



SUNDAY WORSHIP

Saving Grace Stewardship 2

YOUR TREASURE
AND YOUR HEART

SUN, OCT 26 | 9AM,
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ARISE SERVICE
Sunday, October 26, 2025

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9:00 a.m. Service

We're excited to welcome children to Sunday School! For kids in Pre-K through 4th grade, classes take place in the Children's Ministry Room, which you can find to the right of the pulpit. For our pre-teens Grades 5 to 7, we have Sunday School in the Chapel, and for our youth in grades 8 to 12, we meet in Room 201 immediately after the sermon. We can't wait to see everyone there

Let Us Prepare for Worship

Welcome

Introit

Go With Me

Words and Music by Patsy Ford Simms
Chancel Choir

Call to Worship

(L- Leader | C-Congregation)

(Written by Pastora Yolanda Pupo-Ortiz)

L: Lord, You command us to celebrate and rejoice in Your name — to bring You our praise and the sweetest fragrance of our hearts.

C: And here we are, God, ready to worship You, to sing to You, and to give You the best of all You have so generously given us.

L: Lord, You command us to be generous in our giving of love — to give without expecting anything in return, for in Your hands, everything multiplies.

C: And here we are, God, on our knees, asking You to help us give like You do — for You have given so much and loved us without limits, Lord!

L: Lord, You command us to proclaim Your name in every place and circumstance — to praise You with our lives, our offerings and gifts, our example and our actions.

C: And here we are, our God, praising and worshiping You,

**surrendering our lives to You so that we may share with others
the blessing of Your great and boundless love.**

Opening Hymn

And Can It Be That I Should Gain | UMH 363

And can it be that I should gain
an interest in the Savior's blood!
Died he for me? who caused his pain!
For me? who him to death pursued?
Amazing love! How can it be
that thou, my God, shouldst die for me?
Amazing love! How can it be
that thou, my God, shouldst die for me?

'Tis mystery all: th' Immortal dies!
Who can explore his strange design?
In vain the firstborn seraph tries
to sound the depths of love divine.
'Tis mercy all! Let earth adore;
let angel minds inquire no more.
'Tis mercy all! Let earth adore;
let angel minds inquire no more.

He left his Father's throne above
(so free, so infinite his grace!),
emptied himself of all but love,
and bled for Adam's helpless race.
'Tis mercy all, immense and free,
for O my God, it found out me!
'Tis mercy all, immense and free,
for O my God, it found out me!

Long my imprisoned spirit lay,
fast bound in sin and nature's night;
thine eye diffused a quickening ray;

I woke, the dungeon flamed with light;
my chains fell off, my heart was free,
I rose, went forth, and followed thee.
My chains fell off, my heart was free,
I rose, went forth, and followed thee.

No condemnation now I dread;
Jesus, and all in him, is mine;
alive in him, my living Head,
and clothed in righteousness divine,
bold I approach th' eternal throne,
and claim the crown, through Christ my own.
Bold I approach th' eternal throne,
and claim the crown, through Christ my own.

Opening Prayer

Children's dismissal to Sunday School

Scripture Readings

Matthew 25:14- 46

“At that time the kingdom of heaven will be like ten virgins who took their lamps and went out to meet the bridegroom. ² Five of them were foolish and five were wise. ³ The foolish ones took their lamps but did not take any oil with them. ⁴ The wise ones, however, took oil in jars along with their lamps. ⁵ The bridegroom was a long time in coming, and they all became drowsy and fell asleep. ⁶ “At midnight the cry rang out: ‘Here’s the bridegroom! Come out to meet him!’ ⁷ “Then all the virgins woke up and trimmed their lamps. ⁸ The foolish ones said to the wise, ‘Give us some of your oil; our lamps are going out.’

⁹ “‘No,’ they replied, ‘there may not be enough for both us and you. Instead, go to those who sell oil and buy some for yourselves.’ ¹⁰ “But while they were on their way to buy the oil, the bridegroom arrived. The virgins who were ready went in with him to the wedding banquet. And the door was shut.

¹¹ “Later the others also came. ‘Lord, Lord,’ they said, ‘open the door for us!’ ¹² “But he replied, ‘Truly I tell you, I don’t know you.’

¹³ “Therefore keep watch, because you do not know the day or the hour.
¹⁴ “Again, it will be like a man going on a journey, who called his servants and entrusted his wealth to them. ¹⁵ To one he gave five bags of gold, to another two bags, and to another one bag,^a each according to his ability. Then he went on his journey. ¹⁶ The man who had received five bags of gold went at once and put his money to work and gained five bags more. ¹⁷ So also, the one with two bags of gold gained two more. ¹⁸ But the man who had received one bag went off, dug a hole in the ground and hid his master’s money. ¹⁹ “After a long time the master of those servants returned and settled accounts with them. ²⁰ The man who had received five bags of gold brought the other five. ‘Master,’ he said, ‘you entrusted me with five bags of gold. See, I have gained five more.’ ²¹ “His master replied, ‘Well done, good and faithful servant! You have been faithful with a few things; I will put you in charge of many things. Come and share your master’s happiness!’ ²² “The man with two bags of gold also came. ‘Master,’ he said, ‘you entrusted me with two bags of gold; see, I have gained two more.’ ²³ “His master replied, ‘Well done, good and faithful servant! You have been faithful with a few things; I will put you in charge of many things. Come and share your master’s happiness!’ ²⁴ “Then the man who had received one bag of gold came. ‘Master,’ he said, ‘I knew that you are a hard man, harvesting where you have not sown and gathering where you have not scattered seed. ²⁵ So I was afraid and went out and hid your gold in the ground. See, here is what belongs to you.’
²⁶ “His master replied, ‘You wicked, lazy servant! So you knew that I harvest where I have not sown and gather where I have not scattered seed? ²⁷ Well then, you should have put my money on deposit with the bankers, so that when I returned I would have received it back with interest. ²⁸ “So take the bag of gold from him and give it to the one who has ten bags. ²⁹ For whoever has will be given more, and they will have an abundance. Whoever does not have, even what they have will be taken from them. ³⁰ And throw that worthless servant outside, into the darkness, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.’

³¹ “When the Son of Man comes in his glory, and all the angels with him, he will sit on his glorious throne. ³² All the nations will be gathered before him, and he will separate the people one from another as a shepherd separates the sheep from the goats. ³³ He will put the sheep on his right and the goats on his left. ³⁴ “Then the King will say to those on his right, ‘Come, you who are blessed by my Father; take your

inheritance, the kingdom prepared for you since the creation of the world. ³⁵ For I was hungry and you gave me something to eat, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you invited me in, ³⁶ I needed clothes and you clothed me, I was sick and you looked after me, I was in prison and you came to visit me.' ³⁷ "Then the righteous will answer him, 'Lord, when did we see you hungry and feed you, or thirsty and give you something to drink?' ³⁸ When did we see you a stranger and invite you in, or needing clothes and clothe you?' ³⁹ When did we see you sick or in prison and go to visit you?' ⁴⁰ "The King will reply, 'Truly I tell you, whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers and sisters of mine, you did for me.' ⁴¹ "Then he will say to those on his left, 'Depart from me, you who are cursed, into the eternal fire prepared for the devil and his angels. ⁴² For I was hungry and you gave me nothing to eat, I was thirsty and you gave me nothing to drink, ⁴³ I was a stranger and you did not invite me in, I needed clothes and you did not clothe me, I was sick and in prison and you did not look after me.'

⁴⁴ "They also will answer, 'Lord, when did we see you hungry or thirsty or a stranger or needing clothes or sick or in prison, and did not help you?' ⁴⁵ "He will reply, 'Truly I tell you, whatever you did not do for one of the least of these, you did not do for me.'

⁴⁶ "Then they will go away to eternal punishment, but the righteous to eternal life."

Song of preparation

Praise Him, Praise Him

Music by Chester G. Allen; Words by Fanny J. Crosby

Incorporating "Jesu, Joy of Man's Desiring"

Chancel Choir

Scripture Readings

Matthew 6:19-21

19 "Don't store up treasures here on earth, where moths eat them and rust destroys them, and where thieves break in and steal. 20 Store your treasures in heaven, where moths and rust cannot destroy, and thieves do not break in and steal. 21 Wherever your treasure is, there the desires of your heart will also be.

Prayer of Preparation

Sermon

Where your treasure is there your heart will be

Rev. Jennifer Fenner

Song of Response

Pass Me Not | UMH 351

Pass me not, O gentle Savior,
hear my humble cry;
while on others thou art calling,
do not pass me by.

Refrain:

Savior, Savior, hear my humble cry;
while on others thou art calling,
do not pass me by.

Let me at thy throne of mercy
find a sweet relief,
kneeling there in deep contrition;
help my unbelief.
(Refrain)

Trusting only in thy merit,
would I seek thy face;
heal my wounded, broken spirit,
save me by thy grace. (Refrain)

Thou the spring of all my comfort,
more than life to me,
whom have I on earth beside thee?
Whom in heaven but thee? (Refrain)

Pastoral Prayer

Invitation to Receive the Offering

Offering Song

Presentation of the Offering with the Doxology

Welcoming Visitors and Invitation to Review Announcements

*Please sign the friendship pad as it is passed down the row,
if your mailing address has changed, please add your new address.*

Closing Hymn

What A Friend We Have In Jesus| UMH 526

What a friend we have in Jesus,
all our sins and griefs to bear!

What a privilege to carry
everything to God in prayer!

O what peace we often forfeit,
O what needless pain we bear,
all because we do not carry
everything to God in prayer.

Have we trials and temptations?
Is there trouble anywhere?
We should never be discouraged;
take it to the Lord in prayer.

Can we find a friend so faithful
who will all our sorrows share?
Jesus knows our every weakness;
take it to the Lord in prayer.

Are we weak and heavy laden,
cumbered with a load of care?

Precious Savior, still our refuge;
take it to the Lord in prayer.
Do thy friends despise, forsake thee?
Take it to the Lord in prayer!
In his arms he'll take and shield thee;
thou wilt find a solace there.

Benediction and Dismissal with Blessing

*Following the service please join us for coffee & conversation in the lounge. (Upstairs, turn left and down the hallway).
Join us and meet some new friends & familiar faces.*

Calendar of Upcoming Events

Sunday, October 26

- All names to be published in the bulletin for All Saints Sunday are due. Please share their names with our office administrator, Astrid Guido office@eumc-md.org
- GGYM Steering Committee Meeting 3pm Mill Creek or on zoom

Tuesday, October 28 – 5-8 p.m. Open House and Fundraising Event for Epworth's Ana A Brito Foundation

Friday October 31 (and every Friday Morning) - Join us every Friday from 6:30-7AM in Epworth's Chapel or our Worship Zoom for 30 minutes of shared prayer. Contact Sandy Matty at execadmin@eumc-md.org for more info.

Friday October 31 – No GGYM

Sunday November 2

- All Saints Sunday (celebrated at all three services)

- Family Fun Night (EPK/EUMC families) Drive in Movie Night 5-7pm Contact PTammi for details
- GGYM Youth Night at Butler's Orchard (with Grace UMC) Contact Raymond for details.

Friday November 7 – GGYM Covenant UMC

Saturday November 8 –Women Unity Meeting at 6-8:30 p.m. If you would like to participate, please sign up; the sheet is available on the table near the Sanctuary.

Sunday November 9 – Morning Services with Guest Preacher Rev. Cary James, author of Saving Grace

- 5pm First Confirmation Class to be held at Mill Creek Parish UMC

Friday November 14 GGYM – Covenant UMC

Sunday November 16 – Consecration Sunday (celebrated at all three services)

- 5pm 2nd Confirmation Class

Friday November 21- Students leave for GGYM and Confirmation Retreat (No GGYM Friday night)

Sunday November 23: Strong Families and Gratitude Sunday

Sunday November 30 – First Sunday in Advent

All Saints Day will be celebrated on Sunday November 2

These are the names we currently have to celebrate of those who have died between November 2024 and November 2025.

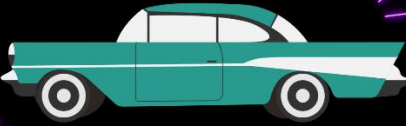
If you have corrections or additions to this list, please email office@eumc-md.org by the evening of Sunday October 26, 2025.

1. Lahai John Kenie Amara, Stepfather to Musu Conteh
2. Rev. Ralph D. Posey, Former pastor of Epworth UMC
3. Blama Sirleaf, Father to Ansu Sirleaf
4. Hannah Bloh, Sister to Georgina Kun Sherman
5. Edwin Becraft, Longtime Epworth member and father to Ed and Jeff Becraft; Grandfather to Hannah Becraft (among many grandchildren and great grandchildren)
6. Miguel S. Lopez, father and father-in-law to Miguel Lopez Jr. and Maribel Miranda, grandfather to Miranda Lopez
7. June S. Garnett, Aunt to Denise Smith
8. Rev. Jeremiah Moshopeh Pratt, Uncle to Cristo Massaquoi
9. Rukudzo Josh Chicawero, Epworth member and son to Sekai and Josh Chicawero Sr.
10. John Harps, father/father-in-law/grandfather to Derek and Linda Harps and Shauna Harps and Sherrie Piper
11. Bernadette Echeumuna, Sister and Sister-in-law to Mary and Chibuzo Madukwe
12. Constanza Encinas, mother/mother-in-law to Johny and Reina Miranda, grandmother to Jazmin, Joshua Joystana
13. Flor de Maria Alvarez, Grandmother to Cindy Uribe; Great grandmother to Gabriel and Juan David
14. Robert, friend to Hunter Shelley
15. Andrea Wright, Sister-in-law to Debbie and Hunter Shelley
16. Nathalia Berge, Epworth Member and daughter to Moiyah and Jean Marc Berge
17. Rosa Emilia Abreu Fabian, Mother/Mother-in-law to Reynaldo Paulino and Estela Cruz and grandmother to Raylin
18. Jim Smith (Cousin), Dr. George Reilly Martin (Uncle) Maurice Mayhall Smith Jr, 'Smitty' (Uncle) for Steven J. Boretos
19. Beatriz Manduley Jones, Cousin of Pastor Yolanda Pupo-Ortiz
20. Margaret McGee, Aunt of Julie Malone

YOU'RE INVITED!

☆ DRIVE-IN ☆ MOVIE NIGHT

Join us for a night under the stars filled with family, laughter, and classic movie snacks! Bring your chairs, blankets, and smiles!



SUN, NOV 2 | 5:30-7:30PM

AT EPWORTH UMC GROUNDS

IN CASE OF INCLEMENT WEATHER: WE'LL MOVE INSIDE TO THE FELLOWSHIP HALL FOR A COZY FAMILY GAME NIGHT!

Coffee Hour Fellowship & Greeters

Support our worship services by signing up to help our connect team greet persons before service or help set up coffee for fellowship after service. Plan on coming 15 minutes early for service and staying 30 minutes after service to help clean up. For additional questions, please contact Judy Fenner at jadrfenner@verizon.net



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Altar Flowers

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Flowers are a wonderful way to brighten our altar for worship. Sunday arrangements are \$50 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, please scan the QR Code. Please place your flower order by the Wednesday, prior to the Sunday you would like them dedicated.

Serve Our Community | Food Distribution

Every other Sunday, Epworth distributes food to families who are food insecure. These families are selected through our community partners. Help is needed in delivering food and packing food. Scan the QR code to get more information.

**See Calendar for Next
Distribution Day,**



**Volunteer
To Pack
Food**

**Deliver
Food**

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contact Becky Beeler at sendout@eumc-md.org if you want to deliver



JOIN US

Women in Unity

**SAT, NOV 8 | 6-8:30PM
IN FELLOWSHIP HALL**

Sign-up sheet available on the table
near the Sanctuary.



FRIDAY MORNING PRAYER

Join us every Friday from
6:30-7AM in Epworth's
Chapel or our Worship
Zoom for 30 minutes of
shared prayer.

Contact Sandy Matty at
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for more info.

SAVING GRACE STUDY GROUPS 2025-2026

Saving Grace resources are available

- Saving Grace workbooks are available for purchase for \$20 in the entryway.
- Sermons and Podcasts follow the Saving Grace topics
- Saving grace printed Devotionals are available weekly in printed booklets or for purchase
- Saving grace study groups are open to all.

JOIN a SAVING GRACE GROUP starting Oct 20

- **Espanol - Jueves 8:00pm** Marcela U.
- **Saturdays 5-7pm** PJen in lounge/worship link
- **Tuesday 12noon online** worship link
- **Sunday drop in after 10:30am service** w PTammi
- **Thursdays** Dawn and Jon DiCandilo or Mario and Christina at their Homes 7pm





Tuesday | Martes

12 p.m.: English Life Group Online, led by Pastor Jen Fenner

7 p.m.: English Life Group Online, with rotating leadership. Contact person: Judy Fenner

8:30 p.m.: Spanish Prayer Group Online, led by Marcela Uberhuaga

Thursday | Jueves

7 p.m.: English Young Adults Life Group In Person offsite, led by Christina Castillo and Julie Malone

8:00 p.m.: Spanish Life Group Online, led by Marcela Uberhuaga

7 p.m.: English General life group open to all in the home of Dawn and Jon DiCandilo

Friday | Viernes

6:30 a.m. – 7:00 a.m. Prayer in the chapel or on worship zoom (ring front bell for building access) Lead: Sandy Matty

Saturday | Sabado

5-7 p.m.: Saving Grace lead by Pastor Jen online worship zoom and in the Lounge for October and November

+ (Regularly English Life Group Online and at homes, led by Lilly Otolo and Ruth Gwashavanhu

Sunday | Domingo

11:45 a.m. (After 10:30 service) English Life Group with Childcare led by Julie Malone and Elisa Parsons-Facetti

After 10:30 service – Ptammi to lead pop up Saving Grace study October and November

5:00 p.m. (every other week in the Epworth lounge with dinner) College Age Young Adult Life Group Contact: Keiry Lizama

Epworth Vision: *To be a church of the community that invites, connects, disciples, and sends out people for Christ; passionately partnering with the Holy Spirit in the transformation of hearts, lives, and communities.*

I have come to invite people to change their hearts and lives.
Luke 5:32



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