

# Celebration and Worship

May 21, 2023

Eagle Grove UMC and Goldfield UMC  
UMC Heritage Sunday

## WE GATHER

Gathering Music

Welcome and Centering Prayer

Prelude and Bringing in the Light

### \*Call to Worship

On this Heritage Sunday, we gather to remember who we are.

**We are the story of God's grace in this place.**

From Aldersgate Street to 421 West Broadway, God's grace flows among us, guiding us to notice and participate in God's unfolding story of love in our midst.

**We are the story of God's grace in this place.**

We have seen troubles, conflict, and fear within and outside these walls, yet God remains as our faithful guide.

**We are the story of God's grace in this place.**

We have been part of spreading God's love in this community, rejoicing when we witness lives transformed, families nurtured, and neighbors caring for one another.

**We are the story of God's grace in this place.**

Today may we celebrate all that God has done and continues to do in our midst as we remember and renew our commitment to take part in God's story in this place.

**We joyfully answer the call to live out God's story of grace in this place! Amen.**

### \* Opening Song

*Holy Ground*

#2272

### Morning Prayer

Gracious God, you met John Wesley's uncertainty with divine assurance. You called him to declare your salvation in the fields, streets, and prisons where people were desperate for good news.

Inspire us today to carry the stories of all you have done among us beyond the doors of this building. Encourage us to grow as your church in the world. May we be a living temple that brings your love and grace to the corners of our communities that most need your good news.

In the name of the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, Amen.

## WE PROCLAIM

Time for Younger Disciples

Scripture and Reflection

from Ephesians 2:11-22

Hymn of Response

*And Are We Yet Alive*

#553

## WE RESPOND

### Time of Prayer

Almighty God, on whom we build all our hopes, we come this day to remember our story as your people in this time and place, and to rededicate ourselves as your church built upon the foundation of the word of God declared by the apostles and prophets with Christ Jesus as the Cornerstone.

**May our hearts be joined together into a living temple, a church that grows and expands beyond the walls of this building into this community where you have planted us.**

Help us be a sanctuary for those in trouble, a meeting place for the searching, a loving home for the brokenhearted, and a haven of peace for the distressed as we bear the glad tidings of your salvation to the world.

**Hear our prayers as we remember who we are, and what you call us to build.** *Silent prayer*

Guide us, give us courage and strength. We pray together as your Son, our Savior taught:

### Lord's Prayer

### We Give our Tithes, Offerings and Ourselves

**\*Doxology** #95

**\*Prayer of Dedication**

**\*Closing Hymn** *We Are God's People* #2220

## WE GO FORTH

### We Go Out Into the World to Practice Love

### Blessing and Benediction

**\*We Follow the Light** *Go Now In Peace* #665

## OPPORTUNITIES TO SERVE

Both congregations are receiving food for the local food pantries this Sunday. If you didn't bring non-perishables today, you can deliver them on your own. The need is great; your gifts are appreciated.

The *Closet* helped 35 Eagle Grove children with summer clothing. Thanks for your gifts and donations. They received 3 outfits each, and are ready for fun!

The Iowa Annual Conference of the UMC will be meeting in Des Moines, June 2-4. Pastor Alaire and Boyd Crees are delegates. Watch for a report.

**Tuesday, May 23, 6:45pm** Eagle Grove trustees meet, **7pm** Church council follows.

United Women in Faith meets **Thursday, June 1, 9:30am** at Eagle Grove.

Goldfield Women will be meeting **Wednesday, June 7**, taking lunch, the monies received for their Lenten giving and an Iowa Ingathering Hunger Grant they received to Lotus Community Project to help with food needs there.

Pastor Alaire will be finishing her Christmas vacation May 24-31 in Virginia with family. Emergency coverage has been arranged; contact Amy or Diane.

You have opportunities for great worship the next two Sundays.

**Sunday, May 28** is Pentecost – wear red! Boyd Crees will be leading worship and giving the message

**Sunday, June 4** (annual conference Sunday), Paul VanGorkum from GoServe Global located here in Eagle Grove will tell about their latest mission trip. It's a great story; come and listen, bring a neighbor and learn how your neighbors are helping neighbors all around the world.