

WE GATHER

GATHERING MUSIC

WELCOME AND CENTERING PRAYER

PRELUDE AND BRINGING IN THE LIGHT

***CALLING OURSELVES TO WORSHIP**

People of God, open your eyes! Look around!

The presence of our Lord Jesus Christ is here— among us and within us.

God's salvation is close at hand— nearer than you know.

So let us open our hearts and minds to the Spirit. Let's worship God together!. AMEN.

***OPENING HYMN**

Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah

#127

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

A time of silent confession

Holy God, we ask for your help, your power, your Spirit, so that we can change our lives and grow more each day into the image of Christ.

We confess that we fear what is different.

We confess that it's easier to lock the doors of our community than to receive those who don't look like we look, love like we love, or vote the way we vote.

We confess that we have not lived out your call to share in abundant life and unconditional love.

We believe that you have the power to turn us around to a more inclusive way of living, so we ask you to do that.

We ask you to give us the courage to change.

We ask that you give us the energy, intelligence, imagination, and love to be your people in all we say and do. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

God hears our prayers and our cries. God leads us out of the darkness of the past into the bright promise of today. We are called to stand strong and confident in God's Love. Rejoice, for that love which began before creation flows in and through you this day! AMEN.

WE PROCLAIM

CHILDREN'S TIME

SCRIPTURES FOR TODAY

Exodus 12:1-14; Psalm 149;
Romans 13:8-14; Matthew 18:15-20

REFLECTION

What Is the Sign

Pastor Alaire

WE RESPOND

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

WE GIVE OUR TITHES, OFFERINGS AND OURSELVES

*DOXOLOGY

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*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

These offerings we present to you, O Lord. May they be used for ministries of love and reconciliation through this community of faith. AMEN.

WE GO FORTH

*CLOSING HYMN

In The Midst of New Dimensions

#2238

WE GO OUT INTO THE WORLD PRACTICE LOVE

*BENEDICTION

Travelers on the journey of faith, pay attention! God is at work all around you.

May you go ready to witness the signs of God's love in your midst and to be a sign of God's love wherever you go. Amen.

*WE FOLLOW THE LIGHT

Go Now In Peace

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*POSTLUDE

OPPORTUNITIES TO SERVE

After school Wednesdays (names of the groups will be coming!!!) at Eagle Grove. Kndg – Gr 8 are invited to come from early dismissal (1:45pm) until 5pm. Registration form on FB page. Yes, we need info again from returning kids, please.

NEW!!! On Wednesdays Youth gr 8 – high school will meet for food, fellowship and more after sports' practices (5:30 or so) until ??? Specifics will come together as they meet with Yalonda and Angie! Friends invited.

Yes, look for signup sheet on the back table for ways you all can help.

Have you signed up yet to help **Sat, Sept 16** at the Rice Meak packing at the Webster City Fairground. Sponsored by Midwest Mission, there a spaces for everyone. Sign up needed.

Fyi – The building/office in Eagle Grove is now open Wednesday and Thursdays, 10a-1p, and is closed on Tuesdays.