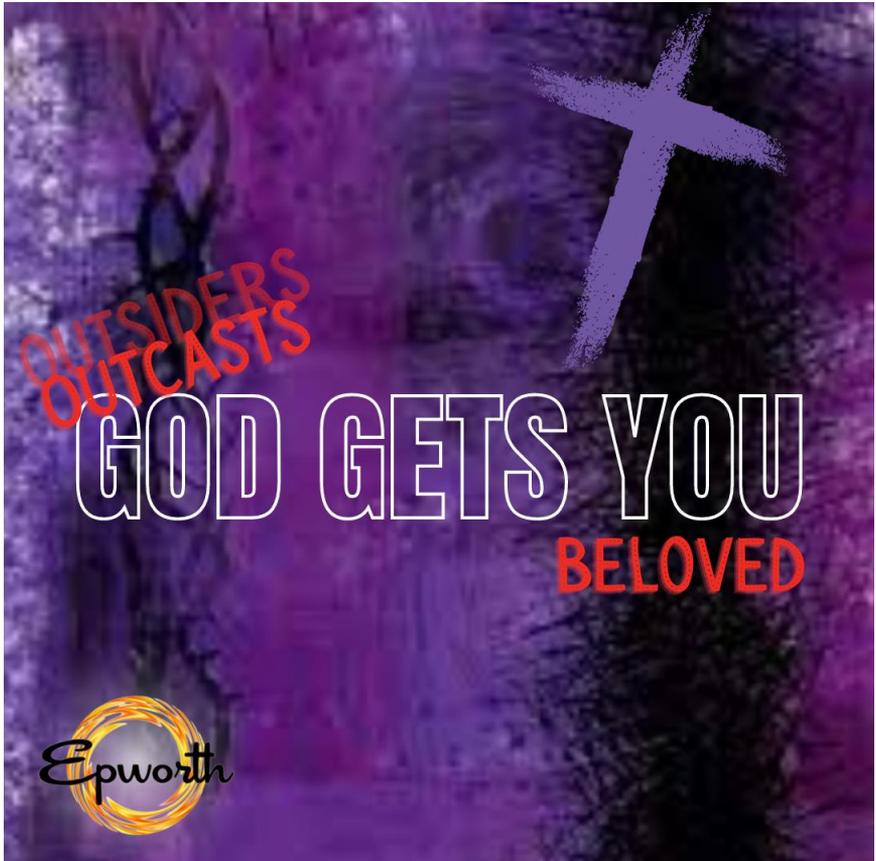


ARISE SERVICE



Salvation: The Way We Live

March 26, 2023

March 19, 2023

Liturgical Color: Purple

9am Service

Infant and toddler care is available during all services in the infant and toddler rooms. Please walk up the few stairs located to the right when you enter the building through the main wooden doors.

Let Us Prepare for Worship

Welcome

Introit

Savior Like A Shepherd Lead Us
James Craig Bazen and Fawn Rooke, flutes
Chancel Choir

Call to Worship

One: We have good news today! God knows where we are and calls to us, offering new life.

All: Zacchaeus hurry and come down; for I must stay at your house today! (Luke 19:5)

One: Jesus calls to us, wherever we are, no matter what we were doing.

MEN: PETER, COME; FOLLOW ME AND I WILL MAKE YOU FISH FOR PEOPLE!

Women: Matthew, leave your tax booth and follow me!

One: Your past does not matter; God has a place for you and for me.

All: We come to celebrate good news today!

**God, who knows who we are
and where we are, offers us new life!**

Source: UMCdiscipleship.org

Opening Hymn

Love Divine, All Loves Excelling (UMH #384)

Love divine, all loves excelling,
joy of heaven, to earth come down;
fix in us thy humble dwelling;
all thy faithful mercies crown!
Jesus, thou art all compassion,

pure, unbounded love thou art;
visit us with thy salvation;
enter every trembling heart.

Breathe, O breathe thy loving Spirit
into every troubled breast!
Let us all in thee inherit;
let us find that second rest.
Take away our bent to sinning;
Alpha and Omega be;
end of faith, as its beginning,
set our hearts at liberty.

Come, Almighty to deliver,
let us all thy life receive;
suddenly return and never,
nevermore thy temples leave.
Thee we would be always blessing,
serve thee as thy hosts above,
pray and praise thee without ceasing,
glory in thy perfect love.

Finish, then, thy new creation;
pure and spotless let us be.
Let us see thy great salvation
perfectly restored in thee;
changed from glory into glory,
till in heaven we take our place,
till we cast our crowns before thee,
lost in wonder, love, and praise.

Opening Prayer

Childrens Moment

Gospel Reading

Luke 19: 7-10

7 All who saw it began to grumble and said, "He has gone to be the guest of one who is a sinner." 8 Zacchaeus stood there and said to the Lord, "Look, half of my possessions, Lord, I will give to the poor, and if I have defrauded anyone of anything, I will pay back four times as much." 9 Then Jesus said to him, "Today salvation has come to this house, because he, too, is a son of Abraham. 10 For the Son of Man came to seek out and to save the lost."

Song of Preparation

Beneath the Cross of Jesus
Fawn Rooke flute; Eric Paździora piano
Chancel Choir

Gospel Reading

Luke 19:45-46

45 Then he entered the temple and began to drive out those who were selling things there, 46 and he said, "It is written,

'My house shall be a house of prayer,'
but you have made it a den of robbers."

Gospel Reading

Luke 21: 1-4

21 He looked up and saw rich people putting their gifts into the treasury; 2 he also saw a poor widow put in two small copper coins. 3 He said, "Truly I tell you, this poor widow has put in more than all of them, 4 for all of them have contributed out of their abundance, but she out of her poverty has put in all she had to live on."

Prayer of Preparation

Sermon

Salvation: The Way We Live
Rev. Mele Aho

Pastoral Prayer

Hymn of Response

Have Thine Own Way, Lord (UMH #382)

Have thine own way, Lord!

Have thine own way!
Thou art the potter;
I am the clay.
Mold me and make me
after thy will,
while I am waiting,
yielded and still.

Have thine own way, Lord!
Have thine own way!
Search me and try me,
Savior today!
Wash me just now, Lord,
wash me just now,
as in thy presence
humbly I bow.

Have thine own way, Lord!
Have thine own way!
Wounded and weary,
help me I pray!
Power, all power,
surely is thine!
Touch me and heal me,
Savior divine!
Have thine own way, Lord!
Have thine own way!
Hold o'er my being
absolute sway.
Fill with thy Spirit
till all shall see
Christ only, always,
living in me!

Invitation to Receive the Offering

Presentation of the Offering with the Doxology

Welcoming of Visitors and Invitation to Review Announcements

Closing Hymn

I Surrender All (UMH #354)

All to Jesus I surrender;
all to him I freely give;
I will ever love and trust him,
in his presence daily live.

Refrain:

I surrender all, I surrender all,
all to thee, my blessed Savior,
I surrender all.

All to Jesus I surrender;
humbly at his feet I bow,
worldly pleasures all forsaken;
take me, Jesus, take me now. [Refrain]

All to Jesus I surrender;
make me, Savior, wholly thine;
let me feel the Holy Spirit,
truly know that thou art mine. [Refrain]

All to Jesus I surrender;
Lord, I give myself to thee;
fill me with thy love and power;
let thy blessing fall on me. [Refrain]

All to Jesus I surrender;
now I feel the sacred flame.
O the joy of full salvation!
Glory, glory to his name! [Refrain]

Benediction Prayer and Dismissal with Blessing

Epworth's Commitment for How We Live Together...

- We will love one another by being kind, patient, protective, trusting and faithful to one another. **(1 Corinthians 13)**
- We will pray for one another. **(James 5:16)**
- We will encourage one another. **(Hebrews 3:13)**
- We will joyfully accept and embrace all people in our midst and will endeavor to be united and supportive of one another. **(1 Corinthians 1:10)**
- We will admit when we are wrong and will both seek and grant forgiveness with one another. **(Colossians 3:13) (Matthew 18:21) (Romans 3:23) (Ephesians 9:32)**
- We will practice peacemaking by following the teachings of Jesus to reconcile by:
 1. Taking directly to the person who offended us,
 2. Taking 1 or 2 people with us to talk with the person,
 3. Resolve as a church through the conflict prevention response team (CPR) **(Matthew 18: 15-17)**
- We will seek one another's best interest above our own self-interest. **(Romans 12:10)**
- We will faithfully serve where we are able and honor the commitments that we make. **(Ecclesiastes 5:4)**
- We will practice generosity of our time, abilities and financial gifts. **(Matthew 28: 16-20)**
- As Christians, we will have faith in God. **(Hebrews 11:1)**
- We will live our love and faith through our actions; our prayers, our witness, and our service. **(1 John 3:18)**
- We will treat all with respect and compassion, including those who are new and those who are developing confidence. **(1 John 2: 9-10)**
- We will listen to each other and trust leadership to make decisions with the love of God. **(1 John 4: 7-9)**
- We will commit to personal spiritual growth so that when we are all together, we can fully share the love of God. **(Matthew 28: 19-20)**
- Our leaders will model these behaviors of discipleship, being of one heart and soul, by continuing to grow in spirit and grace, inspiring others to come alongside. **(Matthew 28:19-20)**

ANNOUNCEMENTS in English

THIS WEEK

SANTO

APRIL 7, 2023
SERVICES

GOOD FRIDAY

6:30 P.M.

ONLY OFFERED IN ENGLISH

VIERNES SANTO

8 P.M.

EPWORTH JUNTO CON OTRAS
IGLESIAS METODISTAS DEL
ÁREA CON TIEMPO DE
CONVIVIO DESPUÉS EN
ESPAÑOL SOLAMENTE

GOOD FRIDAY

TERCE



HERE IS LOVE

A LENTEN EASTER CANTATA

BY LARRY SHACKLEY

EASTER SUNDAY

APRIL 9 | 9 A.M.

EPWORTH UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

WWW.EPWORTHUNITED.ORG

JAMES BAZEN, MUSIC DIRECTOR

ANNEKE SCACE, FLUTE

JIM BENSINGER, CLARINET

ADAM WATSON, FRENCH HORN

CYNTHIA MAUNEY, VIOLIN

FRED LIEDER, CELLO

ERIC PAZDZIORA, PIANO





2023: \$35,000 for Digital Thermostats

EPWORTH UNITED. BE TRANSFORMED.

Year 10 of Epworth Capital Campaign will reach \$500,000.

Over the last nine years, Epworth has raised \$485,507 for capital building improvements to increase the ability to carry out ministry. In 2023, we ask for your continued support for improvements to the building as we raise \$35,000 to upgrade our thermostats in the first and second floor education wing to digital.

Donate \$800 to dedicate a thermostat.

| 2014 - 2017 | 2018 - 2019 | 2020 - 2022 |
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| <p>2017</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> New HVAC unit & digital controls for Fellowship Hall New HVAC unit & digital controls for Sanctuary New roof over wings of Sanctuary, Children's Ministry, Disciple and Finance offices Lobby Upgrades: Tile Flooring in lobby, ceiling plaster & paint Initial sound system upgrades to Sanctuary Parking lot re-stripping Concrete stair replacement IT computer upgrade <p>2016</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Sound microphones IT computer upgrade <p>2014</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Replacement and asbestos abatement of Fellowship Hall Floor | <p>2019</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> HVAC upgraded for Disciple and Finance offices IT key card panel upgrades HVAC unit controls Upgraded Roof over nursery toddler room replaced Parsonage countertop replaced <p>2018</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> New carpet throughout upstairs Lounge redesign- flooring, kitchen, coffee pots & furniture Copy room roof replaced IT server rack | <p>2022</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Windows replaced in education wing 1st and 2nd Floors Sanctuary altar redesign and new carpet in Sanctuary <p>2021</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Roof replacement over Lobby Sound booth built in rear of Sanctuary Sound and video equipment upgrades Ceiling tile replacement in Preschool <p>2020</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Playground upgrades Preschool interior double doors replaced IT key card access to Preschool double doors and courtyard glass door Windows in disciple, finance and children's ministry rooms Fridge & stove replacement in main kitchen Parsonage roof Water heater replacement |

For more information, contact Christina Castillo, Executive Lead & Jennifer Beierlein, Trustee Chair at trustees@eumc-md.org



EPWORTH PRESENTS



EASTER EGG HUNT

SATURDAY, APRIL 1

11:30 AM - 1:30 PM



Scan the QR Code above to register to attend the event. This event is free but advance registration is important!

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED



EASTER EGG HUNT

SATURDAY, APRIL 1

**ADULT VOLUNTEER
SIGN UP**

SCAN ME



**YOUTH VOLUNTEER
SIGN UP**

SCAN ME



Two QR codes are shown, each enclosed in a green border. The left QR code is labeled "ADULT VOLUNTEER SIGN UP" and "SCAN ME". The right QR code is labeled "YOUTH VOLUNTEER SIGN UP" and "SCAN ME". Two black arrows originate from the top of the left QR code: one points to the top of the right QR code, and the other points to the bottom of the right QR code.



Join in serving our community on Saturday April 1 by signing up to volunteer.

See ADULT and YOUTH sign ups on the website or scan the QR Code above. Volunteers must attend hybrid orientation on Thursday March 31 at 6:30pm. Youth volunteers are strongly encouraged to attend orientation IN PERSON and must be present 9:30-2:30pm on Sat. April 1.

Community Friday Nights have resumed for LENT

Children and Adults will follow the Adam Hamilton Luke: Outsiders, Outcasts, Outlaws. Youth will follow GGYM plans.

Youth – meet in the fellowship hall at 6:30pm with GGYM

Children and Adults meet in the upstairs lounge at 6:30

Adult study is bi-lingual English/Spanish

Dinner provided for all.

Community Friday Nights

↘ **10** MARCH
FRIDAY

6:30 - 8:30 PM

↘ **17** MARCH
FRIDAY

6:30 - 8:30 PM

↘ **24** MARCH
FRIDAY

6:30 - 8:30 PM

↘ **31** MARCH
FRIDAY

6:30 - 8:30 PM

↘ **07** APRIL
GOOD FRIDAY

6:30 PM ENGLISH WORSHIP
8 PM SPANISH WORSHIP



CFN LENTEN CALENDAR

Epworth's Lenten Devotional will follow #RethinkChurch. This is an invitation to take a photo inspired by the scripture and word of the day. Devotional packets are available for free in the entryway. This will started Ash Wednesday and continues through Easter Sunday. Post the word of the day and your picture, poem, or scripture on social media #rethinkchurch @epworthunited or share with office@eumc-md.org. The devotional includes a scripture for each week.

RETHINKCHURCH®
LENT 2023
PHOTO-A-DAY CHALLENGE

EACH DAY DURING LENT, WE WILL POST A WORD OF THE DAY. WE INVITE YOU TO PAUSE, REFLECT AND POST A RESPONSE ON YOUR PLATFORM OF CHOICE TAGGED WITH #RETHINKCHURCH. YOUR POST SHOULD ILLUSTRATE HOW YOU PERCEIVE EACH WORD OF THE DAY. NO EXPLANATION NEEDED. YOU CAN SHARE A PHOTO, POEM, VIDEO OR EVEN A SIMPLE THOUGHT.

FEBRUARY
 22 - CONSUME
 23 - WILDERNESS
 24 - TEST
 25 - WORSHIP
 26 - CELEBRATE
 27 - SHONE
 28 - DAZZLING

MARCH
 1 - BELOVED
 2 - OVERCOME
 3 - ALONE
 4 - VISION
 5 - CELEBRATE
 6 - DEEP
 7 - SPRING
 8 - HARVEST
 9 - COMPLETE
 10 - SOWS
 11 - BELIEVED
 12 - CELEBRATE

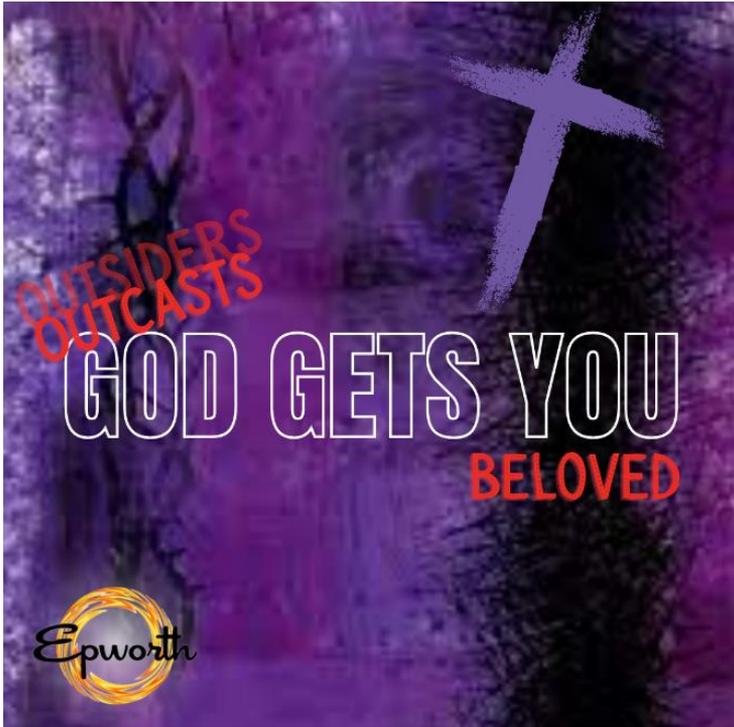
13 - REVEALED
 14 - WORKS
 15 - OPENED
 16 - ASTONISHING
 17 - SEE
 18 - REMAINS
 19 - CELEBRATE
 20 - MESSAGE
 21 - LOVE
 22 - CONSOLE
 23 - GIVE
 24 - LIVE

25 - LOUD
 26 - CELEBRATE
 27 - DISCIPLES
 28 - NEEDS
 29 - PROPHET
 30 - HUMBLE
 31 - BLESSED

APRIL
 1 - TURMOIL
 2 - CELEBRATE
 3 - EARLY
 4 - REMOVED
 5 - LOOKING
 6 - HOLD
 7 - CARRIED
 8 - ANNOUNCED

EASTER
 9 - CELEBRATE

#RETHINKCHURCH



GOD GETS YOU: Outcast to Beloved

Epworth's Lenten Sermon Series kicks off this week. We are using Adam Hamilton's Luke: Outsiders, Outcast, Outlaws in English and Duarte's study of Lucas in Spanish. Study guides will be available. English books are \$18 dollars. Spanish books are \$5 dollars. Funds can be put in admin office black box or in the offering plate always marked Adult Curriculum.

This year Epworth FUEL Youth Ministry is joining with Greater Gaithersburg Youth Ministry for our Summer Mission Trip. The chosen camp will be Camp Hope in Frostburg MD the week of June 25-July 1. Youth who have completed 7th grade through youth entering 12th grade are invited. There are a few slots of Young Adults as well. We are looking for adult site leaders, youth participants, and young adult leaders. Cost is \$200 per camper. Anyone interested should definitely attend the March 14 planning meeting and talk with Pastor Tammi for more details. Our first deposit per camper is due in March.



mission trip

Camp Hope
FROSTBURG, MD

June 25 - July 1

**First Meeting
March 14
7 p.m.**

**Contact Pastor Tammi at
tammi.brantley@eumc-md.org
for more information!**

Greater Gaithersburg Youth Ministry presents

WE WORSHIP

G W W F D

FRIDAYS

YOUTH ONLY

ESTABLISH, DEEPEN, AND
STRENGTHEN YOUR RELATIONSHIP
WITH GOD WITH OTHER YOUNG
BELIEVERS.

LARGE GROUP TOPICS AND SMALL
GROUP DISCUSSIONS.

TRANSPORTATION REQUESTS NEEDED
BY THURSDAY PRIOR TO EVENT.

FRIDAY | MARCH 3 | 6:30-8:30 PM
EPWORTH UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

DJ: JONATHAN.WILLIAMS@EUMC-MD.ORG
ALLISON: GGYMINISTRY@GMAIL.COM
FOR PICK UP: 301-478-4231



GGYM launched in a new format on Friday March 3, including small groups for middle and high school. Join us starting March 3 as we grow in faith. GGYM still is looking for small group leaders, van riders, and persons to help with food. Please contact DJ if you are interested and able. This ministry can not thrive without you! We are seeking translators for Friday Nights at GGYM. We have Spanish-speaking only students and translation is needed for the lessons. Please contact Dr. Jonathan if you would be willing to assist. The times are 6:30-8:30 p.m. weekly.

YOUTH Scholarship Opportunities UMC

High School Seniors and Undergrad students should explore scholarships available through the UMC. Deadline for applications is March 30

Please see this link on the website for the Baltimore Washington Conference

<https://www.bwcumc.org/administration/local-church-resources/scholarships/>

CONNECT MINISTRY

Sign up to Greet or Prepare Coffee

Support our worship services by signing up to help our connect team greet persons before or set up coffee after service. Sign up through the links down below or by going to our website www.Epworthunited.org

ALTAR FLOWERS Flowers are a wonderful way to brighten our altar for worship. Sunday arrangements are \$45 each and may be taken home after the 12:30 service. Your dedication will be printed in the bulletins on Sunday. If you would like to order flowers, you may do so online at www.EpworthUnited.org/flowers.



DISCIPLE MINISTRY

Join us After Easter for our Special Adult Discipleship Workshop
Are you Thriving or Surviving?
with Dr. Tammy Smith

Friday April 21 6:30-8:30pm

Saturday April 22 9:30am - 1:00pm

Spanish translation and Childcare provided in person

This is the launch to a 3 part sermon series and Life Group study April 23 - May 7

Check out Dr. Smith's website for more information about her

<https://drtammysmith.com/>

Get your Tickets here:

<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/adult-discipleship-workshop-are-you-thriving-or-surviving-with-dr-tammi-tickets-598517541077>

VBS NEWS

Sunday, March 26 at 2 p.m. we will launch VBS 2023. We invite all who are interested in volunteering and serving in this year's VBS to the meeting. This year Epworth's VBS will be held Monday, July 17- July 21st.

Greater Gaithersburg Youth Ministry



CONFIRMATION CLASS – The next class will be on April 2 in Goshen

FUEL YOUTH

Youth Sunday school is immediately following the sermon at the 10:30 service. Youth are dismissed



SPARKS CHILDREN'S SUNDAY SCHOOL

9am – Children are dismissed during worship and returned before the end of service.

10:30am – Meet Ms. Debbie in the lobby or drop off in the Children's Ministry Room prior to worship and pick up after service.



12:30pm – Children are dismissed during worship and returned before the end of service.

SPARKS SPANISH SPEAKING SUNDAY SCHOOL

We are looking for bilingual Spanish speaking Sunday school teachers for our 12:30 services. Please contact Pastor Tammi if you are interested in teaching.



PRAYER MINISTRY

Join us for prayer in English Tuesday 6am led by Rev Jen Fenner and Thursdays 6:30pm led by prayer team. Links on website.

SAFE SANCTUARY



It is a new year and time to renew your Safe sanctuary covenant. You can complete the form online (and read the training document if this is your first time completing the form) at the following link <https://www.epworthunited.org/safe-sanctuary>

Copies are also available on the copy room door and can be completed and placed in SPRC mailbox by elevator.

TECH AND PROJECTION TEAM

If you are interested in joining the tech and projection team please fill out the interest form or email Daniel Tellez-Fenner at epworthtech91@gmail.com in order to set up a training date.

Interest form Link:

[https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSc5gqGSMLgx4E5IJai7c_g4Fqpwz_DLrTh7UOaoKsNSJBbZcg/viewform?usp=sf link](https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSc5gqGSMLgx4E5IJai7c_g4Fqpwz_DLrTh7UOaoKsNSJBbZcg/viewform?usp=sf_link)



LIFE GROUPS and PRAYER GROUPS

Tuesday 7pm in English – Online | Hybrid Once a month

Judy Fenner jadrfenner@verizon.net

Martes 8:30pm oración en español - En línea

Marcela Uberhuaga marcelauberhuaga@gmail.com

Wednesday 8:00pm Women's Group – zoom

Rev. Tammi Brantley tammi.brantley@eumc-md.org

Tuesday 12pm in English - -- Online and in person room 201

Pastor Jen jennifer.fenner@eumc-md.org

Thursday 6:30pm Prayer online in English and Spanish

Richarde Nouboueke misericordia73@gmail.com

Thursdays 7pm Young Adults - In Person Montgomery Village

Christina Castillo artmaniac02@aim.com

Jueves 7:40pm en español - En línea

Marcela Uberhuaga marcelauberhuaga@gmail.com

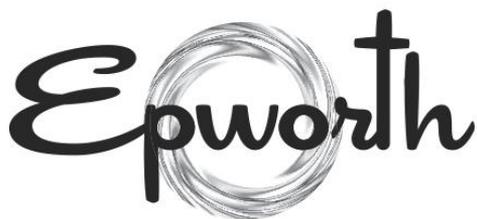
Sunday 12:00noon – English online with some in person gatherings

Orville Wilson and Francis Conteh contehfrank2018@gmail.com

Epworth Vision: *To be a church of this community that invites, connects, disciples, and sends out people for Christ as the Holy Spirit transforms hearts, lives, and communities*

I have come to invite people to change their hearts and lives

Luke 5:3



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