

EAGLE GROVE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
CELEBRATION AND WORSHIP **AUGUST 29, 2021**

WELCOME

CENTERING PRAYER AND BRINGING IN THE LIGHT

CALL TO WORSHIP

God is active in our world and in our lives,

We gather in awe of our God.

Christ calls us into the way of love and justice,

We gather to follow Jesus our Savior.

The Spirit moves us in compassion and kindness,

We gather as one people of God.

Come, join your hearts in worship,

And ponder the awesomeness of God.¹

OPENING HYMN

We Are God's People

#2220

OPENING PRAYER

A prayer by Rachel Hackenburg

TIME FOR YOUNG DISCIPLES

SCRIPTURE FOR THE DAY

James 1:17-27

REFLECTION

Living Faith: Words and Deeds

RESPONSIVE PRAYER OF CONFESSION

We do it this way. We say it like this! Why do we do that?

Why? Because... Because we have always done it this way!

Loving God, we come before you today confessing that we have been slow to listen for the new directions that the Wind of your Spirit might be blowing. We have relaxed into the complacency of routine. We have come to value skill at keeping our own rules more than we value hearing your plans for the day. O God, examine our hearts. Reveal our motives. Expose our intentions.

(Silence)

Cleanse us. Forgive us. Have mercy on us. Turn our eyes toward you. Help us understand what you really want from your people and help us become the people that honor you and glorify your name.²

(Silence)

ASSURANCE OF PARDON AND LORD'S PRAYER

Hear the good news! The Lord forgives our sins and renews our hearts. It is God alone who restores the joy of our salvation. Receive God's grace. Receive God's mercy. In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven.

In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven. We pray together as Jesus taught, saying Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name. Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread, and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory forever. Amen.

DEDICATION OF OUR GIFTS AND OURSELVES

HYMN OF SENDING FORTH

Make Me a Servant

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HOW WE CAN SERVE IN THE WORLD

announcements for the week

BENEDICTION AND GOING OUT

POSTLUDE

Please remain seated until the light has been carried out. Thank you.

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

¹ Ministry Matters

² Kwasi Kena

Thanks to all who have given financial support for the appreciation gifts for teachers and staff. Keep each of them, and all the students in your prayers as a new year begins with a variety of joys and apprehensions. You may still contribute to this project, today or in the mail.

The Mission Team is collecting things for Ingathering kits – School supplies needed most needed are 24 crayons, 12 colored pencils, and children’s rounded end scissors. We have shoppers who will buy, if you’d prefer to make a cash donation. We’ll focus on Personal Dignity kits next month.

Thur, Sept 2, 9:30am United Women of Faith meets in Fellowship Hall

Volunteer needed – Still looking for someone to coordinate and contact greeters and ushers for us? We have a list; your task would be scheduling and reminding them. Let Pastor Alaire know if this is a job you would take on.

In person services are continuing, and it is our intent to also share the service on Facebook Live@10am each week. A reflection is posted on Sermons-by-Phone 515-212-2802 and is also on Pastor’s personal Facebook page. Please be safe and careful as the virus re-appears in our county and community. The CDC encourages masking and vaccinations. We act in love.