

# CELEBRATE 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**

**10:30 am Service**

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*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.*

*Children can meet Ms. Debbie, our Children's Ministry Coordinator in the lobby or drop off in the Children's Ministry Room (across the lobby) prior to worship and pick up after service.*

### **Let Us Prepare for Worship**

**Welcome**

**Opening Prayer**

**Opening Praise Songs**

**Our God Reigns Forever**

Our God is great and glorious  
We put our trust in Your name Jesus  
Able to save and deliver us  
We put our hope in Your name Jesus

Blessing and honour glory and power  
Unto our God forever and ever  
All of the honour  
All of the praise is Yours  
Yours forever

Hallelujah  
Hallelujah our God reigns  
Hallelujah  
Hallelujah our God reigns

And our God is mighty and marvelous  
We put our hope in Your name Jesus  
Nothing to fear You are here with us  
We put our hope in Your name Jesus

Our God is in control steadfast unmovable  
Nothing's impossible  
'Cause our God He reigns forever  
Our God is in control steadfast unmovable  
Nothing's impossible 'cause our God reigns

## **The Heart Of Worship**

When the music fades all is stripped away  
And I simply come  
Longing just to bring something that's of worth  
That will bless Your heart

I'll bring You more than a song  
For a song in itself is not what You have required  
You search much deeper within  
Through the way things appear  
You're looking into my heart

I'm coming back to the heart of worship  
And it's all about You all about You Jesus  
I'm sorry Lord for the thing I've made it  
When it's all about You all about You Jesus

King of endless worth no one could express  
How much You deserve  
Though I'm weak and poor all I have is Yours  
Ev'ry single breath

## **Prayer for Mother's Day**

### **Scripture Reading**

**Psalm 46**

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

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

<sup>3</sup> though its waters roar and foam  
and the mountains quake with their surging.  
<sup>4</sup> There is a river whose streams make glad the city of God,  
the holy place where the Most High dwells.  
<sup>5</sup> God is within her, she will not fall;  
God will help her at break of day.  
<sup>6</sup> Nations are in uproar, kingdoms fall;  
he lifts his voice, the earth melts.  
<sup>7</sup> The Lord Almighty is with us;  
the God of Jacob is our fortress.  
<sup>8</sup> Come and see what the Lord has done,  
the desolations he has brought on the earth.  
<sup>9</sup> He makes wars cease  
to the ends of the earth.  
He breaks the bow and shatters the spear;  
he burns the shields with fire.  
<sup>10</sup> He says, "Be still, and know that I am God;  
I will be exalted among the nations,  
I will be exalted in the earth."  
<sup>11</sup> The Lord Almighty is with us;  
the God of Jacob is our fortress.

**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— <sup>17</sup> 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 <sup>[a]</sup> in you.

**Matthew 11:28-30**

"Come to me, all you who are weary and burdened, and I will give you rest. <sup>29</sup> 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. <sup>30</sup> For my yoke is easy and my burden is light."

## **Prayer of Preparation**

### **Sermon**

#### **My Refuge, My Strength, and My Stillness**

Rev. Jennifer Fenner

*Youth Sunday school is immediately following the sermon,  
Youth are dismissed after the sermon to Room 201.*

## **Song of Response**

### **Amazing Grace (My Chains Are Gone)**

Amazing grace how sweet the sound  
That saved a wretch like me  
I once was lost but now I'm found  
Was blind but now I see

'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear  
And grace my fears relieved  
How precious did that grace appear  
The hour I first believed

My chains are gone I've been set free  
My God my Savior has ransomed me  
And like a flood His mercy rains  
Unending love amazing grace

The Lord has promised good to me  
His word my hope secures  
He will my shield and portion be  
As long as life endures

My chains are gone I've been set free  
My God my Savior has ransomed me  
And like a flood His mercy rains  
Unending love amazing grace

The earth shall soon dissolve like snow  
The sun forbear to shine  
But God who called me here below  
Will be forever mine  
Will be forever mine  
You are forever mine

## **Invitation To Receive The Offering**

## **Offering Song**

## **Just A Closer Walk With Thee**

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I am weak but Thou art strong  
Jesus keep me from all wrong  
I'll be satisfied as long  
As I walk let me walk close to Thee

Just a closer walk with thee  
Grant it Jesus is my plea  
Daily walking close to Thee  
Let it be dear Lord let it be

Through this world of toil and snares  
If I falter Lord who cares  
Who with me my burden shares  
None but Thee dear Lord none but Thee

When my feeble life is o'er  
Time for me will be no more  
Guide me gently safely o'er  
To Thy kingdom shore to Thy shore

### **Prayer For The Offering**

### **Reception of New Members**

### **Welcoming of Visitors and Invitation to Review Announcements**

### **Closing Song**

**Forever**

Give thanks to the Lord  
Our God and King  
His love endures forever  
For He is good He is above all things  
His love endures forever  
Sing praise sing praise

With a mighty hand  
And an outstretched arm  
His love endures forever  
For the life that's been reborn  
His love endures forever  
Sing praise sing praise

Sing praise sing praise

Forever God is faithful  
Forever God is strong  
Forever God is with us  
Forever forever

### **Benediction**

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

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*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](http://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](mailto:jcbazen@musicunlimited.com) if you are interested in joining the 9am **Chancel Choir**.
- Email: Jennifer B. at [trustees@eumc-md.org](mailto: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](mailto:execadmin@eumc-md.org) to apply for **Livestream Manager** role.
- Email: Edgard Tellez at [edgardtm@gmail.com](mailto: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](mailto: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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## Eblast Signup

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SIGNED UP FOR OUR  
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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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