

## EAGLE GROVE UMC AND GOLDFIELD UMC

## WE GATHER

## GATHERING MUSIC

## WELCOME, ANNOUNCEMENTS AND CENTERING PRAYER

## PRELUDE AND BRINGING IN THE LIGHT

**\*CALLING OURSELVES TO WORSHIP**

In awe and wonder, we lift up our eyes to the heavens.

We raise our songs of joy to the Ruler of all time and space.

**Sing praises to God, sing praises;**

**Shout to God with loud songs of joy,**

We gather to remember the One who shared our common lot.

Jesus Christ, who visited this earth, dwells in heaven.

**We celebrate the life and ministry of Jesus.**

**We rejoice in the hope to which Christ has called us.**

We open ourselves to the baptism of the Holy Spirit.

We expect to be empowered as witness in today's world.

**We seek a spirit of wisdom and revelation.**

**We are here to be filled with power from on high.**

**\*OPENING HYMN**

*We Gather Together*

#131

## MORNING PRAYER

Hear us, God, our hope, for we have too easily denied our heritage amid the competing claims all around us. We strive for knowledge and control beyond our capacity, wanting power on our own terms rather than through the unpredictable empowerment of your Holy Spirit.

The beginning of true wisdom comes only from You,

O God, open our eyes and our hearts that we might be forgiven and find true life in you and through you, Amen.

## WE PROCLAIM

## SCRIPTURES FOR TODAY

Deuteronomy 10: 12-13, Proverbs 1:7 & 8:13

## REFLECTION

*Beginning of Wisdom*

Lenny Carlson

## WE RESPOND

## TIME OF PRAYER

Lord, we come from all different walks of life. We live in different kinds of places; we have different backgrounds. We have gone through different scarring and difficult experiences. Some come with one kind of need and others with another, but the ground is all level at the foot of the cross.

We worship you, Lord. We thank you for not leaving us where we were, but for bringing us to where you would have us be. Thank you for having begun a good work in us. You will complete it and it will all work together for good. In the strong name of Jesus Christ, who is doing His work in us and who taught us to pray in this way,

LORD'S PRAYER

**WE GIVE OUR TITHES, OFFERINGS AND OURSELVES**

**\*DOXOLOGY** #95

**\*PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

Heavenly Father, bless these gifts that we offer forth unto you, Lord. Grant us the courage, wisdom, and the love to place them where the seed of your love can flower, bringing joy, peace, and hope to those in need. In the strong name of Jesus Christ, our Lord, Amen.

**\*CLOSING HYMN** *Spirit Song* #347

**WE GO FORTH**

**SPECIAL MUSIC** *People Get Ready* (Curtis Mayfield) Lenny Carlson

**BLESSING AND BENEDICTION**

**\*SUNG RESPONSE** *Go Now, In Peace (sing 3x)* #665

Go now in peace. Go now in peace. May the love of God surround you everywhere, everywhere you may go.

**\*POSTLUDE**

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**OPPORTUNITIES TO SERVE**

Thanks to Lenny Carlson for sharing his words and music today. Next Sunday, our District Lay Leader Ann Trimble-Ray will lead worship in both congregations; services will be in-person and online.

Pastor Alaire is on vacation with her family through August 27. Amy Hunt in the Eagle Grove office, Pat Manues and Jolene Rasmussen have emergency pastoral care and contact information.

**Wednesday Afterschool** programming at Eagle Grove UMC will resume September 6.

**Kndg-gr 8** will meet from 2pm (early dismissal) until 5pm, and **youth gr 8 and high school** will meet after sports practices, with supper provided.

Watch for new names of the groups – and registrations will be on our Facebook page. Ways you can help will be coming SOON!