



**Order of Worship**  
**January 24, 2021**  
**10:30am**

*The flowers on the altar today are given by Miriam Mokuena  
in celebration of Miriam's and her sister Michele's birthday on January 30<sup>th</sup>.*

**Welcome**

**Opening Prayer**

**Opening Praise Songs**

*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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### Scripture

*1 Kings 17:1-5*

Now Elijah the Tishbite, of Tishbe in Gilead, said to Ahab, "As the Lord the God of Israel lives, before whom I stand, there shall be neither dew nor rain these years, except by my word." <sup>2</sup> The word of the Lord came to him, saying, <sup>3</sup> "Go from here and turn eastward, and hide yourself by the Wadi Cherith, which is east of the Jordan. <sup>4</sup> You shall drink from the wadi, and I have commanded the ravens to feed you there." <sup>5</sup> So he went and did according to the word of the Lord; he went and lived by the Wadi Cherith, which is east of the Jordan.

### Scripture

*1 Kings 18:19-39*

Now therefore have all Israel assemble for me at Mount Carmel, with the four hundred fifty prophets of Baal and the four hundred prophets of Asherah, who eat at Jezebel's table."

<sup>20</sup> So Ahab sent to all the Israelites, and assembled the prophets at Mount Carmel.

<sup>21</sup> Elijah then came near to all the people, and said, "How long will you go limping with two different opinions? If the Lord is God, follow him; but if Baal, then follow him." The people did not answer him a word. <sup>22</sup> Then Elijah said to the people, "I, even I only, am left a prophet of the Lord; but Baal's prophets number four hundred fifty. <sup>23</sup> Let two bulls be given to us; let them choose one bull for themselves, cut it in pieces, and lay it on the wood, but put no fire to it; I will prepare the other bull and lay it on the wood, but put no fire to it. <sup>24</sup> Then you call on the name of your god and I will call on the name of the Lord; the god who answers by fire is indeed God." All the people answered, "Well spoken!" <sup>25</sup> Then Elijah said to the prophets of Baal, "Choose for yourselves one bull and prepare it first, for you are many; then call on the name of your god, but put no fire to it." <sup>26</sup> So they took the bull that was given them, prepared it, and called on the name of Baal from morning until noon, crying, "O Baal, answer us!" But there was no voice, and no answer. They limped about the altar that they had made. <sup>27</sup> At noon Elijah mocked them, saying, "Cry aloud! Surely he is a god; either he is meditating, or he has wandered

away, or he is on a journey, or perhaps he is asleep and must be awakened.”<sup>28</sup> Then they cried aloud and, as was their custom, they cut themselves with swords and lances until the blood gushed out over them.<sup>29</sup> As midday passed, they raved on until the time of the offering of the oblation, but there was no voice, no answer, and no response.

<sup>30</sup> Then Elijah said to all the people, “Come closer to me”; and all the people came closer to him. First he repaired the altar of the Lord that had been thrown down; <sup>31</sup> Elijah took twelve stones, according to the number of the tribes of the sons of Jacob, to whom the word of the Lord came, saying, “Israel shall be your name”; <sup>32</sup> with the stones he built an altar in the name of the Lord. Then he made a trench around the altar, large enough to contain two measures of seed. <sup>33</sup> Next he put the wood in order, cut the bull in pieces, and laid it on the wood. He said, “Fill four jars with water and pour it on the burnt offering and on the wood.” <sup>34</sup> Then he said, “Do it a second time”; and they did it a second time. Again he said, “Do it a third time”; and they did it a third time, <sup>35</sup> so that the water ran all around the altar, and filled the trench also with water.

<sup>36</sup> At the time of the offering of the oblation, the prophet Elijah came near and said, “O Lord, God of Abraham, Isaac, and Israel, let it be known this day that you are God in Israel, that I am your servant, and that I have done all these things at your bidding.

<sup>37</sup> Answer me, O Lord, answer me, so that this people may know that you, O Lord, are God, and that you have turned their hearts back.” <sup>38</sup> Then the fire of the Lord fell and consumed the burnt offering, the wood, the stones, and the dust, and even licked up the water that was in the trench. <sup>39</sup> When all the people saw it, they fell on their faces and said, “The Lord indeed is God; the Lord indeed is God.”

## **Song of Preparation**

*Lento from Suite in A Minor* by Tekelemann  
James Craig Bazen and Eric Paździora

## **Scripture**

*James 5:13-17*

<sup>13</sup> Are any among you suffering? They should pray. Are any cheerful? They should sing songs of praise. <sup>14</sup> Are any among you sick? They should call for the elders of the church and have them pray over them, anointing them with oil in the name of the Lord. <sup>15</sup> The prayer of faith will save the sick, and the Lord will raise them up; and anyone who has committed sins will be forgiven. <sup>16</sup> Therefore confess your sins to one another, and pray for one another, so that you may be healed. The prayer of the righteous is powerful and effective. <sup>17</sup> Elijah was a human being like us, and he prayed fervently that it might not rain, and for three years and six months it did not rain on the earth.

## Scripture

*Acts 14:8-20*

<sup>8</sup> In Lystra there was a man sitting who could not use his feet and had never walked, for he had been crippled from birth. <sup>9</sup> He listened to Paul as he was speaking. And Paul, looking at him intently and seeing that he had faith to be healed, <sup>10</sup> said in a loud voice, “Stand upright on your feet.” And the man sprang up and began to walk. <sup>11</sup> When the crowds saw what Paul had done, they shouted in the Lycaonian language, “The gods have come down to us in human form!” <sup>12</sup> Barnabas they called Zeus, and Paul they called Hermes, because he was the chief speaker. <sup>13</sup> The priest of Zeus, whose temple was just outside the city, brought oxen and garlands to the gates; he and the crowds wanted to offer sacrifice. <sup>14</sup> When the apostles Barnabas and Paul heard of it, they tore their clothes and rushed out into the crowd, shouting, <sup>15</sup> “Friends, why are you doing this? We are mortals just like you, and we bring you good news, that you should turn from these worthless things to the living God, who made the heaven and the earth and the sea and all that is in them. <sup>16</sup> In past generations he allowed all the nations to follow their own ways; <sup>17</sup> yet he has not left himself without a witness in doing good—giving you rains from heaven and fruitful seasons, and filling you with food and your hearts with joy.” <sup>18</sup> Even with these words, they scarcely restrained the crowds from offering sacrifice to them.

<sup>19</sup> But Jews came there from Antioch and Iconium and won over the crowds. Then they stoned Paul and dragged him out of the city, supposing that he was dead. <sup>20</sup> But when the disciples surrounded him, he got up and went into the city. The next day he went on with Barnabas to Derbe.

## Prayer of Preparation

### Sermon

*Am I willing to do what it takes?*

Rev. Jen Fenner

### Song of Response

*The Anthem*  
Destiny Lindsay

Hallelujah You have won the victory  
Hallelujah You have won it all for me

Death could not hold You down  
You are the risen King  
Seated in majesty  
You are the risen King

By His stripes we are healed  
By His nail pierced hands we're free  
By His blood we're washed clean  
Now we have the victory

The power of sin is broken  
Jesus overcame it all  
He has won our freedom  
Jesus has won it all

Hallelujah You have won the victory  
Hallelujah You have won it all for me

Death could not hold You down  
You are the risen King  
Seated in majesty  
You are the risen King

Our God is risen  
He is alive  
He won the victory  
He reigns on high

### **Prayer and Invitation to Offering**

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

### **Closing Song**

*Friend of God*  
Destiny Lindsay

Who am I that You are mindful of me  
That You hear me, when I call  
Is it true that you are thinking of me  
How You love me  
It's amazing (2X)

I am a friend of God  
I am a friend of God  
I am a friend of God  
He calls me friend (2X)

God almighty Lord of Glory  
You have called me friend

I am a friend of God  
I am a friend of God  
I am a friend of God  
He calls me friend

### **Benediction Prayer and Dismissal with Blessing**

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## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### CHANGES TO HOLY COMMUNION

For the time being, Communion will be drive-by. Do you want consecrated communion elements? or do you want a pastor to consecrate elements you bring from home? Drive through the front circle at church and find Pastor Jen on the porch steps 5:30-6:00pm on Wednesday. You can pick up pre-packaged individual communion elements that have been consecrated in worship or you can ask a pastor to consecrate those you bring from home. You will remain in your car the whole time. Drive-by communion begins this week.

### PRAYER MINISTRY

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

Oración en español jueves 8pm dirigida por Marcela Uberhuaga, facilitador de un grupo de vida.

### FOOD DISTRIBUTION

Epworth continues to support our food-insecure neighbors. Thank you for generously supporting this important ministry!

As this ministry continue, volunteers are needed each week to unload, pack, greet, and deliver boxes. If you feel led to make a difference in people's lives, please see the link on the website or Eblast to sign up. Let's be the hands and feet, Epworth!

### PASTOR JEN'S SABBATH

Pastor Jen has changed her Sabbath day to Tuesdays each week. She will not be responding to emails, texts, or phone calls these days.

### THE UPPER ROOM

The January/February issue is available online. You can find the link on the church website, in the Eblast, or we can email you a PDF copy. Email [communications@eumc-md.org](mailto:communications@eumc-md.org) for a PDF.

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**Tuesdays 7pm** English

Facilitators: Beeler, Fenner, Shelley

**Thursdays 7pm** Young Adults, English

Facilitator: Castillo

**Thursdays 12:30pm** English

Facilitator: Pastor Jen (temp)

**Martes 7pm grupo, jueves 8pm oración en español**

Facilitadores: Mora, Uberhuaga

**Viernes 7pm** Español - mayormente oración

Facilitador: Gallegos

**Jueves 7pm** Español

Facilitador: Rocha

**Sundays 12noon** English

Facilitators: Wilson, Conteh

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