



Order of Worship  
April 18, 2021  
9am

Welcome

Introit

*Rise to Greet the Sun*  
James Craig Bazen on flute, Eric Paździora on piano

Call to Worship

Come, children of God: know that God has blessed you today.

**We are blessed by work and rest, by word and silence.**

Come, women and men who follow the Christ, who has not led you astray.

**We have traveled His path, and know glory and sacrifice.**

Come, all, receive God's love and bounty.

**We offer our sacrifice of praise; we offer our very selves.**

Let us worship God.

What, then, shall we say about these things?

**If God is for us, who is against us?**

What, then, shall we say about these things?

**God offers us new life, a fresh start, a second chance.**

What, then, shall we say about these things?

**That God, who is holy, desires wholeness and joy for all people.**

So then, let us say that, and let us worship our God.

~ Written by Beth Merrill Neel, [www.holdfasttowhatisgood.com](http://www.holdfasttowhatisgood.com)

## Opening Hymn

*Holy, Holy, Holy* (UMH#64)

Eric Paździora

Holy, holy, holy! Lord God Almighty!  
Early in the morning our song shall rise to thee.  
Holy, holy, holy! Merciful and mighty,  
God in three persons, blessed Trinity!

Holy, holy, holy! All the saints adore thee,  
casting down their golden crowns around the glassy sea;  
cherubim and seraphim falling down before thee,  
which wert, and art, and evermore shalt be.

Holy, holy, holy! Though the darkness hide thee,  
though the eye of sinful man thy glory may not see,  
only thou art holy; there is none beside thee,  
perfect in power, in love and purity.

## Opening Prayer

### Scripture

Luke 24:36-49

<sup>36</sup> While they were still talking about this, Jesus himself stood among them and said to them, "Peace be with you."

<sup>37</sup> They were startled and frightened, thinking they saw a ghost. <sup>38</sup> He said to them, "Why are you troubled, and why do doubts rise in your minds? <sup>39</sup> Look at my hands and my feet. It is I myself! Touch me and see; a ghost does not have flesh and bones, as you see I have."

<sup>40</sup> When he had said this, he showed them his hands and feet. <sup>41</sup> And while they still did not believe it because of joy and amazement, he asked them, "Do you have anything here to eat?" <sup>42</sup> They gave him a piece of broiled fish, <sup>43</sup> and he took it and ate it in their presence.

<sup>44</sup> He said to them, "This is what I told you while I was still with you: Everything must be fulfilled that is written about me in the Law of Moses, the Prophets and the Psalms."

<sup>45</sup> Then he opened their minds so they could understand the Scriptures. <sup>46</sup> He told them, "This is what is written: The Messiah will suffer and rise from the dead on the third day, <sup>47</sup> and repentance for the forgiveness of sins will be preached in his name to all nations, beginning at Jerusalem. <sup>48</sup> You are witnesses of these things. <sup>49</sup> I am going to send you what my Father has promised; but stay in the city until you have been clothed with power from on high."

## **Song of Preparation**

*We Know That Christ Is Raised* (UMH#610)  
James Craig Bazen on flute, Eric Paździora on piano

We know that Christ is raised and dies no more.  
Embraced by death, he broke its fearful hold,  
and our despair he turned to blazing joy.  
Alleluia!

We share by water in his saving death.  
Reborn, we share with him an Easter life  
as living members of a living Christ.  
Alleluia!

A new creation comes to life and grows  
as Christ's new body takes on flesh and blood.  
The universe, restored and whole, will sing:  
Alleluia!

## **Prayer of Preparation**

### **Sermon**

*Side Mirrors*  
Rev. Tammi Brantley

### **Song of Response**

*Amazing Grace* (UMH#378)  
Eric Paździora on the organ

Amazing grace! How sweet the sound  
that saved a wretch like me!  
I once was lost, but now am found;  
was blind, but now I see.

'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear,  
and grace my fears relieved;  
how precious did that grace appear  
the hour I first believed.

Through many dangers, toils, and snares,  
I have already come;  
'tis grace hath brought me safe thus far,  
and grace will lead me home.

The Lord has promised good to me,  
his word my hope secures;  
he will my shield and portion be,  
as long as life endures.

When we've been there ten thousand years,  
bright shining as the sun,  
we've no less days to sing God's praise  
than when we'd first begun.

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

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

### **Closing Song**

*How Great Thou Art (UMH#77)*

Eric Paździora on organ

O Lord my God, When I in awesome wonder,  
Consider all the worlds Thy Hands have made;  
I see the stars, I hear the rolling thunder,  
Thy power throughout the universe displayed.

*Refrain:*

Then sings my soul, My Savior God, to Thee,  
How great Thou art, How great Thou art.  
Then sings my soul, My Savior God, to Thee,  
How great Thou art, How great Thou art!

When through the woods, and forest glades I wander,  
And hear the birds sing sweetly in the trees.  
When I look down, from lofty mountain grandeur  
And hear the brook, and feel the gentle breeze.

*Refrain:*

Then sings my soul, My Savior God, to Thee,  
How great Thou art, How great Thou art.  
Then sings my soul, My Savior God, to Thee,  
How great Thou art, How great Thou art!

And when I think, that God, His Son not sparing;  
Sent Him to die, I scarce can take it in;  
That on the Cross, my burden gladly bearing,  
He bled and died to take away my sin.

*Refrain:*

Then sings my soul, My Savior God, to Thee,  
How great Thou art, How great Thou art.  
Then sings my soul, My Savior God, to Thee,  
How great Thou art, How great Thou art!

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

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## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### IN-PERSON WORSHIP

Sign up through Eventbrite links on the website each week or by calling the church office and leaving a message to reserve your spot. We can have up to 45 congregants per service. We have plenty of space for you.

Register at [www.EpworthUnited.org](http://www.EpworthUnited.org)

**A SPECIAL THANKS** to Bona Bourlier and Elvin Castro who are uploading podcasts to [anchor.fm](https://anchor.fm) platform. There was a period where this was not happening. Thanks to their efforts you can find all the podcasts we produce on Anchor which feeds to Apotify! Take a listen and thank you Bona and Elvin. Podcasts continue to be posted on our YouTube channel, EpworthProductions and distributed via EpworthUnited Facebook page, Eblast, and our website.

### IN-PERSON WORSHIP DIGITAL HELP

Doing digital and in person worship takes more hands. We need 4 servants per service to cover tech, camera, sound, and projection. We are especially short of people to do tech. These volunteers should be present in the sanctuary Contact Lilly Otolu at [sprilly@hotmail.com](mailto:sprilly@hotmail.com) to be trained on opening zoom meeting, muting individuals, going to Facebook Live, commenting and encouraging during worship. Youth are welcome to help in this area!

### IN-PERSON WORSHIP HOSTS

Pastor Jen is working with Connect to have hosts for in person worship. Hosts arrive 30 minutes before the service, greet people as they arrive, help require health questionnaire completion, sign in, masks, and hand sanitizing. Hosts help people get bulletins and sit in seating that is open. Hosts also direct people out of the sanctuary in an orderly fashion once service ends.

Please sign up to support. We need 2-3 hosts per worship service. Training is available. We can't do this without you. Please contact Pastor Jen or Denise if you can help. [Jennifer.Fenner@eumc-md.org](mailto:Jennifer.Fenner@eumc-md.org) or [Denise.Anderson@eumc-md.org](mailto:Denise.Anderson@eumc-md.org)

### RACIAL JUSTICE DISCUSSION GROUP

Epworth is part of the Racial Justice Coalition. Betty Debru is working with Pastor Tammi to lead the small group focused on raising children and youth who are advocates for racial and social justice. EVERY SECOND TUESDAY from 7-8:30 there is a parent conversation. May's conversation will be centered around "How will you feel if/when your child dates someone of a different race than your own?" (See flyer below)



**RACIAL JUSTICE ADVOCATES FOR LIFE DISCUSSION GROUP**  
**GRUPO DE DISCUSIÓN PARA ABOGADOS POR VIDA DE LA JUSTICIA RACIAL**

For parents, grandparents, aunts, uncles, caregivers, teachers, youth leaders, pastors and beyond.

Para padres, abuelos, tías, tíos, cuidadores, maestros, líderes juveniles, pastores y más allá.

- April Question: What is something that has been different from your childhood that gives you hope that things can change?
- Pregunta de abril: ¿Qué es algo que ha sido diferente de tu infancia que te da esperanza de que las cosas puedan cambiar?
- May Question: How would you feel if your child was/is dating a person that is not your nationality or race?
- Pregunta de mayo: ¿Cómo se sentiría si su hijo estuviera saliendo con una persona que no es su nacionalidad o raza?
- June: Watch the movie, "Remember the Titans" PG before this meeting. What moments spoke to you the most and why? Maybe a family movie night!!!
- Junio: Mira la película, "Remember the Titans" PG antes de esta reunión. ¿Qué momentos te hablaron más y por qué? Tal vez una noche de cine familiar!!!

Join Zoom Meeting: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89434572074> Meeting

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**Come and engage in the conversation!**  
**¡Ven y participa en la conversación!**

**Learn ways to talk with your own family about racial justice.**  
**Aprenda maneras de hablar con su propia familia sobre la justicia racial.**

**Participant-selected discussion topics.**  
**Temas de discusión seleccionados por los participantes.**

**Monthly drop-in Zoom meetings.**  
**Reuniones de Zoom mensuales.**

**Brought to you through the work of the Racial Justice Coalition.**

**Presentado a través del trabajo de la Coalición de Justicia Racial.**

**2 ND TUESDAY OF THE MONTH THRU JUNE 2021:**  
**20 MARTES DEL MES HASTA JUNIO 2021:**

**April 13 7:00pm to 8:30pm**  
**13 de abril 7:00pm a 8:30pm**

**May 11 7:00pm to 8:30 pm**  
**11 de mayo 7:00pm a 8:30 pm**

**June 8 7:00pm to 8:30pm**  
**8 de junio 7:00pm a 8:30pm**

## **BUILDING A STRONG FOUNDATION - EPWORTH 2021 CAPITAL AND CASH SAVINGS CAMPAIGN**

Epworth believes in the biblical standard of tithing the first 10% of our income towards the overall mission and vision of our existing ministries. This includes staff, programmatic resources, building/grounds upkeep and more. This is the lifeblood of the church.

In addition, we do an annual special campaign for gifts above and beyond this first 10%. In the past we have focused only on capital improvements. We re-did the lounge, the lobby, the fellowship hall floor, upgraded HVAC, replaced roofs, raised for a new playground and more.

In 2021 Epworth is focusing our additional fundraising efforts on a CAPITAL AND CASH SAVINGS CAMPAIGN. Our goal is to raise \$75,000. This 75K is beyond your first commitment to the general ministry of the church.

This first \$25,000 in this campaign will go for capital improvements in the sanctuary (carpet replace, sound booth, altar redesign) to support in-person and digital worship.

The second \$50,000 will be kept as unrestricted savings, moving towards our goal of 3-6 months of unrestricted savings in the bank. COVID has demonstrated how important it is to have this savings on hand as part of sustaining ministry through easy and hard financial times.

In order to give to this fund, please see the Strong Foundation campaign on Givebutter and on Vanco. Checks should indicate Strong Foundation in the memo.

## **FAMILY CHAPEL**

Join us for Family Chapel each Wednesday 6-6:30pm for worship, reflection, and prayer. Please note that the link to join has changed. Go to [www.EpworthUnited.org/Sparks](http://www.EpworthUnited.org/Sparks) to join!

## **PRAYER MINISTRY**

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

## **TO JOIN A LIFE GROUP** email [disciple@eumc-md.org](mailto:disciple@eumc-md.org)

**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 8:30pm 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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