



CELEBRATE! Order of Worship
January 23, 2022
10:30am

Welcome

Opening Prayer

Opening Praise Songs

You Are Good
Destiny Lindsay

Lord You are good and Your mercy endureth forever
Lord You are good and Your mercy endureth forever
People from every nation and tongue
From generation to generation

We worship You
Hallelujah, Hallelujah
We Worship You
For who You are
You are good

Lord You are good and Your mercy endureth forever
Lord You are good and Your mercy endureth forever
People from every nation and tongue
From generation to generation

We worship You
Hallelujah, Hallelujah
We Worship You
For who You are
You are good

You are good all the time
All the time You are good

I Give Myself Away
Destiny Lindsay

I give myself away
I give myself away
So You can use me (2x)

Here I am
Here I stand
Lord, my life is in Your hands
Lord, I'm longing to see
Your desires revealed in me

I give myself away
I give myself away
So You can use me (2x)

Take my heart
Take my life
As a living sacrifice
All my dreams
All my plans
Lord I place them in Your hands

I give myself away
I give myself away
So You can use me (2x)

My life is not my own
To You I belong
I give myself
I give myself to You

Scripture

Ecclesiastes 2:1-13

I said in my heart, “Come now, I will test you with pleasure; enjoy yourself.” But behold, this also was vanity. ²I said of laughter, “It is mad,” and of pleasure, “What use is it?” ³I searched with my heart how to cheer my body with wine—my heart still guiding me with wisdom—and how to lay hold on folly, till I might see what was good for the children of man to do under heaven during the few days of their life. ⁴I made great works. I built houses and planted vineyards for myself. ⁵I made myself gardens and parks, and planted in them all kinds of fruit trees. ⁶I made myself pools from which to water the forest of growing trees. ⁷I bought male and female slaves, and had slaves who were born in my house. I had also great possessions of herds and flocks, more than any who had been before me in Jerusalem. ⁸I also gathered for myself silver and gold and the treasure of kings and provinces. I got singers, both men and women, and many concubines, the delight of the sons of man.

⁹So I became great and surpassed all who were before me in Jerusalem. Also my wisdom remained with me. ¹⁰And whatever my eyes desired I did not keep from them. I kept my heart from no pleasure, for my heart found pleasure in all my toil, and this was my reward for all my toil. ¹¹Then I considered all that my hands had done and the toil I had expended in doing it, and behold, all was vanity and a striving after wind, and there was nothing to be gained under the sun.

¹²So I turned to consider wisdom and madness and folly. For what can the man do who comes after the king? Only what has already been done. ¹³Then I saw that there is more gain in wisdom than in folly, as there is more gain in light than in darkness.

Scripture

Ecclesiastes 5:4-15

⁴When you vow a vow to God, do not delay paying it, for he has no pleasure in fools. Pay what you vow. ⁵It is better that you should not vow than that you should vow and not pay. ⁶Let not your mouth lead you into sin, and do not say before the messenger that it was a mistake. Why should God be angry at your voice and destroy the work of your hands? ⁷For when dreams increase and words grow many, there is vanity; but God is the one you must fear.

⁸If you see in a province the oppression of the poor and the violation of justice and righteousness, do not be amazed at the matter, for the high official is watched by a higher,

and there are yet higher ones over them. ⁹ But this is gain for a land in every way: a king committed to cultivated fields.

¹⁰ He who loves money will not be satisfied with money, nor he who loves wealth with his income; this also is vanity. ¹¹ When goods increase, they increase who eat them, and what advantage has their owner but to see them with his eyes? ¹² Sweet is the sleep of a laborer, whether he eats little or much, but the full stomach of the rich will not let him sleep.

¹³ There is a grievous evil that I have seen under the sun: riches were kept by their owner to his hurt, ¹⁴ and those riches were lost in a bad venture. And he is father of a son, but he has nothing in his hand. ¹⁵ As he came from his mother's womb he shall go again, naked as he came, and shall take nothing for his toil that he may carry away in his hand.

Scripture

Matthew 13:1-23

That same day Jesus went out of the house and sat beside the sea. ² And great crowds gathered about him, so that he got into a boat and sat down. And the whole crowd stood on the beach. ³ And he told them many things in parables, saying: "A sower went out to sow. ⁴ And as he sowed, some seeds fell along the path, and the birds came and devoured them. ⁵ Other seeds fell on rocky ground, where they did not have much soil, and immediately they sprang up, since they had no depth of soil, ⁶ but when the sun rose they were scorched. And since they had no root, they withered away. ⁷ Other seeds fell among thorns, and the thorns grew up and choked them. ⁸ Other seeds fell on good soil and produced grain, some a hundredfold, some sixty, some thirty. ⁹ He who has ears, let him hear."

¹⁰ Then the disciples came and said to him, "Why do you speak to them in parables?" ¹¹ And he answered them, "To you it has been given to know the secrets of the kingdom of heaven, but to them it has not been given. ¹² For to the one who has, more will be given, and he will have an abundance, but from the one who has not, even what he has will be taken away. ¹³ This is why I speak to them in parables, because seeing they do not see, and hearing they do not hear, nor do they understand. ¹⁴ Indeed, in their case the prophecy of Isaiah is fulfilled that says:

""You will indeed hear but never understand,
and you will indeed see but never perceive."

¹⁵ For this people's heart has grown dull,
and with their ears they can barely hear,
and their eyes they have closed,
lest they should see with their eyes
and hear with their ears
and understand with their heart
and turn, and I would heal them.'

¹⁶ But blessed are your eyes, for they see, and your ears, for they hear. ¹⁷ For truly, I say to you, many prophets and righteous people longed to see what you see, and did not see it, and to hear what you hear, and did not hear it.

¹⁸ “Hear then the parable of the sower: ¹⁹ When anyone hears the word of the kingdom and does not understand it, the evil one comes and snatches away what has been sown in his heart. This is what was sown along the path. ²⁰ As for what was sown on rocky ground, this is the one who hears the word and immediately receives it with joy, ²¹ yet he has no root in himself, but endures for a while, and when tribulation or persecution arises on account of the word, immediately he falls away. ²² As for what was sown among thorns, this is the one who hears the word, but the cares of the world and the deceitfulness of riches choke the word, and it proves unfruitful. ²³ As for what was sown on good soil, this is the one who hears the word and understands it. He indeed bears fruit and yields, in one case a hundredfold, in another sixty, and in another thirty.”

Prayer of Preparation

Sermon

The Price
Pastor Jen

Song of Response

You Know My Name
Destiny Lindsay

He knows my name (4x)
And oh, how He walks with me
Yes, oh, how He talks with me
And oh, how He tells me
That I am His own

You know my name (4x)
And oh, how You comfort me
And oh, how You counsel me
Yet it still amazes me
That I am Your friend

So now, I pour out my heart to You
Here in Your presence I am made new (2x)

You know my name (4x)
And oh, how You walks with me
Yes, oh, how You talk with me
And oh, how You tell me
That I am Your own

No fire can burn me
No battle can turn me
No mountain can stop me
'Cause You hold my hand
Now I'm walking in Your victory
'Cause Your power is within me

No giant can defeat me
'Cause You hold my hand

You know my name (4x)
And oh, how You walk with me
Yes, oh, how You talk with me
And oh, how You tell me
That I am Your own

Pastoral Prayer

Invitation to Offering

Welcoming of Visitors and Invitation to Review Announcements

Closing Song

Blessed Be Your Name
Destiny Lindsay

Blessed be Your name
In the land that is plentiful
Where Your streams of abundance flow
Blessed be Your name

Blessed be Your name
When I'm found in the desert place
Though I walk through the wilderness
Blessed be Your name

Every blessing You pour out
I'll turn back to praise
When the darkness closes in Lord
Still I will say

Blessed be the name of the Lord
Blessed be Your name
Blessed be the name of the Lord
Blessed be Your glorious name

Blessed be Your name
When the sun's shining down on me
When the world's all as it should be
Blessed be Your name

Blessed be Your name
On the road marked with suffering
Though there's pain in the offering
Blessed be Your name

Every blessing You pour out
I'll turn back to praise
When the darkness closes in Lord
Still I will say

Blessed be the name of the Lord
Blessed be Your name
Blessed be the name of the Lord
Blessed be Your glorious name

You give and take away
You give and take away
My heart will choose to say
Lord blessed be Your name

Benediction Prayer and Dismissal with Blessing

ANNOUNCEMENTS

EMPLOYMENT POSITIONS AVAILABLE

Epworth is looking for the following positions to be filled about March 1: *Bilingual Administration, Communications and Marketing Manager, Bookkeeper, Youth Coordinator, Live Stream Manager, Infant and Toddler Provider, and Substitute Teacher.*

Full job descriptions are available on the church website www.EpworthUnited.org/Jobs. Resumes are due by February 1.

SUNDAY SCHOOL

All youth and children Sunday school will be virtual and return to in person Sunday January 30

YOUTH MINISTRY

Friday night Bible study and hangout will resume Friday January 28 in the fellowship hall 6:30-8PM

YOUNG ADULT LIFE GROUP for high school seniors, college freshman and sophomores resumes this month. Please contact Donna Ray speecd13@gmail.com or Avery Biggers a.biggers@outlook.com for more information on start time and location.

COLLEGE SCHOLARSHIPS AVAILABLE

HISPANIC SCHOLAR FUND - Available to students of Hispanic heritage and enrolled full time in a 4-year university or graduate school for the 2022-23 academic year. Deadline to apply is February 15. Go to <https://www.hsf.net/scholarship> for more information or to apply.

BWC COLLEGE SCHOLARSHIP – Available to all students who are active members of The United Methodist Church and enrolled full time in an accredited college or university within the US. Also available to high school seniors who will be a college student during the fall term. Deadline to apply is March 24. Go to <https://www.bwcumc.org/administration/local-church-resources/scholarships/> for more information or to apply.

PICKING UP POINSETTIAS

The flowers we received this year are the best we have had in a long time. Praises to Beall's Florist in Damascus for providing such beautiful plants. Flowers are in the lobby for anyone who wishes to take one home. A special thanks to our Altar Guild, Julia Mora, Marcela Uberhuaga, and Beatriz Arze for keeping these plants cared for during the Advent season.

KEEPING US UP TO DATE

The last 2 years have brought so many changes we think it's time to update our database. Have you moved? Changed emails or phone number? Have you started attending Epworth (in person or virtually) in the last few years? We would love to have your recent changes! Simply complete the form at www.EpworthUnited.org/Update so we can keep up with you!

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.

CHILDREN'S MINISTRY

SPARKS Sunday School is offered virtually at 10:30 Sunday school until Sunday January 30

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.

PRAYER MINISTRY

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

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