oranges and clementines for snacks over the next few weeks.

**Wednesdays, 5:15pm-7pm** Confirmation Class at Eagle Grove

Help us work to fight hunger in our community. Bring soup next Sunday – and as you pick it out, spend time in prayer for those you will be helping. Be intentional as you give nourishment and prayer. Our collection has grown, and we'll close this outreach Feb 12. Together we're making an impact locally.



**Midwest Mission, Jefferson site** is having work mornings Feb 18, 20 or 25 (Sat, Mon, Sat).

Let's carpool! Don't forget to flatten out your plastic grocery sacks so they can be cut for woven sleeping mats. Bring your stacks of bags into church – we'll find a place!

Newsletter will be out the end of this week...and include plans for Lent. Ash Wednesday is Feb 22.

**Friday, March 3, 9:30am** World Day of Prayer gathering @ Goldfield UMC – ALL are invited.

Our speaker will be from Lotus, an emergency shelter for women, children and all family units. Their safe shelter is located in Vincent. Invite your neighbors to join you for fellowship, learning and prayers. All are welcome. The churches in both Eagle Grove and Goldfield have been invited.