



Epworth United Methodist Church

Nourish Faith. Do Good. Welcome All. Be Church.

A YEAR OF LOVE



Communion Sunday

"God Loves You"

April 7, 2019 • 10:30 a.m.

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WE GATHER FOR WORSHIP

PRELUDE

WELCOME

BRINGING IN THE LIGHT AND LIFE

(Please use this time for preparing your mind, body and soul for worship)

*CALL TO WORSHIP

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Rend your hearts and not your clothing.

Return to the Lord, your God,

for he is gracious and merciful,

slow to anger, and abounding in steadfast love,

and relents from punishing.

*OPENING HYMN

"I Love You Lord"

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WE LISTEN TO GOD'S WORD

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

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Everlasting God, because of your tender mercy toward all people, you sent your Son, our Savior Jesus Christ, to take upon himself flesh, and to suffer death upon the cross, that all should follow the example of his great humility. Mercifully grant that we may follow the example of his patience and also be made partakers of his resurrection; through the same Jesus Christ our Lord. AMEN.

RESPONSIVE READING

Psalm 126 (NRSV)

SCRIPTURE

John 16:25-33 (NRSV)

CHILDREN'S HYMN

"Love Canon"

CHILDREN'S TIME

Surprise Time

CHILDREN'S HYMN

"Love Canon"

SERMON

God Loves You

TIME OF REFLECTION

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

*HYMN OF PREPARATION **"Let Us Break Bread Together"** #618 UMH

INVITATION ~ *UMC Book of Worship*

Christ our Lord invites to his table all who love him, who earnestly repent of their sin and seek to live in peace with one another. Therefore, let us confess our sin before God and one another.

CONFESSION *United Methodist Book of Worship*

Have mercy upon us, O God, according to your lovingkindness. According to your tender mercies, blot out our transgressions. Wash us thoroughly from our iniquities, and cleanse us from our sins. For we acknowledge our transgressions, and our sin is ever before us. Create in us clean hearts, O God, and renew a right spirit within us; through Jesus Christ our Lord. AMEN.

ASSURANCE

The Lord is gracious and merciful,
slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love.

**May the almighty and merciful Lord grant us remission of all our sins,
true repentance, amendment of life,
and the grace and consolation of the Holy Spirit. AMEN.**

JOYS AND CONCERNS

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Our God who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come, thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day, our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever. Amen

GREAT THANKSGIVING *United Methodist Book of Worship*

THE GIVING OF THE BREAD AND THE CUP

Everyone is welcome at the communion table in the United Methodist Church, whether you are a member of this church or any church. Juice is used in the cup. Please follow the directions for communion as given by the worship leader. †

WE TAKE GOD'S WORD WITH US INTO THE WORLD

*CLOSING HYMN **"Love Divine, All Loves Excelling"** #384 UMH

*BENEDICTION ~ *umcdiscipleship.org*

May the love of God surround you. May the love of God uplift you. May the love of God stand with you through the challenges ahead. May the love of God convince you, in every situation, to love. Go now to love others, even as Christ loves you. **AMEN.**

*POSTLUDE