



# Epworth United Methodist Church

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

## A YEAR OF LOVE



### **Graduation Sunday** **"Demonstrate Your Love"**

**May 19, 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

*~Lamentations 3:22-23*

The steadfast love of the LORD never ceases;  
God's mercies never come to an end; they are new every morning;  
**Great is God's faithfulness.**

\*OPENING HYMNS" *Praise the Source of Faith and Learning'* (vs1) #2004 FWS

*"The Risen Christ"* (vs 1&3) #3179 W&S

## WE LISTEN TO GOD'S WORD

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

*Ministry Matters*

**God of power and might, let your love shine on us and through us to others. Take the blindness from our eyes and our hearts. Give us the joy of knowing and serving you in all that we say, think and do. In Jesus' Name, we pray. AMEN.**

SCRIPTURE

Revelation 21:1-6; John 13:31-35 (*Voice*)

CHORAL ANTHEM

*"Love One Another"*

Sleeth

CHILDREN'S HYMN

**"Blessed Be the Name"**

#63 UMH

CHILDREN'S TIME

*Surprising*

CHILDREN'S HYMN

**"Blessed Be the Name"**

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SERMON

*Demonstrate your love*

TIME OF REFLECTION

## WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

### HONORING OUR GRADUATES

#### PRAYER FOR GRADUATES

God of truth and knowledge, by your wisdom we are taught the way and the truth. Bless Courtney and Sonja as they finish this course of study. We thank you for those who taught and worked beside them, and all who supported them along the way. Walk with these graduates as they move forward in life. Take away their anxiety and confusion of purpose. Strengthen their many talents and skills, instill in them a confidence in the future you plan, when energies may be gathered up and used for the good of all people for the sake of Jesus Christ.

**AMEN.**

#### \*HYMN OF PREPARATION

***"In Remembrance of Me"***

#2254 FWS

#### 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

*~Worship&Song Worship Resources*

Gracious God,

**our sins** are too heavy to carry, too real to hide, and too deep to undo.

**Forgive** what our lips tremble to name, what our hearts can no longer bear, and what has become for us a consuming fire of judgment.

**Set us free** from a past we cannot change;

**open to us** a future in which we can be changed;

**and grant us grace** to grow more and more in your likeness and image;

**through Jesus Christ**, the light of the world.

#### ASSURANCE

*Ministry Matters (edited)*

The Lord is gracious and merciful,

slow to anger and **abounding in steadfast love. 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

## **WE TAKE GOD'S WORD WITH US INTO THE WORLD**

\*CLOSING HYMN

*"This is My Song"*

#437 UMH

\*BENEDICTION

~Rev. Connie Breaux

Receive this blessing to go into the world. May you have the commitment to go into the world being led by the Great Spirit of Hope and Imagination, to see the gifts and achievements that the Almighty Creator calls out to you. May you have the courage to live your "impossible dreams" so that they will become possible! May you also have the courage not to look back – because you are confident that the Source of all creation will use you in a mighty way for the purpose to which you are called. As you go forth, put into practice the accumulated knowledge you have achieved. Go forth with you head in the clouds of ambition toward making life better for all as well as yourself. Go forth with your feet firmly planted on the solid ground plowed by your family, friends, teachers of your heritage and society. Go to heights quite beyond your present capabilities as you follow the lead of God, who gives faith, wisdom, understanding, and blessings. **AMEN.**

\*POSTLUDE