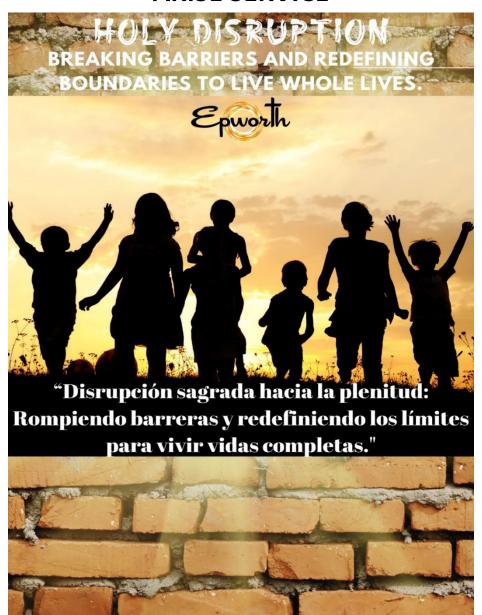
### **ARISE SERVICE**



April 28, 2024

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

All Things Bright and Beautiful Epworth Handbell Choir

#### **Call to Worship**

(L- Leader / **C- Congregation**)

L: Six days before the Passover, Martha served Jesus dinner at Lazarus' house. There, Mary took a pound of costly perfume and anointed Jesus' feet.

C: What's that in the air?

L: Mary poured her perfume on Jesus' feet and then wiped his feet with her hair.

C: She filled the air with the fragrance of her worship.

L: The prayers of the saints are like rising incense before God.

C: The fragrance of their worship fills the air.

L: Today, let us raise a praise that touches the heart of God.

C: Let the fragrance of our worship fill the air.

L: Let the fragrance of our worship fill the air!

All: God, we offer our praise as a sweet fragrance that aspires to heaven. May the fragrance of our worship fill the air!

Kwasi Kena, **The Africana Worship Book for Year C** (Discipleship Resources, 2008), 66.

#### **Opening Hymn**

Come Thou Fount of Every Blessing
UMH #400

Come, thou Fount of every blessing, tune my heart to sing thy grace;

streams of mercy, never ceasing, call for songs of loudest praise.
Teach me some melodious sonnet, sung by flaming tongues above.
Praise the mount! I'm fixed upon it, mount of thy redeeming love.

Here I raise mine Ebenezer; hither by thy help I'm come; and I hope, by thy good pleasure, safely to arrive at home. Jesus sought me when a stranger, wandering from the fold of God; he, to rescue me from danger, interposed his precious blood.

O to grace how great a debtor daily I'm constrained to be!
Let thy goodness, like a fetter, bind my wandering heart to thee.
Prone to wander, Lord, I feel it, prone to leave the God I love; here's my heart, O take and seal it, seal it for thy courts above.

**Opening Prayer** 

Children's Moment

**Song of Preparation** 

Breathe On Me, Breath of God Epworth Bell Choir

#### **Scripture Reading**

John 12:1-8

Six days before the Passover, Jesus came to Bethany, where Lazarus lived, whom Jesus had raised from the dead. <sup>2</sup> Here a dinner was given in Jesus' honor. Martha served, while Lazarus was among those reclining at the table with him. <sup>3</sup> Then Mary took about a pint of pure

nard, an expensive perfume; she poured it on Jesus' feet and wiped his feet with her hair. And the house was filled with the fragrance of the perfume.

<sup>4</sup> But one of his disciples, Judas Iscariot, who was later to betray him, objected, <sup>5</sup> "Why wasn't this perfume sold and the money given to the poor? It was worth a year's wages." <sup>6</sup> He did not say this because he cared about the poor but because he was a thief; as keeper of the money bag, he used to help himself to what was put into it.

<sup>7</sup> "Leave her alone," Jesus replied. "It was intended that she should save this perfume for the day of my burial. <sup>8</sup> You will always have the poor among you, but you will not always have me."

#### **Prayer of Preparation**

Sermon

At The Feet of Jesus Rev. Jennifer Fenner

#### **Hymn of Response**

Take My Life and Let It Be UMH #399

Take my life, and let it be consecrated, Lord, to thee.
Take my moments and my days; let them flow in ceaseless praise.
Take my hands, and let them move at the impulse of thy love.
Take my feet, and let them be swift and beautiful for thee.

Take my voice, and let me sing always, only, for my King.

Take my lips, and let them be filled with messages from thee.

Take my silver and my gold; not a mite would I withhold.

Take my intellect, and use every power as thou shalt choose.

Take my will, and make it thine; it shall be no longer mine.

Take my heart, it is thine own; it shall be thy royal throne.

Take my love, my Lord, I pour at thy feet its treasure-store.

Take myself, and I will be ever, only, all for thee.

#### **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

Great Is Thy Faithfulness UMC #140

Great is thy faithfulness, O God my Father; there is no shadow of turning with thee; thou changest not, thy compassions, they fail not; as thou hast been, thou forever wilt be.

#### Refrain:

Great is thy faithfulness! Great is thy faithfulness! Morning by morning new mercies I see; all I have needed thy hand hath provided; great is thy faithfulness, Lord, unto me!

Summer and winter and springtime and harvest, sun, moon, and stars in their courses above join with all nature in manifold witness to thy great faithfulness, mercy, and love. Refrain

Pardon for sin and a peace that endureth, thine own dear presence to cheer and to guide; strength for today and bright hope for tomorrow, blessings all mine, with ten thousand beside! 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).



#### NOW – Holy Disruption Podcast Continues.

https://www.youtube.com/@EPWORTHPRODUCTIONS/podcasts

- Sunday April 28 2-4:30pm Starting Point Class for those interested in information about Epworth and/or membership. Room 201 all welcome
- Sunday April 28 2pm Meeting for High School Seniors about Graduating Senior Sunday
- •Sunday April 28 5-7pm Young Adult Life group with Emma Escobar
- April 28- Camp HOPE full payment due.
- Saturday May 4- **Baptism and Baptism Renewal** at West River around 10am with the Confirmation class.
- Friday May 10 Scholarship applications for active Epworth students are due
- Saturday May 11 11am-1pm Listening Session with Epworth's African and Caribbean community
- Saturday May 18 5-7pm Young Adult Gathering Games Bonanza Contact Julie Malone with questions
- Sunday May 19 Confirmation and Pentecost Service 10am Single
   Service Cook-Out At Mill Creek starting 1-3pm Please register
- Sunday May 19 5-7pm Young Adult Life Group Emma Escobar
- Sunday May 23 Asia Pacific Islander Heritage Sunday
- •Sunday June 9 10am Single Bilingual service **Graduating Senior and Scholarship Sunday**
- Sunday June 26 African Caribbean Heritage Sunday

# Ent 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)



## Eblast Signup

SCAN THE OR CODE TO GET SIGNED UP FOR OUR WEEKLY EBLAST NEWSLETTER



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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