

ARISE SERVICE

HOLY DISRUPTION
BREAKING BARRIERS AND REDEFINING
BOUNDARIES TO LIVE WHOLE LIVES.

Epworth



**“Disrupción sagrada hacia la plenitud:
Rompiendo barreras y redefiniendo los límites
para vivir vidas completas.”**

May 12, 2024

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Liturgical Color: White

9:00 am 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

A Mother Lined A Basket
Epworth Chancel Choir

Call to Worship

(L- Leader / C- Congregation)

L: The earth shakes, the mountains quake—tempting our hearts to fear.

C: God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble.

L: Storms rage, winds swirl—destroying schools, hospitals, homes.

C: Still, God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble.

L: Violence comes to light in our communities and violence continues around the world— causing us to wonder if our prayers for peace are futile.

C: Yet God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble.

L: For those mourning and rebuilding after the storms,

C: God is their refuge.

L: For those living in fear of their neighbors,

C: God is their strength.

L: For those dreading the hiss of a drone-fired missile,

C: God is present.

L: For the distraught and displaced and dismembered in Syria, Palestine, Iraq, Afghanistan and elsewhere,

C: God is a very present help in trouble.

L: Therefore, we will not fear.

All: Therefore, we will lay down our weapons and worship our God.

~ written by Joanna Harader, and posted on [Spacious Faith](#).

Opening Hymn

Immortal Invisible

UMH #103

Immortal, invisible, God only wise,
in light inaccessible hid from our eyes,
most blessed, most glorious, the Ancient of Days,
almighty, victorious, thy great name we praise.

Unresting, unhasting, and silent as light,
nor wanting, nor wasting, thou rulest in might;
thy justice like mountains high soaring above
thy clouds which are fountains of goodness and love.

To all, life thou givest, to both great and small;
in all life thou livest, the true life of all;
we blossom and flourish as leaves on the tree,
and wither and perish, but naught changeth thee.

Thou reignest in glory; thou dwellest in light;
thine angels adore thee, all veiling their sight;
all laud we would render: O help us to see
'tis only the splendor of light hideth thee.

Opening Prayer

Children's Moment

Prayer for Mother's Day

Scripture Reading

Psalm 46

God is our refuge and strength,
an ever-present help in trouble.

²Therefore we will not fear, though the earth give way
and the mountains fall into the heart of the sea,

³though its waters roar and foam
and the mountains quake with their surging.

⁴There is a river whose streams make glad the city of God,
the holy place where the Most High dwells.

⁵God is within her, she will not fall;

God will help her at break of day.
6 Nations are in uproar, kingdoms fall;
he lifts his voice, the earth melts.
7 The Lord Almighty is with us;
the God of Jacob is our fortress.
8 Come and see what the Lord has done,
the desolations he has brought on the earth.
9 He makes wars cease
to the ends of the earth.
He breaks the bow and shatters the spear;
he burns the shields with fire.
10 He says, "Be still, and know that I am God;
I will be exalted among the nations,
I will be exalted in the earth."
11 The Lord Almighty is with us;
the God of Jacob is our fortress.

Song of Preparation

Worry Not, My Child

By: Stephen Lay based on Isaiah 43 & Matthew 6
Epworth Chancel Choir

Scripture Reading

John 14:16-17

And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another advocate to help you and be with you forever— ¹⁷ the Spirit of truth. The world cannot accept him, because it neither sees him nor knows him. But you know him, for he lives with you and will be ^[a] in you.

Matthew 11:28-30

"Come to me, all you who are weary and burdened, and I will give you rest. ²⁹ Take my yoke upon you and learn from me, for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. ³⁰ For my yoke is easy and my burden is light."

Prayer of Preparation

Sermon

My Refuge, My Strength, and My Stillness

Rev. Jennifer Fenner

Hymn of Response

It Is Well With My Soul

UMH #377

When peace, like a river, attendeth my way,
when sorrows like sea billows roll;
whatever my lot, thou hast taught me to say,
It is well, it is well with my soul.

Refrain:

It is well with my soul,
it is well, it is well with my soul.

Though Satan should buffet, though trials should come,
let this blest assurance control,
that Christ has regarded my helpless estate,
and hath shed his own blood for my soul.
(Refrain)

My sin, oh, the bliss of this glorious thought!
My sin, not in part but the whole,
is nailed to the cross, and I bear it no more,
praise the Lord, praise the Lord, O my soul!
(Refrain)

And, Lord, haste the day when my faith shall be sight,
the clouds be rolled back as a scroll;
the trump shall resound, and the Lord shall descend,
even so, it is well with my soul. (Refrain)

Pastoral Prayer

Invitation to Receive The Offering

Offering Song

Presentation of the Offering with Doxology

Praise God, From Whom All Blessings Flow (Doxology)

UMH #95

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
Praise Him, all creatures here below;
Praise Him above, ye heav'nly host;
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

Welcoming of Visitors and Invitation to Review Announcements

Closing Hymn

Blessed Assurance UMC #369

Blessed assurance, Jesus is mine!
O what a foretaste of glory divine!
Heir of salvation, purchase of God,
born of his Spirit, washed in his blood.

Refrain:

This is my story, this is my song,
praising my Savior all the day long;
this is my story, this is my song,
praising my Savior all the day long.

Perfect submission, perfect delight,
visions of rapture now burst on my sight;
angels descending bring from above
echoes of mercy, whispers of love.

(Refrain)

Perfect submission, all is at rest;
I in my Savior am happy and blest,
watching and waiting, looking above,
filled with his goodness, lost in his love.

(Refrain)

Benediction Prayer and Dismissal with Blessing

Following service please join us for a time of coffee & conversation in the lounge. (Upstairs, turn left and down the hallway).

Flowers are dedicated from Linda & Derek Harps & Family for their late mother, mother-in-law, grandmother, and great-grandmother Mary Johnson. Happy Mother's Day with love.



Mark Your Calendars

- Saturday May 18 4-7pm **Young Adult Gathering – Games Bonanza** Contact Julie Malone with questions.
- Sunday May 19 **Confirmation and Pentecost 10am Service Cook-Out At Mill Creek** starting 1-3pm Please register at <https://tinyurl.com/GGYM24>
- Sunday May 19 5-7pm **Young Adult Life Group** Emma Escobar
- Sunday May 19 is the deadline to sign up to **sponsor a Grad with a gift basket**. Baskets due June 5. Sign up on the website
- Sunday May 26 **Asia Pacific Islander Heritage Sunday**
- Sunday June 9 at 10am **Graduating Senior and Scholarship Sunday** as Single Bilingual service
- Sunday June 9 2pm Camp Hope parent and youth meeting in 201.
- **Wednesday June 12: English and Computer Class Celebration:** 5pm Worship and Promotion Service & 6pm Dinner
- Sunday June 23 **African Caribbean Heritage Sunday**

Quick Links to Register

- **Graduates and Scholarship Recipient Materials**
<https://www.epworthunited.org/scholarships>
- **Confirmation Cook-Out Sunday May 19 1pm:**
<https://tinyurl.com/GGYM24>
- **ESOL & Computer Celebration Dinner June 12:5pm**
www.epworthunited.org
- **VBS Participant Registration June 24-28**

<https://www.epworthunited.org/vbs-2024>

- **Soccer Clinic Participant Registration August 12-16**
<https://www.epworthunited.org>

Quick Links to Opportunities to Serve

- **Food Distribution Packing and Parking Lot Runners-**
<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/60B0F4AA5A822A1F85-food3>
- **Food Distribution Drivers-**
<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/20F044CAEA92CAB9-49088193-delivery> - /
- **Coffee/Greeters-**
<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/60B0F4AA5A822A1F85-47017126-connect> - /
- **VBS Helpers-**
<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/60B0F4AA5A822A1F85-vacation>
- **Sign up for Sponsor-A-Grad Senior Baskets-**
<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/60B0F4AA5A822A1F85-49152150-sponsoragrad>
- Email: James Craig Bazen at jcbazen@musicunlimited.com if you are interested in joining the 9am **Chancel Choir**.
- Email: Jennifer B. at trustees@eumc-md.org if you are interested in joining the trustees team or bidding on the new **cleaning contract**. Cleaning contract bids are due by May 21.
- Email Sandy Matty: execadmin@eumc-md.org to apply for **Livestream Manager** role.
- Email: Edgard Tellez at edgardtm@gmail.com if you are interested in being a **volunteer coach** for the August 12-16 soccer clinic 6:30-8:00pm
- Email nancy.laing@eumc-md.org if you are interested in Counting the offering 1X a month with another person. Counters meet Sunday afternoon or could arrange to count Mondays in the future.



How We Live Together

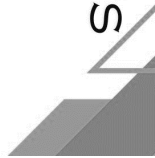
- We will love one another by being kind, patient, protective, trusting, and faithful to one another. **(1 Corinthians 13)**
- We will pray for one another. **(James 5:16)**
- We will encourage one another. **(Hebrews 3:13)**
- We will joyfully accept and embrace all people in our midst and will endeavor 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. Talking 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)**



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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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