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Bethlehem



CELEBRATE! Order of Worship
December 19, 2021
10:30am

Welcome

Opening Prayer

Songs of Praise

Unstoppable God
Destiny Lindsay

Heaven thundered
And the world was born
Life begins and ends
In the dust You formed
Faith commanded
And the mountains moved
Fear is losing ground
To our hope in You

Unstoppable God
Let Your glory go on and on
Impossible things
In Your name they shall be done

Freedom conquered
All our chains undone
Sin defeated
Jesus has overcome
Mercy triumphed
When the third day dawned
Darkness was denied
When the stone was gone

Unstoppable God
Let Your glory go on and on
Impossible things
In Your name they shall be done

Nothing shall be impossible
Your kingdom reigns unstoppable
We'll shout Your praise forevermore
Jesus our God unstoppable

Because of Who You Are
Destiny Lindsay

Because of who You are
I give You glory
Because of who You are
I give You praise
Because of who You are
I will lift my voice and say
Lord I worship You
Because of who You are
Lord I worship You
Because of who You are

Jehovah Jireh my Provider
Jehovah Nissi Lord You reign in victory
Jehovah Shalom my Prince of Peace
And I worship You because of who You are

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Advent Candle lighting with Sung Response

Born Thy people to deliver,
Born a child and yet a King,
Born to reign in us forever,
Now Thy gracious kingdom bring.
By Thine own eternal Spirit
Rule in all our hearts alone;
By Thine all sufficient merit,
Raise us to Thy glorious throne.

Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus

Scripture

1 John 4:7-16

⁷ Dear friends, let us love one another, for love comes from God. Everyone who loves has been born of God and knows God. ⁸ Whoever does not love does not know God, because God is love. ⁹ This is how God showed his love among us: He sent his one and only Son into the world that we might live through him. ¹⁰ This is love: not that we loved God, but that he loved us and sent his Son as an atoning sacrifice for our sins. ¹¹ Dear friends, since God so loved us, we also ought to love one another. ¹² No one has ever seen God; but if we love one another, God lives in us and his love is made complete in us.

¹³ This is how we know that we live in him and he in us: He has given us of his Spirit. ¹⁴ And we have seen and testify that the Father has sent his Son to be the Savior of the world. ¹⁵ If anyone acknowledges that Jesus is the Son of God, God lives in them and they in God.

¹⁶ And so we know and rely on the love God has for us.

God is love. Whoever lives in love lives in God, and God in them.

Sermon

Love No Limit
Rev. Tammi Brantley

Song of Response

O Come, O Come Emmanuel (UMH#211)
Destiny Lindsay and Floyd Jones

O come, O come, Emmanuel
And ransom captive Israel
That mourns in lonely exile here
Until the Son of God appear
Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel
Shall come to thee, O Israel.

O come, O Wisdom from on high,
and order all things far and nigh
to us the path of knowledge show
and cause us in her ways to go.
Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel
Shall come to thee, O Israel.

O come, O come, great Lord of might,
who to thy tribes on Sinai's height
in ancient times once gave the law
in cloud and majesty and awe.
Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel
Shall come to thee, O Israel.

O come, O come, Emmanuel
And ransom captive Israel
That mourns in lonely exile here
Until the Son of God appear

Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel
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Prayer and Invitation to Offering

Welcoming of Visitors and Invitation to Review Announcements

Closing Song

Go Tell It on the Mountain
Destiny Lindsay and Floyd Jones

Go, tell it on the mountain,
over the hills and everywhere;
go, tell it on the mountain,
that Jesus Christ is born.

While shepherds kept their watching
o'er silent flocks by night,
behold throughout the heavens
there shown a holy light.

Go, tell it on the mountain,
over the hills and everywhere;
go, tell it on the mountain,
that Jesus Christ is born.

The shepherds feared and trembled,
when lo! above the earth,
rang out the angel chorus
that hailed the Savior's birth.

Go, tell it on the mountain,
over the hills and everywhere;
go, tell it on the mountain,
that Jesus Christ is born.

Down in a lowly manger
the humble Christ was born,
and God sent us salvation
that blessed Christmas morn.

Go, tell it on the mountain,
over the hills and everywhere;
go, tell it on the mountain,
that Jesus Christ is born.

Benediction Prayer and Dismissal with Blessing

ANNOUNCEMENTS

ALL CHURCH CAROLING TO SHUT-INS

CHRISTMAS AND NEW YEAR'S

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 24

CHRISTMAS EVE

5:30pm Family Christmas Eve Service

7:30pm Traditional Christmas Eve Service

11:00pm Candlelight and Communion Christmas Eve Service

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 25

CHRISTMAS DAY

11:00am Livestreamed Service

(No in-person worship)

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 26

10:30am English Blended Worship Service

12:30pm Worship Service in Spanish

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 31

NEW YEAR'S EVE WATCHNIGHT SERVICE

10:00pm through Midnight

SUNDAY, JANUARY 2

EPIPHANY – THREE KINGS SUNDAY

Worship resumes normal schedule – 9, 10:30 & 12:30

PASTOR JEN AWAY

Pastor Jen will be away December 20-23, December 26-30, and January 6-22. If you need a pastor during these times, please contact Pastor Tammi Tammi.Brantley@eumc-md.org or Pastor Yolanda Yolanda.Pupo-Ortiz@eumc-md.org.

ALTAR FLOWERS

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 or email Denise at denise.anderson@eumc-md.org.

INVESTING IN OUR LEADERSHIP

Salary Support for Ongoing Ministry - Goal: 25,000 dollars in 2021. As of December 7, 2021, we have raised \$10,305 to support this goal! The Campaign is still open.

For 8 years Epworth received significant grant funding from the Baltimore-Washington Conference. The end of this special Strategic grant has coincided with the COVID19 Pandemic, a lessening in

Preschool operation and therefore a lessening in contributions from EPK to EUMC, along with decreased building use. This makes the situation more challenging, but not impossible. We have recently formed a grant writing team working to find additional sources of income to support our ministries and operations of Epworth.

Furthermore, we are seeking to invest in the people who help facilitate, lead, and shepherd ministry. In support of this, we are asking for Salary Support for Ongoing Ministry as a fundraising goal. For Giving Tuesday, please consider any extra giving to go towards the staff of Epworth, who continue to lead us forward in the outreach of Cider Mill, Greater Gaithersburg Youth Ministry, Food Distribution; Discipleship of children, youth, and adults; and hybrid worship, among other important initiatives.

We ask that you prayerfully consider how you can support Epworth with this goal on Giving Tuesday.

CHILDREN'S MINISTRY

SPARKS Sunday School is offered at all 3 worship services. During the 9am and 12:30pm services, children are dismissed to Sunday School after the Children's Moment and are returned to their parents prior to the end of services. At the 10:30 service, parents can drop off children in the lounge and pick them up there after the service. The 10:30 Sunday school also allows virtual attendance using the *Children's Sunday School button* on the website. SPARKS Sunday School is also offered at Cider Mill on the last Sunday of each month.

LIFE GROUPS

Fall is always a great opportunity to re-commit to growing in faith, and Life Groups can be a great place to start! Groups are currently studying the Book of Jeremiah in conjunction with the sermon series. 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:

Tuesday 7pm in English - Online

Judy Fenner jadrfenner@verizon.net

Martes 7pm en español - En línea

Marcela Uberhuaga marcelauberhuaga@gmail.com

Wednesday 7pm - High School Seniors, College Freshmen and Sophomores

Donna Ray speecd13@gmail.com

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

Pastor Jen jennifer.fenner@eumc-md.org

Thursdays 7pm Young Adults - Hybrid - Montgomery Village and zoom

Christina Castillo artmaniac02@aim.com

Jueves 8:30pm oración en español - En línea

Marcela Uberhuaga marcelauberhuaga@gmail.com

Viernes 8:30pm en español - teléfono

Mayormente oración

Miguel Gallegos migallegos@gmail.com

Sundays 12pm English - Online

Orville Wilson orville.wilson@wilsoncgrp.com

Francis Conteh contehfrank2018@gmail.com

FOOD DISTRIBUTION

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.

PASTORAL SABBATH

Pastor Jen and Pastor Tammi take Tuesdays as sabbath. They will be unavailable to participate in meetings, take calls or meet with individuals. Pastoral emergencies should be emailed to Richarde Nouboueke at misericordia73@gmail.com.

COMPUTER AND ENGLISH CLASSES

English classes are held virtually on Tuesdays and Wednesdays from 5 to 6:30 p.m. Computer classes are in-person in the computer room on Mondays and Thursdays from 6 to 7:30 pm. It is required to be vaccinated and wear a mask to attend in person. Register for any of these classes on the Ana Brito Foundation website: aabfi.org.

EXPERIENCING SOUND ISSUES?

Mixing sound for multiple platforms is not easy. Going forward we will be prioritizing sound in the sanctuary and on YouTube. If you are experiencing sound issues in Zoom please go to youtube.com/EpworthProductions

PRAYER MINISTRY

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

SUNDAY WORSHIP VOLUNTEERS

Sunday worship, both online and in person, can't happen without the work of many individuals like you! Can you help with tech support at the 9am or 12:30 service? Contact Lilly Otolo at sprlilly@hotmail.com. Can you be an in-person host? Contact Pastor Jen at Jennifer.Fenner@eumc-md.org or Denise at Denise.Anderson@eumc-md.org

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