

CELEBRATION AND WORSHIP

EAGLE GROVE UMC

JANUARY 23, 2022

GATHERING

WELCOME

CENTERING PRAYER AND BRINGING IN THE LIGHT

CALL TO WORSHIP

The Spirit of God is upon us.

We are called to be God's people.

The Spirit of God is upon us.

We are called to be the body of Christ.

Come let us worship God,
who binds us together in love and service.

OPENING HYMN

Many Gifts, One Spirit

#114

PRAYER FOR THE MORNING

Bountiful God, you have blessed us with so many gifts. In this time of worship, may we be open to receiving these gifts. Help us claim our gifts and use them to bring liberation and justice to a hurting world.

May the words of our mouths, and the meditations of our hearts, be acceptable to you. May the transforming Spirit of joy and unity bind us together as your body, that we may be your hands and feet and voice in this, your world. Amen.

PROCLAMATION AND RESPONSE

SCRIPTURE FOR THIS DAY

1 Corinthians 12:12-27

Pastor: Christ is like a single body, which has many parts; it is still one body, even though it is made up of different parts. In the same way, all of us, whether Jews or Gentiles, whether slaves or free, have been baptized into the one body by the same Spirit, and we have all been given the one Spirit to drink. For the body itself is not made up of only one part, but of many parts.

Group A: If the foot were to say, "Because I am not a hand, I don't belong to the body," that would not keep it from being a part of the body.

Group B: And if the ear were to say, "Because I am not an eye, I don't belong to the body," that would not keep it from being a part of the body.

Group A: If the whole body were just an eye, how could it hear?

Group B: And if it were only an ear, how could it smell?

Pastor: As it is, however, God put every different part in the body just as he wanted it to be. There would not be a body if it were all only one part! As it is, there are many parts but one body.

Group A: So then, the eye cannot say to the hand, "I don't need you!"

Group B: Nor can the head say to the feet, "Well, I don't need you!"

Pastor: On the contrary, we cannot do without the parts of the body that seem to be weaker;

Group A: and those parts that we think aren't worth very much are the ones which we treat with greater care;

Group B: while the parts of the body which don't look very nice are treated with special modesty, which the more beautiful parts do not need.

Pastor: God has put the body together in such a way as to give greater honor to those parts that need it. And so there is no division in the body, but all its different parts have the same concern for one another. If one part of the body suffers,

Everyone : all the other parts suffer with it;

Pastor: if one part is praised,

Everyone: all the other parts share its happiness.

Pastor: All of you are Christ's body, and each one is a part of it.

REFLECTION

SONG OF RESPONSE

The Servant Song

#2222

DEDICATION OF OUR GIFTS AND OURSELVES

SENDING FORTH

WE GO INTO THE WORLD

BENEDICTION AND BLESSING

HYMN OF SENDING

Bind Us Together

#2226

POSTLUDE

We follow the Light of Christ into the world to serve

COMING UP...

Wednesday afterschool activities for K-gr 8 continue to meet weekly from 3:30 -5pm. If school is not held, or dismisses early, we will NOT gather.

Watch for emails and texts as ministry teams set times for their meetings.

Always, always, pay attention to the weather, as well as how you may be feeling. We plan to have the office open Tuesdays, 10-11:30am in January.

Words for the year are on the table in the narthex. Take one, and perhaps one for a friend. Great way to get a different perspective on the days.