



Order of Worship
July 25, 2021
9am

Welcome

Introit

Brandenburg Concert Theme by J.S. Bach
James Craig Bazen on flute, Eric Paździora on piano

Call to Worship

I Have Decided to Follow Jesus.

What? You've decided to follow Jesus? What in the world do you mean by that?

Well, I'm not really sure. I just want to be the kind of person who would make Jesus proud. I want to help others and that kind of thing.

So, you want to do good things to make Jesus like you and be proud of you?

No...not exactly. It's hard to put into words. I want to do the kind of things that Jesus would want me to do, you know, like helping people, and being a person of peace. I want to feel some joy in my life...and maybe I can find this joy by being a Jesus-person.

Following Jesus isn't easy, you know! You really have to make a commitment. Maybe what you need is to seek Jesus' healing for yourself - to let go of the sorrow and fear in your life. Maybe when those things are gone, following Jesus won't be so hard.

I just want to make a difference.

You can. Learn forgiveness, patience, mercy, justice, kindness. Be willing to "go the extra mile" in helping someone. And do it, not because you want to make Jesus proud, but because, as a follower, it is what you do...live by the words you speak.

"...no turning back...no turning back."

That's right. The road of hope and peace is before you. The journey awaits your first step...no turning back...no turning back.

Opening Hymn

Praise to the Lord, the Almighty (UMH#139)

Eric Paździora

Praise to the Lord the Almighty
The King of creation
O my soul praise Him
For He is thy health and salvation
All ye who hear now to His temple draw near
Join me in glad adoration!

Praise to the Lord, who o'er all things
So wondrously reigning,
Bears thee under eagle's wings
E'er in his keeping maintaining.
God's care enfolds all
Whose true good he upholds
Hast thou not known his sustaining?

Praise to the Lord, who doth prosper
thy work and defend thee,
Surely his goodness and mercy
here daily attend thee.
Ponder anew
What the Almighty can do,
Who with His love doth befriend thee.

Praise to the Lord
O let all that is in me adore Him
All that hath life and breath
Come now with praises before Him
Let the amen, sound from His people again
Gladly forever adore Him

Opening Prayer

Scripture

John 15:9-17

⁹ “As the Father has loved me, so have I loved you. Now remain in my love. ¹⁰ If you keep my commands, you will remain in my love, just as I have kept my Father’s commands and remain in his love. ¹¹ I have told you this so that my joy may be in you and that your joy may be complete. ¹² My command is this: Love each other as I have loved you. ¹³ Greater love has no one than this: to lay down one’s life for one’s friends. ¹⁴ You are my friends if you do what I command. ¹⁵ I no longer call you servants, because a servant does not know his master’s business. Instead, I have called you friends, for everything that I learned from my Father I have made known to you. ¹⁶ You did not choose me, but I chose you and appointed you so that you might go and bear fruit—fruit that will last—and so that whatever you ask in my name the Father will give you. ¹⁷ This is my command: Love each other.

Song of Preparation

Sheep May Safely Graze by J.S. Bach
James Craig Bazen and Eric Paździora

Scripture

Luke 15:1-7

Now the tax collectors and sinners were all gathering around to hear Jesus. ² But the Pharisees and the teachers of the law muttered, “This man welcomes sinners and eats with them.”

³ Then Jesus told them this parable: ⁴ “Suppose one of you has a hundred sheep and loses one of them. Doesn’t he leave the ninety-nine in the open country and go after the lost sheep until he finds it? ⁵ And when he finds it, he joyfully puts it on his shoulders ⁶ and goes home. Then he calls his friends and neighbors together and says, ‘Rejoice with me; I have found my lost sheep.’ ⁷ I tell you that in the same way there will be more rejoicing in heaven over one sinner who repents than over ninety-nine righteous persons who do not need to repent.

Prayer of Preparation**Sermon**

I have confidence...to make a difference
Rev. Tammi Brantley

Pastoral Prayer**Song of Response**

Here I Am, Lord (UMH#593)
Eric Paździora

I the Lord of sea and sky, I have heard my people cry
All who dwell in dark and sin, my hand will save
I who made the stars of night, I will make their darkness bright
Who will bear my light to them? Whom shall I send?

Here I am Lord, Is it I Lord?
I have heard You calling in the night
I will go Lord, If You lead me,
I will hold Your people in my heart

I, the Lord of snow and rain, I have borne my people's pain.
I have wept for love of them, they turn away.
I will break their hearts of stone, give them hearts for love alone.
I will speak my word to them. Whom shall I send?

Here I am Lord, Is it I Lord?
I have heard You calling in the night
I will go Lord, If You lead me,
I will hold Your people in my heart

I, the Lord of wind and flame, I will the poor and lame
I will set a feast for them. My hand will save.
Finest bread I will provide till their hearts be satisfied.
I will give my life for them. Whom shall I send?

Here I am Lord, Is it I Lord?
I have heard You calling in the night
I will go Lord, If You lead me,
I will hold Your people in my heart

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 the 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.

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.

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.

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS

THE FLOWERS placed on the altar today are in loving memory of Mary Elizabeth McBride, offered by Vergie Mose.

CHANGES FOR SUNDAY WORSHIP

FIRST, we have moved from streaming through Zoom to live streaming on YouTube. Worship will still be available through Zoom and Facebook Live, but for the best quality experience, check it out on YouTube at [YouTube.com/EpworthProductions](https://www.youtube.com/EpworthProductions). You can find the direct link to YouTube live on the website and in the Sunday morning Eblasts.

SECOND, with so many people worshipping online, we have a hard time determining who attends and who we are missing! There is now a simple form to tell us you are worshipping with us. Links can be found in the Sunday Worship Eblasts, on the website, and a QR code in the lobby. Please help us by checking in each time you are in worship.

BACK TO SCHOOL OUTREACH – Saturday, August 21

Once again Back-to-School will be combined with Food Distribution as we serve our neighbors. How can you support this important outreach?

VOLUNTEER

- Help is needed to prepare backpacks. Dates are not firm but packing days will be set during the first 2 weeks in August. Contact Reina Miranda at mirand26@yahoo.com if you can help.
- Packers, greeters, runners and prayer team are needed the day of.
- Folks are needed to help distribute items at Cider Mill on Saturday.
- Transport folks from Cider Mill to worship on Sunday. Show up on Saturday at Cider Mill to meet people, then pick them up on Sunday and take them to church with you!

See the website or Eblast for a link to sign up.

DONATE

You can help us purchase backpacks and school supplies needed for our friends at Rosemont, Forest Oak, Cider Mill, and other children identified by our pastors as in need of assistance.

Please help us support our kids by donating through Vanco, Givebutter, or mailing your check to the church. **Please note – we have updated the name of the fund to be more in line with our ministry.**

ROSEMONT* fund has been changed to *LOCAL KIDS OUTREACH

Please look for this new fund when making your donation!

EPK ASSISTANTS

Epworth Preschool and Kindergarten is currently looking for assistants for our Summer Camps, August 2-6 and August 9-13. Camps will be held in the mornings and individuals can apply for one or both weeks. Send your resume to SPRC@eumc-md.org

EPK is also looking for assistant teachers for preschool classes as we reopen by September 2021.

Again, you may submit your resume to SPRC@eumc-md.org

SUMMER BIBLE STUDY - BIBLICAL FOUNDATIONS FOR CONFLICT TRANSFORMATION – NOTE DATE CORRECTION

Paul Thorne Keziah, Wesley Theological Seminary Intern, and his Lay Learning Partner, Beatriz Arze, invite you to a 3-part summer bible study: "Biblical Foundations for Conflict Transformation" continuing on August 3 and August 17 at 7:30pm via Zoom. Paul is also a student of American University in Conflict Mediation. This bible study will be bilingual.

To Join the bible study via Zoom:

Meeting ID: 473088050

Password: 20877

Contact Paul, ptklovesgod@gmail.com or Beatriz, beatrizarze@yahoo.com, with questions.

PASTOR JEN'S VACATION

Pastor Jen is on vacation through Sunday, August 15. If you need assistance during this time, please contact Pastor Tammi Brantley, who will be serving as the pastor in charge, at youthpastor@eumc-md.org. Additionally, Pastor Yolanda Pupo-Ortiz should be contacted at yolanda.pupo-ortiz@eumc-md.org for pastoral needs in Spanish.

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

If you haven't been in the sanctuary lately, you may not have noticed the new sound booth. It looks GREAT! Thanks to all who have contributed to the Strong Foundation fund who have made it possible. We are still working towards the altar redesign and carpet replacement. Please consider contributing towards the additional \$5,000 needed for Capital plus our unrestricted savings goal of \$50,000.

You can donate through the Strong Foundation campaign on Givebutter or Vanco, or by indicating Strong Foundation in the memo line on your check.

ENDOWMENT APPLICATIONS ARE NOW OPEN

Epworth is currently accepting applications for 2022 grants from the Endowment Fund. Grants are available for a variety of causes including church-based mission work as well as local, national, and international mission work.

Applications are due August 15 for over \$27,000 available. Links to questions and applications can be found in the Eblast or on the website at EpworthUnited.org/endowment-grants.

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 Otoló 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

No experience? No problem! Training is available!

PRAYER MINISTRY

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

EPWORTH PODCAST – TRANSFORMED BY FAITH TODAY can be heard on 5 public platforms accessed via anchor.fm/eumc-podcast-eng for English
anchor.fm/eumc-podcast-esp for Spanish

TO JOIN A LIFE GROUP email 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
