

EAGLE GROVE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
CELEBRATION AND WORSHIP **JULY 18, 2021**

GATHERING MUSIC

WELCOME

CENTERING PRAYER

PRELUDE AND BRINGING IN THE LIGHT

CALL TO WORSHIP.

We gather together in the name of Jesus Christ—
members of God’s family, and brothers and sisters to one another.

There are no outsiders here among us,
no one has any special standing or bragging rights.

For we have been brought together by the redeeming love of Jesus.
Let’s join together in worship!¹

OPENING HYMN

Come and Find the Quiet Center

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PRAYER OF FORGIVENESS

Steadfast God, we confess that we are so busy putting up walls between ourselves and others, we cannot see the home you are building for all of us. We spend so much time noting the differences between us and others, while you are embracing everyone as your child. We run to welcome those who look, talk, and act like us, and you throw open your doors to the stranger, the alien, in our midst.

Forgive us, Faithful Heart. By your grace, help us to see the household you are building for all people: there are no plastic protectors on the furniture; there are no rooms that are off-limits; and even the smallest child is welcome to sit at the big peoples' Table and be fed by your grace.

Time of silent reflection

ASSURANCE OF GRACE.

you remember? At one time, you were without Christ; you were the stranger, the outsider, and the alien. But now, in Christ, you have been brought home, living in God's household of hope and peace. **God's covenant with us is everlasting; God's steadfast love is forever; God's forgiveness makes us new and whole. Thanks be to God.**² Amen.

TIME WITH CHILDREN

SCRIPTURE FOR THE DAY AND REFLECTION

Ephesians 2:11-22

SONG OF RESPONSE

Sanctuary

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DEDICATION OF OUR GIFTS AND OURSELVES

Holy God, you love us so deeply that you pursue us relentlessly. You sent your son Jesus into the world that we who were far off would be brought near to you by his blood. We offer our gifts to you, knowing we can never outgive you, never balance the equation. You don’t desire balance, no quid-pro-quo, only that we find the peace you desire for us, whose foundation is in your word and whose cornerstone is Christ alone. In that holy name, we pray.³ Our Father....

LORD’S PRAYER

HYMN OF SENDING FORTH

In Christ There Is No East or West.

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HOW WE CAN SERVE IN THE WORLD

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

✠✠✠ *We follow the Light of Christ into the World* ✠✠✠

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Today...Church Council meets following worship

...Set up classrooms and sanctuary for Vacation Bible School.

Mon-Wed, July 19-21, 5:30-8:15pm...Vacation Bible School. Registration is online on our Facebook page

Wednesday, July 21 – plan to join the kids at 7:45 for their closing time. Offering for the week will be going to Heifer Project; your gifts will be appreciated.

Come and find the quiet center,
in the crowded life we lead,
find the room for hope to enter,
find the frame where we are freed:
Clear the chaos and the clutter,
clear our eyes that we can see
all the things that really matter,
be at peace, and simply be.

Silence is a friend who claims us,
cools the heat and slows the pace,
God it is who speaks and names us,
knows our being, touches base,
making space within our thinking,
lifting shades to show the sun,
raising courage when we're shrinking,
finding scope for faith begun.

In the Spirit let us travel,
open to each other's pain,
let our loves and fears unravel,
celebrate the space we gain:
There's a place for deepest dreaming,
there's a time for heart to care,
in the Spirit's lively scheming
there is always room to spare.

Sanctuary

Lord, prepare me to be a sanctuary
Pure and holy, tried and true
With thanksgiving, I'll be a living
sanctuary for you

In Christ There Is No East of West

1 In Christ there is no east or west,
in him no south or north,
but one great fellowship of love
throughout the whole wide earth.

2 In Christ shall true hearts ev'rywhere
their high communion find.
His service is the golden cord
close binding humankind.

3 Join hands, then, people of the faith,
whate'er your race may be.
All children of the living God
are surely kin to me.

4 In Christ now meet both east and west,
in him meet south and north.
All Christly souls are joined as one
throughout the whole wide earth.