

## CELEBRATION AND WORSHIP

EAGLE GROVE UMC

JANUARY 30, 2022

### GATHERING

#### WELCOME

#### CENTERING PRAYER AND BRINGING IN THE LIGHT

#### CALL TO WORSHIP

For it is the God who said, "Let light shine out of darkness," who has shone in our hearts **to give the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ.**

In the light of Epiphany, we pause this day, gathering together in person, or virtually.

**Let us worship God.**

#### OPENING HYMN

*The Gift of Love*

#408

#### PRAYER OF CONFESSION

(Based on 1 Corinthians 13:1-13)

Gracious God, how often does selfishness wash through our good intentions? How often do we speak bold, sophisticated words to impress others? How often do we forget that we are what we are because of you?

Remind us that our abilities are your gifts to us. Remind us that you loaned us some possessions in hopes that we would help others with them.

If we are guilty of living only to impress others, forgive us. If we gain status only by putting someone else down, forgive us. If we do things only for applause, forgive us. If all we do sounds like clanging cymbals and noisy gongs to you, call us to repent.

Humble us enough to serve. Humble us enough to pray. Humble us enough to love you and people who may never say thank you to us. Hear the prayers I our hearts. *(silent reflection)*

#### WORDS OF ASSURANCE

God sent pure love to us through Jesus Christ. Embrace the love of the Lord ?? now. Receive God's forgiveness for any selfishness masquerading as good intentions. Jesus' love heals us, forgives us, and accepts us without hesitation.

**Lord, we profess that we are your forgiven people. Inspire us to love others as thoroughly as you love us. Amen.**

### PROCLAMATION AND RESPONSE

#### SCRIPTURE FOR THIS DAY

1 Corinthians 13

#### 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**

*They'll Know We Are Christians*

#2223

**POSTLUDE**

***We follow the Light of Christ into the world to serve***

### **COMING UP...**

**NO** Wednesday afterschool activities for K-gr 8 this week – Early dismissal. We will meet February 9.

**Sat, Feb 5, 1pm @ Faith UMC in Humboldt.** “Iowa Leading the Way” gathering for laity and clergy to listen, learn and ask questions about Vision 2032 and the Cabinet Statement of November 2021. The goal is to reiterate there is a home in the Iowa Conference of The United Methodist Church for all. Information on [iaumc.org](http://iaumc.org), or ask Pastor for hard copies to learn a bit before you attend. Pastor will be attending, everyone, especially council is encouraged.

Watch for emails and texts as ministry teams set times for their meetings. February newsletter hard copies are on the table in the narthex.

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 February.

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.