

**June 19, 2022**

**9am Arise Service**

**A Celebration of Juneteenth, Liberation, and  
Fatherhood on Father's Day**



***Epworth Vision: To be a church of this community that  
passionately 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 5:32



June 19, 2022

3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Pentecost

Liturgical Color: Red

ARISE! 9am

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*Children will be dismissed for Sunday school focused on Fathers Day and Juneteenth. They will return for communion. Children may also stay in the Sanctuary for the Worship Service*

## Welcome and Preparation for Worship

### Welcome and Introduction to Juneteenth via Video

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=t4tvAY5rwK8>

### Introit

*Precious Lord, Take My Hand*  
Chancel Choir

### Call to Worship

The Lord our God is great.

**The Lord is worthy of our praise.**

Come; let us remember the great things God has done for us.

**Let us not neglect to teach our children the greatness of God.**

Let us not forget our past and those who have gone before us.

**We remember our ancestors, our history, our Africa; and we name our future.**

Let us lift up our voices in song, lift our arms in praise,  
and open our hearts in gratitude.

**Let us greet God with our hymn of praise.**

### Opening Hymn UMH# 519

*Lift every voice and Sing*

Lift ev'ry voice and sing,  
till earth and heaven ring,  
ring with the harmonies of liberty.  
Let our rejoicing rise  
high as the list'ning skies,  
let it resound loud as the rolling sea.

Sing a song full of the faith that the dark past has taught us.  
Sing a song full of the hope that the present has brought us.  
Facing the rising sun  
of our new day begun,  
let us march on till victory is won.

God of our weary years,  
God of our silent tears,  
thou who hast brought us thus far on the way,  
thou who hast by thy might  
led us into the light,  
keep us forever in the path, we pray.  
Lest our feet stray from the places, our God, where we met thee;  
lest our hearts, drunk with the wine of the world, we forget thee;  
shadowed beneath thy hand,  
may we forever stand,  
true to our God, true to our native land.

### **Opening Prayer and Prayer for Fathers**

Let us pray for and give thanks for those fathers who have striven to balance the demands of work, marriage, and children with an honest awareness of both joy and sacrifice.

**Let us pray for and give thanks for those fathers who, lacking a good model for a father, have worked to become a worthy and virtuous father.**

Let us pray for and give thanks for those fathers who, by their own account, were not always there for their children, but who continue to offer those children, now grown, their love and support. As well, let us pray for those fathers who have been wounded by words and actions of their children.

**Let us pray for and give thanks for those fathers who, despite marital discord, have remained in their children's lives.**

Let us pray for and give thanks for those fathers whose children are adopted, and whose love and support has nurtured a thriving life.

**Let us pray for and give thanks for those fathers who, as stepfathers, freely choose the obligation of fatherhood and earned their step children's love and respect.**

Let us pray for and give thanks for those fathers who have lost a child to death, and continue to hold the child in their heart.

**Let us pray for and give thanks for those men who have no children, but cherish the next generation as if they were their own.**

Let us pray for and give thanks for those men who have "fathered" us in their role as mentors and guides.

**Let us pray for and give thanks for those men who are about to become fathers; may they openly delight in their children. And let us pray for and give thanks for those fathers who have died, but live on in our memory and whose love continues to nurture us.**

- Prayer of Kirk Loadman adapted by Debra Mooney, PhD

**Anthem**

*Leaning on the Everlasting Arms*

Arranged by Joel Raney

Chancel Choir

**The Word and the Message**

**Scripture Reading**

**Isaiah 61:1-9**

(Page #691-692 of the Old Testament of the pew Bible)

The Spirit of the Sovereign Lord is on me,  
because the Lord has anointed me  
to proclaim good news to the poor.  
He has sent me to bind up the brokenhearted,  
to proclaim freedom for the captives  
and release from darkness for the prisoners,<sup>[a]</sup>  
<sup>2</sup>to proclaim the year of the Lord's favor  
and the day of vengeance of our God,  
to comfort all who mourn,  
<sup>3</sup>and provide for those who grieve in Zion—

to bestow on them a crown of beauty  
instead of ashes,  
the oil of joy  
instead of mourning,  
and a garment of praise  
instead of a spirit of despair.

They will be called oaks of righteousness,  
a planting of the Lord  
for the display of his splendor.

<sup>4</sup>They will rebuild the ancient ruins  
and restore the places long devastated;  
they will renew the ruined cities  
that have been devastated for generations.

<sup>5</sup>Strangers will shepherd your flocks;  
foreigners will work your fields and vineyards.

<sup>6</sup>And you will be called priests of the Lord,  
you will be named ministers of our God.  
You will feed on the wealth of nations,  
and in their riches you will boast.

<sup>7</sup>Instead of your shame  
you will receive a double portion,  
and instead of disgrace  
you will rejoice in your inheritance.

And so you will inherit a double portion in your land,  
and everlasting joy will be yours.

<sup>8</sup>“For I, the Lord, love justice;  
I hate robbery and wrongdoing.

In my faithfulness I will reward my people  
and make an everlasting covenant with them.

<sup>9</sup>Their descendants will be known among the nations  
and their offspring among the peoples.

All who see them will acknowledge  
that they are a people the Lord has blessed.”

Leader: *This is the Word of the Lord*

People: **Thanks be to God**

### **Scripture Reading**

**Exodus 3:1-17**

(Page #50 of the Old Testament of the pew Bible)

Now Moses was tending the flock of Jethro his father-in-law, the priest of Midian, and he led the flock to the far side of the wilderness and came to Horeb, the mountain of God. <sup>2</sup> There the angel of the Lord appeared to him in flames of fire from within a bush. Moses saw that though the bush was on fire it did not burn up. <sup>3</sup> So Moses thought, "I will go over and see this strange sight—why the bush does not burn up."

<sup>4</sup> When the Lord saw that he had gone over to look, God called to him from within the bush, "Moses! Moses!"

And Moses said, "Here I am."

<sup>5</sup> "Do not come any closer," God said. "Take off your sandals, for the place where you are standing is holy ground." <sup>6</sup> Then he said, "I am the God of your father,<sup>[a]</sup> the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac and the God of Jacob." At this, Moses hid his face, because he was afraid to look at God.

<sup>7</sup> The Lord said, "I have indeed seen the misery of my people in Egypt. I have heard them crying out because of their slave drivers, and I am concerned about their suffering. <sup>8</sup> So I have come down to rescue them from the hand of the Egyptians and to bring them up out of that land into a good and spacious land, a land flowing with milk and honey—the home of the Canaanites, Hittites, Amorites, Perizzites, Hivites and Jebusites. <sup>9</sup> And now the cry of the Israelites has reached me, and I have seen the way the Egyptians are oppressing them. <sup>10</sup> So now, go. I am sending you to Pharaoh to bring my people the Israelites out of Egypt."

<sup>11</sup> But Moses said to God, "Who am I that I should go to Pharaoh and bring the Israelites out of Egypt?"

<sup>12</sup> And God said, "I will be with you. And this will be the sign to you that it is I who have sent you: When you have brought the people out of Egypt, you<sup>[b]</sup> will worship God on this mountain."

<sup>13</sup> Moses said to God, "Suppose I go to the Israelites and say to them, 'The God of your fathers has sent me to you,' and they ask me, 'What is his name?' Then what shall I tell them?"

<sup>14</sup> God said to Moses, “I am who I am.<sup>[c]</sup> This is what you are to say to the Israelites: ‘I am has sent me to you.’”

<sup>15</sup> God also said to Moses, “Say to the Israelites, ‘The Lord,<sup>[d]</sup> the God of your fathers—the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac and the God of Jacob—has sent me to you.’

“This is my name forever,  
the name you shall call me  
from generation to generation.

<sup>16</sup> “Go, assemble the elders of Israel and say to them, ‘The Lord, the God of your fathers—the God of Abraham, Isaac and Jacob—appeared to me and said: I have watched over you and have seen what has been done to you in Egypt. <sup>17</sup> And I have promised to bring you up out of your misery in Egypt into the land of the Canaanites, Hittites, Amorites, Perizzites, Hivites and Jebusites—a land flowing with milk and honey.’

Leader: *This is the Word of the Lord*

People: **Thanks be to God**

### **Song of Preparation**

*A Change is Gonna Come*

By Sam Cooke, Sung by Destiny Lindsay

### **Sermon**

*It's Been a Long Time Coming*

Rev. Tammi Brantley

### **Presentation by Children and Youth**

### **Hymn before Communion**

*Hallelujah Thine The Glory*

1 We praise thee, O God, for the Son of thy love,  
for Jesus who died, and is now gone above.

Refrain:

Hallelujah! Thine the glory, hallelujah! Amen!

Hallelujah! Thine the glory, revive us again.

3 We praise thee, O God, for the joy thou hast giv'n  
to thy saints in communion, these foretastes of heav'n. [Refrain]

4 Revive us again, fill each heart with thy love.  
May each soul be rekindled with fire from above. [Refrain]

### **The Sacrament of Holy Communion**

(Communion Liturgy written by Rev. Mary Johnson for Juneteenth celebrations)

Have you heard the news that we have been set free?  
**We have all been emancipated!**

With mercy and grace we have been redeemed.  
**Our great trial of bondage has ended.**

Hallelujah! When the Lord has set us free, we are free indeed.  
**Hallelujah! Glory Hallelujah! We are truly free.**

Before we were even aware, we were already free.  
Even while we were still living in bondage, we were already free.  
The world kept this truth from us, but God declares that all are free.  
God is the one who demands, "Let my people go!"

Unloose the bonds of sin.  
Unloose the bonds of oppression.  
Unloose the bonds of discrimination.  
Unloose the bonds of racism.

Unloose all that keeps us from being truly free.

We are free today and we join our prayers with all the prayers of thanksgiving given by all who have gone before us.

We are free today and we join our shouts with all the shouts of praise that arises before the throne of heaven, saying:

**We sing freedom's song  
Giving God greatest honor  
For Pharaoh's horses  
And all their riders  
Were thrown into the Red Sea**

**The Lord is my strength  
The Lord is my song  
The Lord has won my freedom  
The Lord has saved me**

**My ancestor's God  
Source of Freedom is his name  
I will honor him. (Exodus 15:1b-2)**

You are the Great Liberator, and we do worship you,  
but so is Jesus, your living presence upon the earth.  
Jesus left all the glories of heaven,  
selling himself into slavery,  
so that Christ might set the world free  
from bondage to sin and death.

Jesus left the place of honor at the Passover  
to become as the lowest slave,  
to wash the feet of sinful people:  
betrayers, false friends, and deserters,  
to free us from bondage to privilege and honor.

Jesus sought to free the world from bondage  
when He took the bread of the oppressed,  
blessed it, broke it, and shared it saying:

“Take, eat, this is my body broken and given for you.”  
Remember the price paid for your freedom.

Jesus sought to free the world from bondage  
when He took the cup of God's anger against those  
who keep others in bondage, blessed it and shared it saying:  
“Drink with me this cup of my blood,  
poured out as a sacrifice to honor God's eternal covenant of grace,  
guaranteeing not only your freedom,  
but the freedom of the whole world from bondage to sin and death.”  
Remember the price paid for your freedom.

The price paid for our freedom has been high.  
It was paid freely, looking forward to the day when all would be free.  
We too are ready to pay any price for freedom  
as we follow Christ into this holy mystery:

**Christ died for freedom.**

**Christ arose in freedom.**

**For freedom Christ comes again and again.**

Holy Sacrifice, Freedom's Promise

pour yourself out freely upon these gifts of bread and wine,  
so that they may become for us the body and blood of Christ  
the price of freedom.

Holy Sacrifice, Freedom's Promise

pour yourself out freely upon the gift of our own precious lives  
so that they may become for those in bondage, your church,  
the sacrificial body and spotless bride of Christ  
the price of freedom.

Holy Sacrifice, Freedom's Promise

on this Juneteenth pour yourself out freely upon those present  
empower them to speak out for those in bondage,  
those without a voice,  
those without power,  
those who this day live in slavery.

May every oppressor hear on this day the voice of Almighty God saying  
loud and clear,

“Let my people go!”

With freedom's joy we praise the name of Jesus our Liberator.

With freedom's joy we praise the Holy Spirit our Comforter.

With freedom's joy we praise our Creator who made us free.

Receive our worship, our gratitude, and our thanksgiving, today and  
forever.

Amen.

Now let us pray following the pattern of Christ:

**Our Deliverer who bought our freedom, holy is your name.  
Your freedom come, your will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.  
Give us today the nourishment we need.  
And forgive us when we harm others,  
Just as we have forgiven those who have brought harm to our lives.  
Keep us from returning evil with evil,  
but help us to always respond with good.  
For you have set us free, empowering us to set others free, bringing  
you glory forever. Amen.**

### **Invitation to receive the Elements**

#### **Song during Communion**

*Amazing Grace*

Amazing grace (how sweet the sound)  
that saved a wretch like me!  
I once was lost, but now am found,  
was blind, but now I see.  
2 'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear,  
and grace my fears relieved;  
how precious did that grace appear  
the hour I first believed!

3 Through many dangers, toils and snares  
I have already come:  
'tis grace has brought me safe thus far,  
and grace will lead me home.

4 The Lord has promised good to me,  
his word my hope secures;  
he will my shield and portion be  
as long as life endures.

#### **Offering**

As you come forward for communion, please place your offering in the plates as an act of worship and an expression of thankfulness.

#### **Prayer after Communion and Presentation of Tithes and Offerings**

## **Welcome of Visitors & Signing of the Fellowship Pads**

That all of us may know each other, please complete the Fellowship Pad, pass it to your neighbor, then return it to the center aisle.

## **Announcements**

Following this service, please join us for Coffee Hour - a time of food and fellowship in the Lounge. (Exit the Sanctuary, up the steps, and to the left) Today we will have Donuts with Dads for Fathers Day and Sweet Potato Pies in honor of Juneteenth

## **Closing Song**

*What a Mighty God we Serve*

What a mighty God we serve  
What a mighty God we serve  
What a mighty God we serve

Angels bow before Him  
Heaven and earth adore Him  
What a mighty God we serve  
What a mighty God we serve

## **Benediction**

## **Postlude**

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Epworth is invited to the celebration of Juneteenth at the Museum. This begins at 11am and is a free public event. A caravan of Epworth members will travel to the Sandy Spring Slave Museum and African Art Gallery following the 10:30 service. Meet in the front circle at 12noon. Miriam Mokuena will be leading this 12noon caravan. Pastor Tammi will lead a second group following the Spanish service at 2pm.

The address of the celebration is 18524 Brooke Rd. Sandy Spring MD 20860 Individuals are welcome to travel on their own if they prefer.



Juneteenth is the oldest nationally celebrated commemoration of the ending of slavery in the United States. Dating back to 1865, it was on June 19th that the Union soldiers, led by Major General Gordon Granger, landed at Galveston, Texas with news that the war had ended and that the enslaved were now free. Note that this was two and a half years after President Lincoln's Emancipation Proclamation – which had become official January 1, 1863. The Emancipation Proclamation had little impact on the Texans due to the minimal number of Union troops to enforce the new Executive Order. However, with the surrender of General Lee in April of 1865, and the arrival of General Granger's regiment, the forces were finally strong enough to influence and overcome the resistance. Later attempts to explain this two and a half year delay in the receipt of this important news have yielded several versions that have been handed down through the years. Often told is the story of a messenger who was murdered on his way to Texas with the news of freedom. Another is that the news was deliberately withheld by the enslavers to maintain the labor force on the plantations. And still another is that federal troops actually waited for the slave owners to reap the benefits of one last cotton harvest before going to Texas to enforce the Emancipation Proclamation. All of which, or none of these versions could be true. Certainly, for some, President Lincoln's authority over the rebellious states was in question. Whatever the reasons, conditions in Texas remained status quo well beyond what was statutory.

## **General Order Number 3**

One of General Granger's first orders of business was to read to the people of Texas, General Order Number 3 which began most significantly with:

"The people of Texas are informed that in accordance with a Proclamation from the Executive of the United States, all slaves are free. This involves an absolute equality of rights and rights of property between former masters and slaves, and the connection heretofore existing between them becomes that between employer and hired laborer."

The reactions to this profound news ranged from pure shock to immediate jubilation. While many lingered to learn of this new employer to employee relationship, many left before these offers were completely off the lips of their former 'masters' – attesting to the varying conditions on the plantations and the realization of freedom. Even with nowhere to go, many felt that leaving the plantation would be their first grasp of freedom. North was a logical destination and for many it represented true freedom, while the desire to reach family members in neighboring states drove some into Louisiana, Arkansas and Oklahoma. Settling into these new areas as free men and women brought on new realities and the challenges of establishing a heretofore non-existent status for black people in America. Recounting the memories of that great day in June of 1865 and its festivities would serve as motivation as well as a release from the growing pressures encountered in their new territories. The celebration of June 19th was coined "Juneteenth" and grew with more participation from descendants. The Juneteenth celebration was a time for reassuring each other, for praying and for gathering remaining family members. Juneteenth continued to be highly revered in Texas decades later, with many former slaves and descendants making an annual pilgrimage back to Galveston on this date.

## **Juneteenth Festivities and Food**

A range of activities were provided to entertain the masses, many of which continue in tradition today. Rodeos, fishing, barbecuing and baseball are just a few of the typical Juneteenth activities you may witness today. Juneteenth almost always focused on education and self improvement. Thus, often guest speakers are brought in and the elders are called upon to recount the events of the past. Prayer services were also a major part of these celebrations.

Certain foods became popular and subsequently synonymous with Juneteenth celebrations such as strawberry soda-pop. More traditional and just as popular was the barbecuing, through which Juneteenth participants could share in the spirit and aromas that their ancestors – the newly emancipated African Americans, would have experienced

during their ceremonies. Hence, the barbecue pit is often established as the center of attention at Juneteenth celebrations.

Food was abundant because everyone prepared a special dish. Meats such as lamb, pork and beef which were not available everyday were brought on this special occasion. A true Juneteenth celebrations left visitors well satisfied and with enough conversation to last until the next.

Dress was also an important element in early Juneteenth customs and is often still taken seriously, particularly by the direct descendants who can make the connection to this tradition's roots. During slavery there were laws on the books in many areas that prohibited or limited the dressing of the enslaved. During the initial days of the emancipation celebrations, there are accounts of former slaves tossing their ragged garments into the creeks and rivers and adorning themselves with clothing taken from the plantations belonging to their former 'masters'.

## **Juneteenth and Society**

In the early years, little interest existed outside the African American community in participation in the celebrations. In some cases, there was outwardly exhibited resistance by barring the use of public property for the festivities. Most of the festivities found themselves out in rural areas around rivers and creeks that could provide for additional activities such as fishing, horseback riding and barbecues. Often church grounds were the site for such activities. Eventually, as African Americans became land owners, land was donated and dedicated for these festivities. One of the earliest documented land purchases in the name of Juneteenth was organized by Rev. Jack Yates. This fund-raising effort yielded \$1000 and made possible the purchase of Emancipation Park in Houston, Texas. In Mexia, the local Juneteenth organization purchased Booker T. Washington Park, which had become the Juneteenth celebration site in 1898. There are accounts of Juneteenth activities being interrupted and halted by white landowners demanding that their laborers return to work. However, it seems most allowed their workers the day off and some even made donations of food and money. For decades these annual celebrations flourished, growing continuously with each passing year. In Booker T. Washington Park, as many as

20,000 African Americans once attended during the course of a week, making the celebration one of the state's largest.

## **Juneteenth Celebrations Decline**

Economic and cultural forces led to a decline in Juneteenth activities and participants beginning in the early 1900's. Classroom and textbook education in lieu of traditional home and family-taught practices stifled the interest of the youth due to less emphasis and detail on the lives of former slaves. Classroom textbooks proclaimed Lincoln's Emancipation Proclamation of January 1, 1863 as the date signaling the ending of slavery – and mentioned little or nothing of the impact of General Granger's arrival on June 19th.

The Depression forced many people off the farms and into the cities to find work. In these urban environments, employers were less eager to grant leaves to celebrate this date. Thus, unless June 19th fell on a weekend or holiday, there were very few participants available. July 4th was already the established Independence holiday and a rise in patriotism steered more toward this celebration.

## **Resurgence**

The Civil Rights movement of the 50's and 60's yielded both positive and negative results for the Juneteenth celebrations. While it pulled many of the African American youth away and into the struggle for racial equality, many linked these struggles to the historical struggles of their ancestors. This was evidenced by student demonstrators involved in the Atlanta civil rights campaign in the early 1960's, who wore Juneteenth freedom buttons. Again in 1968, Juneteenth received another strong resurgence through the Poor Peoples March to Washington D.C. Rev. Ralph Abernathy's call for people of all races, creeds, economic levels and professions to come to Washington to show support for the poor. Many of these attendees returned home and initiated Juneteenth celebrations in areas previously absent of such activities. In fact, two of the largest Juneteenth celebrations founded after this March are now held in Milwaukee and Minneapolis.

# Texas Blazes The Trail

On January 1, 1980, Juneteenth became an official state holiday through the efforts of Al Edwards, an African American state legislator. The successful passage of this bill marked Juneteenth as the first emancipation celebration granted official state recognition. Edwards has since actively sought to spread the observance of Juneteenth all across America.

## Juneteenth In Modern Times

Today, Juneteenth is enjoying a phenomenal growth rate within communities and organizations throughout the country. Institutions such as the Smithsonian, the Henry Ford Museum and others have begun sponsoring Juneteenth-centered activities. In recent years, a number of local and national Juneteenth organizations have arisen to take their place along side older organizations – all with the mission to promote and cultivate knowledge and appreciation of African American history and culture.

Juneteenth today, celebrates African American freedom and achievement, while encouraging continuous self-development and respect for all cultures. As it takes on a more national, symbolic and even global perspective, the events of 1865 in Texas are not forgotten, for all of the roots tie back to this fertile soil from which a national day of pride is growing.

The future of Juneteenth looks bright as the number of cities and states creating Juneteenth committees continues to increase. **On June 17th, 2021, President Joe Biden signed the Juneteenth National Independence Day Act into law establishing Juneteenth as a federal holiday.**

## Official Juneteenth Poem

# We Rose

From Africa's heart, we rose

Already a people, our faces ebon, our bodies lean,

We rose

Skills of art, life, beauty and family  
Crushed by forces we knew nothing of, we rose

Survive we must, we did,  
We rose

We rose to be you, we rose to be me,  
Above everything expected, we rose

To become the knowledge we never knew,  
We rose

Dream, we did  
Act we must

• **Kristina Kay,  
We Rose © 1996, Juneteenth.com**

- *We Rose was written by artist and writer Kristina Kay Robinson at the age of 9. In the years since she has gone on to write, produce and perform numerous productions recognized nationally and abroad.*

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

1. We will love one another by being kind, patient, protective, trusting and faithful to one another. **(1 Corinthians 13)**
2. We will pray for one another. **(James 5:16)**
3. We will encourage one another. **(Hebrews 3:13)**
4. 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)**
5. 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)**
6. We will practice peacemaking by following the teachings of Jesus to reconcile by:
  - Taking directly to the person who offended us,
  - Taking 1 or 2 people with us to talk with the person,
  - Resolve as a church through the conflict prevention response team (CPR) **(Matthew 18: 15-17)**
7. We will seek one another's best interest above our own self-interest. **(Romans 12:10)**
8. We will faithfully serve where we are able and honor the commitments that we make. **(Ecclesiastes 5:4)**
9. We will practice generosity of our time, abilities and financial gifts. **(Matthew 28: 16-20)**
10. As Christians, we will have faith in God. **(Hebrews 11:1)**
11. We will live our love and faith through our actions; our prayers, our witness, and our service. **(1 John 3:18)**
12. We will treat all with respect and compassion, including those who are new and those who are developing confidence. **(1 John 2: 9-10)**
13. We will listen to each other and trust leadership to make decisions with the love of God. **(1 John 4: 7-9)**
14. 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)**
15. 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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## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### GENERAL CHURCH

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#### SUPPORT FOOD DISTRIBUTION THOROUGH THE SUMMER

##### **APOYAR LA INICIATIVA de DISTRIBUCION DE COMIDA ESTE VERANO**

Since March 2020 Epworth members and friends and the Lord's Table have supported the Food Distribution Ministry which developed in the heart of COVID shutdown. Contributions have been made to the Pastor's Discretionary Fund and been used to purchase boxes, chicken, supplementary produce, beans, rice and more.

In addition to these contributions, over the past 2 years Epworth and The Lord's Table, as partners in a Manna grant program, have collected and purchased food items for more than 15,000 food packages distributed to local families in need. Each package weighed approximately 20#, and was intended to feed a family of 4 for 3 days. Our food distribution efforts have been supported by many individuals, including Warren Craig, local school and church canned food drives, produce donations from local farmers, and other outside sources. This June marks the end of our Manna grant (with the Lord's Table) and the USDA free produce food source. Epworth does continue to receive 20 boxes weekly from Gaithersburg Help.

While outside COVID focused resources diminish, Epworth and our partners believe that food insecurity persists and if not is greater among certain sectors of the community. Epworth food distribution depends on the collaboration of Linkages to Learning coordinators, Mujer Fuerza y Coraje founder, Safe Places Resident Association at Cider Mill, Gaithersburg Beloved Community Initiative and others. Our partners share our sense that food insecurity among these served families continues.

Epworth is working with the Lord's Table to solicit ongoing support from the Capital Area Food Bank. Please pray for God's will in this process.

**In the meantime food distribution will continue this summer exclusively supported by member and friend contributions. We encourage you to support this initiative. Ongoing contributions can be made to Epworth UMC, the pastor's discretionary fund. On average it will cost about**

**\$10,000 to continue food distribution at this level June, July, and August. Please contact Pastor Jen or Reina Miranda with any questions.**

*Desde marzo de 2020, los miembros y amigos de Epworth y el Lords Table han apoyado al Ministerio de Distribución de Alimentos que se desarrolló en el corazón del cierre de COVID. Se han hecho contribuciones al Fondo Discrecional del Pastor y se han utilizado para comprar cajas, pollo, productos suplementarios, frijoles, arroz y más. Además de estas contribuciones, en los últimos 2 años Epworth y The Lord's Table, como socios en un programa de subvenciones de Maná, han recolectado y comprado alimentos para más de 15,000 paquetes de alimentos distribuidos a familias necesitadas locales. Cada paquete pesaba aproximadamente 20 #, y estaba destinado a alimentar a una familia de 4 durante 3 días. Nuestros esfuerzos de distribución de alimentos han sido apoyados por muchas personas, incluyendo Warren Craig, colectas de alimentos enlatados de escuelas e iglesias locales, donaciones de productos de agricultores locales y otras fuentes externas. Este mes de junio marca el final de nuestra subvención de Maná (con la Mesa del Señor) y la fuente de alimentos de productos gratuitos del USDA. Epworth continúa recibiendo 20 cajas semanalmente de Gaithersburg Help.*

*Mientras que fuera de los recursos enfocados en COVID disminuyen, Epworth y nuestros socios creen que la inseguridad alimentaria persiste y si no es mayor entre ciertos sectores de la comunidad. La distribución de alimentos de Epworth depende de la colaboración de los coordinadores de Linkages to Learning, la fundadora de Mujer Fuerza y Coraje, la Asociación de Residentes de Safe Places en Cider Mill, Gaithersburg Beloved Community Initiative y otros. Nuestros socios comparten nuestra sensación de que la inseguridad alimentaria entre estas familias atendidas continúa. Epworth está trabajando con la Mesa del Señor para solicitar apoyo continuo del Banco de Alimentos del Área Capital. Por favor, oren por la voluntad de Dios en este proceso. Mientras tanto, la distribución de alimentos continuará este verano con el apoyo exclusivo de las contribuciones de miembros y amigos. Te animamos a que apoyes esta iniciativa. Se pueden hacer contribuciones continuas a Epworth UMC, el fondo discrecional del pastor. En promedio, costará alrededor de \$ 10,000 continuar la distribución de alimentos a este nivel en junio, julio y agosto. Por favor, contáctese con la Pastora Jennifer o Reina Miranda con preguntas.*



**BLOOMIN' 4 GOOD PROGRAM SUPPORTS THE LORD'S TABLE SOUP KITCHEN | EL PROGRAMA 4 GOOD APOYA AL COMEDOR DE BENEFICIENCIA LORD'S TABLE**

During the month of July, The Lord's Table Soup Kitchen has been selected by Giant Food to participate in the Bloomin' 4 Good Program. Visit the Giant store at 46 Bureau Drive in Gaithersburg and look for a \$12.99 Bloomin' 4 Good Bouquet with the purple hanging tag. The Lord's Table will receive \$1 for every bouquet that is purchased.

*Durante el mes de Julio, The Lord's Table ha sido seleccionado por Giant Food para participar en el programa Bloomin' 4 Good. Visita el Giant ubicado en la 46 Bureau Drive in Gaithersburg y ubica el ramo de Bloomin' 4 Good por \$12.99 con la etiqueta morada. The Lord's Table recibirá \$1 por cada ramo que se compre.*



**COOKOUT ON THE EPWORTH GROUNDS | COMIDA AL AIRE LIBRE EN EPWORTH, Saturday July 2, 6:30-9:00pm**

Bring a picnic basket, blanket, or lawn chairs and eat on the grounds of Epworth. Games for everyone, Kona Ice truck and we will watch the fireworks from Bohrer Park from the lawn. Playground will be open for children to play.

*Trae tu canasta de picnic, una manta o silla de jardín y disfruta de una comida en los alrededores de Epworth. Habrá juegos para todos, un camión de helados y veremos los fuegos artificiales de Bohrer Park desde el césped. El parque infantil estará abierto para que los niños jueguen.*



**CHRISTMAS IN JULY | NAVIDAD EN JULIO**

**Sunday July 10th**

This year we will host Christmas in July, sponsored by the Family Discipleship ministry. Sunday July 10th we will host CHRISTMAS IN JULY TOY DRIVE and collect Christmas gifts for outreach to families with

children for Christmas. We will be collecting toys and books for ages 2 to 11 after each worship service.

We will enjoy cold chocolate, decorate Christmas cookies, as well as make crafts. If you would like to donate a toy or assist in anyway please contact Sarahi Segura our family outreach coordinator [s.segura@eumc-md.org](mailto:s.segura@eumc-md.org)

*Este año celebraremos la Navidad en Julio, patrocinado por el ministerio de discipulado familiar. El domingo 10 de Julio seremos anfitriones de LA COLECTA DE JUGUETES DE NAVIDAD y recolectaremos regalos de navidad para llegar a familias con niños. Estaremos recolectando juguetes y libros para las edades de 2 a 11 años después de cada servicio de adoración. Disfrutaremos de chocolate frío, decoraremos con galletas navideñas y también realizaremos manualidades. Si deseas donar un juguete o ayudar de alguna manera, comunícate con Sarahi Segura, nuestra coordinadora de alcance familiar [s.segura@eumc-md.org](mailto:s.segura@eumc-md.org)*



## DISCIPLE MINISTRY

### VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL | ESCUELA BÍBLICA DE VACACIONES

**June 27 - July 1, 9:00am - 12:00pm**

We are Making Waves at Epworth's Vacation Bible School daily. We will do some really important things this week and can't wait to tell you and show you some of them, but here's the thing we really want you to know. As important as all the stuff we will do during VBS is, it is important what happens in your home is EVEN MORE! And that's why we are opening VBS up daily for Children and Adults. So welcome, moms, dads, grandparents, and anybody else who helps us survive and thrive in our homes. Learn more and registre at <https://2022vbs.eventbrite.com>.

**Desde el 27 de Junio - 1 Julio de 9:00am - 12:00pm**

*Estamos haciendo olas en la Escuela Bíblica de Vacaciones de Epworth. Haremos cosas realmente importantes esta semana y estamos ansiosos por contarte y mostrarte algunas de ellas, pero esto es lo que realmente queremos que sepan. Por muy importante que sea todo lo que haremos durante la EBV, es importante que lo que suceda en su hogar sea ¡AÚN MÁS! Y es por eso que estamos abriendo VBS todos los días para niños y adultos. Así que bienvenidos, mamás, papás, abuelos y cualquier otra*

persona que nos ayude a sobrevivir y prosperar en nuestros hogares.  
Regístrate en <https://2022vbs.eventbrite.com>.

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**VOLUNTEERS FOR VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL | VOLUNTARIOS PARA LA  
ESCUELA BÍBLICA DE VACACIONES**

Vacation Bible School 2022 is almost here. VBS will be held June 27-July 1, 2022. We are looking for adult and youth volunteers to assist with games, crafts, registration, decorating, set-up and clean-up. Sign up today at  
<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/60B0F4AA5A822A1F85-vacation>

*La Escuela Bíblica de Vacaciones 2022 ya casi está aquí. VBS se llevará a cabo del 27 de junio al 1 de julio de 2022. Estamos buscando voluntarios adultos y jóvenes para ayudar con juegos, manualidades, registro, decoración, instalación y limpieza. Regístrese hoy en  
<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/60B0F4AA5A822A1F85-vacation>*

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**ALTAR FLOWERS | LAS FLORES DEL ALTAR**

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 [EpworthUnited.org/flowers](http://EpworthUnited.org/flowers)

*Las flores son una manera maravillosa de iluminar nuestro altar para la adoración. Los arreglos dominicales cuestan \$45 cada uno y se pueden llevar a casa después del servicio de las 12:30. Su dedicatoria se imprimirá en los boletines el domingo. Si desea pedir flores, puede hacerlo en línea en [EpworthUnited.org/flowers](http://EpworthUnited.org/flowers)*

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**SEND OUT MINISTRY**

## **CAMP JOY | CAMPAMENTO JOY**

July 17-23

FUEL Youth Ministry is inviting the youth who are entering 9<sup>th</sup> grade and up. College students (especially with mission trip experience) are welcome. The summer Youth Mission Trip will learn and experience painting, building, and landscaping. Location: Homes in Hancock, MD and part of WV. The cost is \$100 per student. Contact Pastor Jen to register or for scholarship information. Students (and adults) will be sleeping in tents and eating at local churches.

- Saturday June 25th at 3:00pm This is a required session. Youth will meet to learn to set up tents. Go over Camp Joy rules, and answer final questions. A least one parent should plan to attend and will learn Camp Joy expectations.
- Saturday July 16 - the Saturday before camp you may be asked to bring your packed gear in advance. Stay tuned for more details.
- Sunday July 17 Camp Joy team will arrive at Epworth at 9am. We will attend the 10:30 service. We will depart after the 10:30 service.
- Sunday July 31 - Camp Joy Sunday - the team will be present in all three services. Led by Rev. Dr. Jonathan Williams, the team will share experiences from the mission trip.

*Del 17 al 23 de julio. El Ministerio Juvenil FUEL está invitando a los jóvenes que ingresan al 9º grado en adelante. Los estudiantes universitarios (especialmente con experiencia en viajes misioneros) son bienvenidos. El Viaje Misionero Juvenil de verano aprenderá y experimentará la pintura, la construcción y el paisajismo. Ubicación: Casas en Hancock, MD y parte de WV. El costo es de \$100 por estudiante. Póngase en contacto con la Pastora Jen para inscribirse o para obtener información sobre becas. Los estudiantes (y adultos) dormirán en tiendas de campaña y comerán en las iglesias locales.*

*Fechas Adicionales para el campamento de alegría*

- *Sábado 25 de Junio al las 9:30am es una sesión obligatoria. Los jóvenes se reunirán para aprender a montar tiendas de campaña. Repasar las reglas del campamento y responder las preguntas finales. Al menos uno de los padres debe planear asistir para comprender las expectativas del campamento Joy.*
- *Sábado 16 de Julio. el sábado anterior al campamento se le puede pedir que traiga su equipo empacado con anticipación. Estén atentos para más detalles*
- *Domingo 17 de Julio el Camp Joy llegará a Epworth a las 9 a.m. Asistiremos al servicio de las 10:30. Partiremos después.*
- *Domingo 31 de Julio el equipo estará presente en los tres servicios. Dirigido por el reverendo Dr. Jonathan Williams, el equipo compartirá experiencias del viaje misionero.*



## **FOOD DISTRIBUTION | DISTRIBUCIÓN DE ALIMENTOS**

Servant helpers are needed Thursdays for packing, Saturdays for unloading, and Sundays for distribution and delivery. Please sign up on the website if you are able to help. **WE ARE ESPECIALLY LOOKING FOR DRIVERS! Please sign up on the website on the Sign up genius or talk with Pastor Jen.**

*Se necesitan ayudantes de servicio los jueves para empacar, los sábados para la descarga y los domingos para la distribución y entrega. Por favor, regístrese en nuestro sitio web si puede ayudar. **ESTAMOS NECESITADOS de PERSONAS PARA DEJAR COMIDA EN CASAS. Favor hablar con la Pastora Jennifer si puede.***

## **ONGOING OPPORTUNITIES**



### **SPARKS CHILDREN'S SUNDAY SCHOOL | ESCUELA DOMINICAL INFANTIL DE SPARKS**

9am – Children are dismissed during worship and returned before

the end of service

10:30am – Drop off in the lounge prior to worship and pick up after service

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

Sunday School for children on site at Cider Mill on the last Sunday of the month starting March 27

*9am – Los niños son despedidos durante la adoración y devueltos antes del final del servicio.*

*10:30am – Dejar en el salón antes de la adoración y recoger después del servicio*

*12:30pm – Los niños son despedidos durante la adoración y devueltos antes del final del servicio.*

*Escuela Dominical en sitio en Cider Mill el último domingo del mes comenzando en marzo*



## **FUEL YOUTH | MINISTERIO JUVENIL DE FUEL**

Youth Sunday school 12:00pm in Room 201 | 12:00pm en el Salón 201

FUEL Friday nights at 6:30pm Epworth Fellowship Hall | 6:30pm FUEL Friday night en Epworth



## **LIFE GROUPS | GRUPOS DE VIDA**

It is always a great opportunity to re-commit to growing in faith, and Life Groups can be a great place to start! Most groups are still remote, though some with fully vaccinated individuals, are meeting in person. Life Group signups are open on the website, or you can contact one of the facilitators below:

*Siempre es una gran oportunidad para volver a comprometerse a crecer en la fe, y los Grupos de Vida pueden ser un gran lugar para comenzar! La mayoría de los grupos aún son remotos, aunque algunos con individuos completamente vacunados, se reúnen en persona. Las inscripciones de los grupos de vida están abiertas en el*

sitio web, o puede comunicarse con uno de los facilitadores a continuación:

**Tuesday 7pm** in English - Online

Judy Fenner [jadrfenner@verizon.net](mailto:jadrfenner@verizon.net)

**Martes 8:30pm** oración en español - En línea

Marcela Uberhuaga [marcelauberhuaga@gmail.com](mailto:marcelauberhuaga@gmail.com)

**Wednesday 8:00pm** Women's Group – zoom

Rev. Tammi Brantley [tammi.brantley@eumc-md.org](mailto:tammi.brantley@eumc-md.org)

Rev. Jennifer Fenner [Jennifer.fenner@eumc-md.org](mailto:Jennifer.fenner@eumc-md.org)

**Thursday 12pm** in English – Online and in person room 201

Pastor Jen [jennifer.fenner@eumc-md.org](mailto:jennifer.fenner@eumc-md.org)

**Thursdays 7pm** Young Adults

Hybrid - Montgomery Village and zoom

Christina Castillo [artmaniac02@aim.com](mailto:artmaniac02@aim.com)

**Jueves 7:40pm** en español - En línea

Marcela Uberhuaga [marcelauberhuaga@gmail.com](mailto:marcelauberhuaga@gmail.com)

**Sunday 12:00noon** – English on line with some in person gatherings

Orville Wilson and Francis Conteh [contehfrank2018@gmail.com](mailto:contehfrank2018@gmail.com)

### **PRAYER MINISTRY | MINISTERIO DE ORACION**

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

*Oración en español se realiza los martes a las 8:30pm. La oración en inglés será los martes 6am dirigido por la Pastora Jennifer y los jueves 6:30pm dirigido por el grupo de oración.*

### **EPWORTH PODCAST – TRANSFORMED BY FAITH TODAY | PODCAST DE EPWORTH TRANSFORMADOS POR LA FE HOY**

[anchor.fm/eumc-podcast-eng](https://anchor.fm/eumc-podcast-eng) for English  
[anchor.fm/eumc-podcast-esp](https://anchor.fm/eumc-podcast-esp) para español