

CELEBRATE SERVICE

Sunday, October 27, 2024



Epworth

SERMON SERIES

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Liturgical Color: Green

10:30 am Service

Nursery/Preschool Sunday School is available during all services in the infant and toddler rooms. Please walk up the few stairs to the right when you enter the building through the main wooden doors. Children Sunday school is held in the Children's Ministry Room which is located to the right of the pulpit.

Let Us Prepare For Worship

Welcome

Opening Prayer

Opening Praise Songs

Joy in the Morning

Verse 1

Everything happens for a reason
But you don't know what you don't know
And you'll never have peace
If you don't let go of tomorrow
'Cause it ain't even faith
Till your plan falls apart
But you still choose to follow
If it doesn't make sense right now
It will when it's over

Chorus 1

There will be joy in the morning
There will be joy in the morning

Verse 2

Giving in to your feelings
Is like drowning in the shallows
Oh you got to keep believing
Even in the middle of the unknown
'Cause grace will be there
When you come to the end of your rope

And you let go
It may feel like you're going down now
But the story isn't over

Chorus 2

There will be joy in the morning
There will be joy in the morning
If it's not good then He's not done
No He's not done with it yet
There will be joy in the morning (repeat Chorus)

Misc 1

If it's not good then He's not done
No He's not done with it yet
If it's not good then He's not done
No He's not done with it yet (repeat bridge)

Chorus 2

There will be joy in the morning
There will be joy in the morning
If it's not good then He's not done
No He's not done with it yet
There will be joy in the morning

Chorus 1

There will be joy in the morning
There will be joy in the morning

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See A Victory / What A Beautiful Name - Medley –

The weapon may be formed
But it won't prosper
When the darkness falls, it won't prevail
'Cause the God I serve knows only how to triumph
My God will never fail
Oh, my God will never fail

I'm gonna see a victory
I'm gonna see a victory
For the battle belongs to you Lord
I'm gonna see a victory
I'm gonna see a victory
For the battle belongs to you Lord

There's power in the mighty name of Jesus
Every war he wages, He will win
Oh, I'm not backing down from any giant
'Cause, I know how this story ends
Yes, I know how this story ends

I'm gonna see a victory
I'm gonna see a victory
For the battle belongs to you Lord
I'm gonna see a victory
I'm gonna see a victory
For the battle belongs to you Lord

Death could not hold You
The veil tore before You
You silenced the boast of sin and grave
The heavens are roaring
The praise of Your glory
For You are raised to life again
You have no rival
You have no equal
Now and forever, God You reign
Yours is the kingdom
Yours is the glory
Yours is the Name above all names
I'm gonna see a victory
I'm gonna see a victory
For the battle belongs to you Lord
I'm gonna see a victory
I'm gonna see a victory
For the battle belongs to you Lord

You take what the enemy meant for evil
And you turn it for good
You turn it for good
You take what the enemy meant for evil
And you turn it for good
You turn it for good (repeat)

I'm gonna see a victory
I'm gonna see a victory
For the battle belongs to you Lord
I'm gonna see a victory
I'm gonna see a victory
For the battle belongs to you Lord

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Scripture Reading

2 Corinthians 8:1-15

And now, brothers and sisters, we want you to know about the grace that God has given the Macedonian churches. 2 In the midst of a very severe trial, their overflowing joy and their extreme poverty welled up in rich generosity. 3 For I testify that they gave as much as they were able, and even beyond their ability. Entirely on their own, 4 they urgently pleaded with us for the privilege of sharing in this service to the Lord's people. 5 And they exceeded our expectations: They gave themselves first of all to the Lord, and then by the will of God also to us. 6 So we urged Titus, just as he had earlier made a beginning, to bring also to completion this act of grace on your part. 7 But since you excel in everything—in faith, in speech, in knowledge, in complete earnestness and in the love we have kindled in you—see that you also excel in this grace of giving.

8 I am not commanding you, but I want to test the sincerity of your love by comparing it with the earnestness of others. 9 For you know the

grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, that though he was rich, yet for your sake he became poor, so that you through his poverty might become rich.

10 And here is my judgment about what is best for you in this matter. Last year you were the first not only to give but also to have the desire to do so. 11 Now finish the work, so that your eager willingness to do it may be matched by your completion of it, according to your means. 12 For if the willingness is there, the gift is acceptable according to what one has, not according to what one does not have.

13 Our desire is not that others might be relieved while you are hard pressed, but that there might be equality. 14 At the present time your plenty will supply what they need, so that in turn their plenty will supply what you need. The goal is equality, 15 as it is written: "The one who gathered much did not have too much, and the one who gathered little did not have too little."

Romans 15:25-33

25 Now, however, I am on my way to Jerusalem in the service of the Lord's people there. 26 For Macedonia and Achaia were pleased to make a contribution for the poor among the Lord's people in Jerusalem. 27 They were pleased to do it, and indeed they owe it to them. For if the Gentiles have shared in the Jews' spiritual blessings, they owe it to the Jews to share with them their material blessings. 28 So after I have completed this task and have made sure that they have received this contribution, I will go to Spain and visit you on the way. 29 I know that when I come to you, I will come in the full measure of the blessing of Christ.

30 I urge you, brothers and sisters, by our Lord Jesus Christ and by the love of the Spirit, to join me in my struggle by praying to God for me. 31 Pray that I may be kept safe from the unbelievers in Judea and that the contribution I take to Jerusalem may be favorably received by the Lord's people there, 32 so that I may come to you with joy, by God's will, and in your company be refreshed. 33 The God of peace be with you all. Amen.

Scripture Reading

Matthew 14:1-36

But when Herod's birthday was celebrated, the daughter of Herodias danced before them and pleased Herod. 7 Therefore he promised with an oath to give her whatever she might ask.

8 So she, having been prompted by her mother, said, "Give me John the Baptist's head here on a platter."

9 And the king was sorry; nevertheless, because of the oaths and because of those who sat with him, he commanded it to be given to her. 10 So he sent and had John beheaded in prison. 11 And his head was brought on a platter and given to the girl, and she brought it to her mother. 12 Then his disciples came and took away the body and buried it, and went and told Jesus.

13 When Jesus heard it, He departed from there by boat to a deserted place by Himself. But when the multitudes heard it, they followed Him on foot from the cities. **14 And when Jesus went out He saw a great multitude; and He was moved with compassion for them, and healed their sick. 15 When it was evening, His disciples came to Him, saying, "This is a deserted place, and the hour is already late. Send the multitudes away, that they may go into the villages and buy themselves food."**

16 But Jesus said to them, "They do not need to go away. You give them something to eat."

17 And they said to Him, "We have here only five loaves and two fish."

18 He said, "Bring them here to Me." 19 Then He commanded the multitudes to sit down on the grass. And He took the five loaves and the two fish, and looking up to heaven, He blessed and broke and gave the loaves to the disciples; and the disciples gave to the multitudes. 20 So they all ate and were filled, and they took up twelve baskets full of the fragments that remained. 21 Now those who had eaten were about five thousand men, besides women and children.

22 Immediately Jesus made His disciples get into the boat and go before Him to the other side, while He sent the multitudes away. 23 And when He had sent the multitudes away, He went up on the mountain by Himself to pray. Now when evening came, He was alone there. 24 But the boat was now in the middle of the sea, tossed by the waves, for the wind was contrary.

25 Now in the fourth watch of the night Jesus went to them, walking on the sea. 26 And when the disciples saw Him walking on the sea, they were troubled, saying, "It is a ghost!" And they cried out for fear.

27 But immediately Jesus spoke to them, saying, "Be of good cheer! It is I; do not be afraid." 28 And Peter answered Him and said, "Lord, if it is You, command me to come to You on the water."

29 So He said, "Come." And when Peter had come down out of the boat, he walked on the water to go to Jesus. 30 But when he saw that the wind was boisterous, he was afraid; and beginning to sink he cried out, saying, "Lord, save me!"

31 And immediately Jesus stretched out His hand and caught him, and said to him, "O you of little faith, why did you doubt?" 32 And when they got into the boat, the wind ceased. 33 Then those who were in the boat came and worshiped Him, saying, "Truly You are the Son of God."

34 When they had crossed over, they came to the land of Gennesaret. 35 And when the men of that place recognized Him, they sent out into all that surrounding region, brought to Him all who were sick, 36 and begged Him that they might only touch the hem of His garment. And as many as touched it were made perfectly well.

Prayer of Preparation

Sermon

Generosity Is an Open Door to Abundance, Provision, & Equity

Rev. Jennifer Fenner

*Following the sermon, youth will be dismissed to
room 201 for Sunday School .*

Pastoral Prayer

Song of Response

Yeshua | Jesus Image

My beloved is the most beautiful, Among thousands and thousands
My beloved is the most beautiful, Among thousands and thousands
My beloved is the most beautiful, Among thousands and thousands
My beloved is the most beautiful, Among thousands and thousands

Chorus

Yeshua ahh ah ah, ahh ah ah
Yeshua ahh ah ah, ahh ah ah

My beloved is the most beautiful, Among thousands and thousands
My beloved is the most beautiful, Among thousands and thousands
My beloved is the most beautiful, Among thousands and thousands
My beloved is the most beautiful, Among thousands and thousands

Chorus

Yeshua ahh ah ah, ahh ah ah
Yeshua ahh ah ah, ahh ah ah m (REPEAT)

For yours is the kingdom, Yours is the power
Yours in the glory forever Amen (X4)

Chorus

Yeshua ahh ah ah, ahh ah ah
Yeshua ahh ah ah, ahh ah ah m (X4)

Celebrating the Ministry of Epworth

Invitation To Receive The Offering

Offering Song

Let it Rise

Let the glory of the Lord rise among us,
Let the glory of the Lord rise among us.
Let the praises of the King rise among us,
Let it rise.

Let the songs of the Lord rise among us,
Let the songs of the Lord rise among us.
Let the joy of the King rise among us,
Let it rise.

Oh - oh - oh, let it rise.
Oh - oh - oh, let it rise.

Prayer For the Offering

Welcoming of Visitors and Invitation to Review Announcements

*Please sign the friendship pad as it is passed down the row,
if your mailing address has changed, please add your new address.*

Closing Song

There is A River

There is a river
Where goodness flows
There is a fountain
That drowns sorrow
There is an ocean
Deeper than fear
The tide is rising rising

There is a current
Stirring deep inside
It's overflowing
From the heart of God
The flood of heaven
Crashing over us
The tide is rising rising

Bursting bursting
Up from the ground we feel it now
Bursting bursting
Up from the ground we feel it now

We come alive in the river
We come alive in the river
We come alive in the river

We come alive in the river

There is a current
Stirring deep inside
It's overflowing
From the heart of God
The flood of heaven
Crashing over us
The tide is rising rising

Bursting bursting
Up from the ground we feel it now
Bursting bursting
Up from the ground we feel it now

We come alive in the river
We come alive in the river
We come alive in the river
We come alive in the river

Break open prison doors
Set all the captives free
Spring up a well spring up a well
Spring up a well in me
Nothing can stop this joy
We're dancing in the streets
Spring up a well spring up a well
Spring up a well in me

We come alive in the river
We come alive in the river
We come alive in the river
We come alive in the river (2X)

In The River -
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Benediction

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

Upcoming Dates:

Frid. Nov. 1- 6:30pm | GGYM

Sat. Nov. 2 - Church Conference 11am via Zoom

Sun. Nov. 3- All Saints Sunday Celebrated all three services & 5-7pm Confirmation at Mill Creek Parish

Sat. Nov. 9- 9am | Community Women's Health Day

Sat. Nov. 9- Young Adult Hiking at Sugarloaf (meet EUMC 9am)

Sun. Nov. 10 - 1:30pm | Food Distribution

Sun. Nov. 17- 10am | Consecration Sunday Single Bilingual Service followed by 1pm Piano concert with youth from the European Music & Arts Academy

Sun. Nov. 17: 4:00pm Meeting at Mill Creek Parish UMC with D.S. Hand to discuss collaborative youth Ministry - GGYM. All Epworth parents of youth are asked to attend.

These are the names for All Saints Day registered with the office.

Please email Carrie at office@eumc-md.org if there are any corrections or additional names to add for our November 3, 2024 service.

Elvera Bergdolt

Mother to Paul Bergdolt and Sarah Munzer

Lynn Britton

Aunt to Hunter Shelley

Sanaa Vil

Daughter to Vil Family, Friend to Shelby Doerrman and Student of Sherwood High School

Abraham Kwabena Oduro	Father to Jemimah Oduro
Lyndon Bernard Henry	Brother to Christine Henry
Sharon Cardarelli	Wife to Gary Cardarelli and Mom to Nicole Graham
Patrick Donahue	Husband to Lisa Donahue
Joseph Trammel	Husband Cynthia Trammel
Lynn Ryan Harps	Brother of Derek Harps, Terrance Harps, Neil Harps and Jenifer Harps-Hentrel and loved one of the Harps family
Patricia Bell Hamm	Aunt of Linda and Derek Harps
Amina Araba Kyeiwaa	Mother to Saddick Owusu
Margaret Linker	Grandmother to Deacon Megan Blanchard
Dalasue Brumskine	Wife to Nathaniel Brumskine and Mother to Nathalia Yarhvoe Brumskine
Lewis Authur Oxford	Father to Susan Oxford & Warren Craig
Thomas Nah	Brother to Jacqueline Nah
Juan Tomas Salcedo Bisono	Father to Lisa Compres and Winston Compres
Abu Bakar Kamara	Brother to Francis Conteh
Jeannie Gonzalez de Betancourt	First cousin of pastor Yolanda.
Alan Garnica	Son and Brother to the Garnica Family

Jan Dodd

Former member and youth leader at
Epworth

Rev. Donald Stanley
Stewart, Jr.

Former Pastor of Epworth

Mandisa Hundley

Influential Contemporary Christian
Artist who sang at ROCK

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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