

CELEBRATION AND WORSHIP

EAGLE GROVE AND GOLDFIELD UMC

NOVEMBER 13, 2022

Our offering plates are in the back of the room; we don't pass them during service. 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

Pastor Alaire Willits

JOYS, CONCERNS AND A CENTERING PRAYER

PRELUDE AS WE BRING IN THE LIGHT

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

When we are unsure of where to go,
we turn to you, God of Clarity, for guidance.

When we feel stuck in between this and that,
we wait for your nudge, Gentle Christ.

When we are overwhelmed by the enormity of the work of healing,
You, Wise Spirit, reveal the next stepping stone.

Meet us in this place, Discerning God. We come to meet with You¹.

***OPENING HYMN**

It Is Well with My Soul

#377

PRAYER FOR THE MORNING

Source of Grace, we confess that at times we can be indecisive, wavering, and even suspicious concerning you. Yet, you are loving toward us even when we are not.

We know that you are trustworthy, so we yield our doubts to you. You are persistent in extending grace toward us because your compassion is ever-expanding. Thank you for this moment of transformation. We give you thanks for wholeness².
Silent Reflection

WORDS OF GRACE

God is unwavering in mercy, and because we come from God, we know God's grace is sufficient no matter our condition. Grace and mercy are extensions of God's steadfast love and are present for us and in us². We pray together, as Jesus taught.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

PROCLAMATION AND RESPONSE

SCRIPTURES FOR THE DAY

Isaiah 65:17-25, Malachi 4:1-2a, Luke 21:5-19

MORNING REFLECTION

Pastor Alaire

HYMN OF RESPONSE

When We Are Called to Sing Your Praise

#2216

DEDICATION OF OURSELVES AND OUR GIFTS

Holy God who calls us to the journey: it is so easy for us to become distracted so that we wander off the path you have put before us. The chaos of the world around us catches our attention, and we neglect the inner journey that keeps us closer to you.

As we set aside this time to bring our gifts to you, may you draw our attention back to the wisdom and guidance that you put before us, and may it lead us to endurance that will carry us to kingdom presence! In Christ, we pray.³ Amen.

***DOXOLOGY**

#95

WE GO INTO THE WORLD

*HYMN OF SENDING

The Summons

#2130

HOW WE CAN SERVE

BENEDICTION AND SENDING FORTH

*THE LIGHT LEADS US

Bind Us Together

#2226

*POSTLUDE

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

* please stand in body or spirit, as you are able. ¹ enfleshed.com ² Worship Ways ³ Discipleship Resources

COMING UP

Lunch today @ EGUMC's **God's Portion Meal, Creamed Turkey and Biscuits**. Takeout available from 11-1. Proceeds will be used for our ministry and mission. Thanks for your support.

Wednesday Afterschool and Confirmation take a break until November 30.

Sat November 19, 7am, Methodist Men meet @ Family Table.

The annual **Community Thanksgiving Day Feast** will be served 11am-1pm @ Sacred Heart, with the entire community pitching in to help. This year, you can eat-in, take out, or arrange for delivery.

Contact the Chamber office, 515-448-4831 to donate pies or salads, or to work setting up 9-11 on Thursday, serving, or for cleanup. Call reservations to the pharmacy, 515-448-3814.

For your planning:

The season of Advent begins Sunday, November 27. Poinsettia orders are being taken NOW. Forms/envelopes are available in the back of both sanctuaries.

We need lots of help to prepare our sanctuaries for the coming season. Eagle Grove UMC will decorate Sat, Nov 26, beginning at 10am. Everyone is invited to come and help as we put up trees and lots of stars! Goldfield women will work together Wednesday morning, Dec 7, beginning at 9:30am.

If your family would like to help with the Advent wreath lighting, please contact Pastor Alaire before Thanksgiving (712-212-5333 or alairew@gmail.com).

A Longest Night Service will be scheduled on December 21. This quiet, reflective service celebrates the light of Christ coming into our lives. Christmas Eve services will be **5pm at Goldfield**, and **7pm at Eagle Grove**. Both will have candles, carols and scripture. Worship will be online only on December 25 and January 1.

If you would like to schedule a baptism or a time to officially connect with our congregation as a member, please talk to Pastor to schedule this in December.