# April 6, 2025

# **WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS**

# PRELUDE AND BRINGING IN THE LIGHT

# **CALL TO WORSHIP**

- L: When all we have hoped for and trusted in has let us down;
- P: There is Christ who reaches out to us.
- L: When the world seems dark and despairs threaten to close in upon us;
- P: Christ is reaching out for us.
- L: Come and let us worship the Lord, who is always ready to reach out to us.
- P: We humbly come before the Lord in hope and faith. AMEN.

# **OPENING PRAYER**

We come into your presence, O Lord, with so many burdens and concerns on our hearts. Help us to be open to your words of healing and restoration. Bring us closer to you. Enable us to discern your will for us that we may serve you more faithfully by serving others in need. In Christ's name, we pray. AMEN.

# **HYMN**

I Stand Amazed in the Presence UMH # 371 vs. 1,2&4

# **AFFIRMATION OF FAITH**

Apostles' Creed UMH # 881

# CHILDREN'S SERMON by Leola Asche

# JOY AND PRAYER CONCERNS

# PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

One: Loving God, we pray for those in our community who are sick, facing troubles, and surrounded by threats to their well-being, livelihood, and thriving.

All: God, in your mercy, hear our prayer.

One: We pray for those in our community who long for peace, those who are burnt out, shut out, and ready to hide out because it all feels like too much.

All: God, in your mercy, hear our prayer.

We pray for those in our world who can't remember what safety feels like, who, after years of violence and unrest, cannot imagine what a day, a week, a year without fighting would feel like.

All: God, in your mercy, hear our prayer.

One: God, teach us to be your sanctuary in the world. Give us the courage to make peace, extend care, and provide for the thriving of all who wonder how they will even survive.

All: Please help us be their shelter in the time of storm.

# **OLD TESTAMENT** by Jerry Becker

Isaiah 43:16-21

#### **HYMN**

O How I Love Jesus UMH # 170

# SCRIPTURE LESSON

John 12:1-8

#### RESPONSE

Glory Be to the Father UMH #70

MORNING MESSAGE "Mary Anointed Jesus' Feet"

# **HYMN**

Softly and Tenderly Jesus is Calling UMH# 348

# **HOLY COMMUNION**

**OFFERTORY** 

DOXOLOGY

# **HYMN**

Grace Greater Than Our Sin UMH # 365

# BENEDICTION

Sign-up sheets have been placed in the back of the sanctuary for filling the volunteer roles of acolytes, children's sermon, and scripture reader through June of 2025. If you are willing and able, please volunteer!

The youth group is in need of donations for meals for their Wednesday night meetings. If you are able to volunteer, please sign up in the back of the sanctuary.

Moms of Ministry (M.O.M.) is a new group being created to help busy moms come together to share in spiritual fellowship. For more information and to learn how to join the Facebook group, please contact Yalonda Amonson or the church office. The next meeting will be April 27th at 5:00 P.M. This will be a potluck and kids are invited!

Lilies will decorate our sanctuary on Easter morning. They are available for purchase and dedication in honor or memory of your loved ones. Each Easter lily is \$20. Please submit your order and payment to the church office. Orders are due April 14th. Order forms are in the back of the church.

# Greeters:

April 13th - Yalonda Amonson and Family

# **Acolytes:**

April 13th -

# **Scripture Readers:**

April 13th -

# Children's Sermon:

April 13th - Alana Alt

#### Birthdays:

April 8th - Clarence Wilde

April 11th - Kenley Porter

April 12th - Dirk Helmick

April 13th - Barb Johnston

# **Meetings/Activities:**

April 8th - Confirmation - 5:00 P.M.

April 9th - Worship Committee - 9:30 A.M.

April 9th - Kids' Club, Youth Group

April 10th - EGAMA - Baptist Church - 10:00 A.M.

# Eagle Grove United Methodist Church April 6th, 2025 Pastor Laurene Banza 515-448-4701 www.eaglegroveumc.org

