

CELEBRATION AND WORSHIP

EAGLE GROVE AND GOLDFIELD UMC

ORDINARY 21

AUGUST 21, 2022

Our offering plates are in the back of the room; we don't pass them during service. Your financial support for our ongoing expenses is deeply appreciated. Support to Eagle Grove UMC can also be given through tithe.ly. Everyone is also invited to write joys and concerns on the prayer cards there as well. You can indicate if you'd like them shared – out loud or with the prayer chain. Leave them in the offering plates, as well.

GATHERING

WELCOME

JOYS, CONCERNS AND A CENTERING PRAYER

PRELUDE AS WE BRING IN THE LIGHT

*CALL TO WORSHIP

This is the Day

#657

*OPENING HYMN

Open My Eyes, That I May See

#454

MORNING PRAYER

God our teacher, you help us to understand the world around us. Thank you for the privilege of education. You have blessed our communities with teachers who take new skills and concepts and pass them along to each new class of learners.

You have given us minds that grow and develop in unique ways, at unique speeds. We are astounded by that miracle. You speak to us through words, actions, play, and feelings. You call us to listen to the Spirit speaking through our siblings in Christ, no matter their age in years.

We celebrate the beginning of this school year and ask for your blessings upon the children, the educators, and the families and communities who support them all.

But in this celebration of education and learning, we don't forget there are children and families and teachers who do not have the resources they need. When systems are unjust, the outcomes are unacceptable.

Today we remember those who are beginning school this year: those who have what they need to learn and grow in safety, and those who lack supplies, teachers, safe buildings, and accommodations for all needs and abilities. Open our hearts to be your people. AMEN

PROCLAMATION AND RESPONSE

BLESSINGS GIVEN, BLESSINGS SHARED

A STORY, GOD'S STORY, AND A REFLECTION

Miss Hazeltine's Home for Shy and Fearful Cats written by Alicia Potter

Jeremiah 1:4-10

Reflection by Pastor Alaire

TIME OF PRAYER

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE We will use a responsive style for our prayers today. Pastor will share words, ending with “Lord, hear us.:

Then all should respond: **Loving God, hold us and our prayers.**

LORD’S PRAYER

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. Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom and the power, and the glory, forever and ever. Amen.

*DEDICATION OF OURSELVES AND OUR GIFTS

Doxology

#95

*PRAYER

Mighty God, we give our offerings to you today. We pray over them and sing your praises. Then we sink back into our day-to-day lives, hoping those gifts meet the expectations of being disciples.

You have called us to more – to speak for you, at every opportunity, in all we do. That’s a scary thought. Then scripture reminds us that you will provide us with the words. Give us the faith and courage to speak of your love and mercy. May our actions show your love. In Jesus’ name, we pray.² Amen.

WE GO INTO THE WORLD

*HYMN OF SENDING

Here I Am, Lord

#593

HOW WE CAN SERVE

BENEDICTION AND SENDING FORTH

*THE LIGHT LEADS US

Shalom to You

#666

*POSTLUDE

††We follow the light of Christ into the world to serve††

* please stand in body or spirit, as you are able. ¹Illustrated Ministries ²Discipleship Resources

COMING UP

--Council meetings Wed, Aug 24 - Eagle Grove@5:30pm. Goldfield@7pm.

Email coming Monday evening for prep.

--Sun, Aug 28 10am Shared Service, @Eagle Grove UMC. Pulled pork lunch and rice meal packing follows. Check sheets in back of sanctuary for signups.

--Info in the back of the sanctuary to learn how you can help EGAMA provide back-to-school clothes for some of the kids in need of assistance in our schools.

--**5th Quarter** returns to Eagle Grove UMC. There will be 3 this fall, after the home football games **Sept 2 & 23, and Oct 14**. Volunteer and donations sheets on clipboard in the back.

--**Afterschool** programming for K-gr 8 will begin again **Sept 7**, running from 2-5pm. Confirmation for all 7th & 8th graders will begin **Sept 14**, with a 6:15 meeting of confirmands and parents. More info coming in the newsletter.

--Newsletter deadline – Thursday, August 25, via email, please, to church office.