



Epworth United Methodist Church

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A YEAR OF LOVE



Communion Sunday

“Love Others Well”

May 5, 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

~re: Worship

We gather together in the name of our God, the Maker of heaven and earth, who calls us away from the customs and attitudes of the world around us, and invites us instead into a transforming relationship with God and with one another.

Let us worship God together!

*OPENING HYMN

"Here I am to Worship"

#3177 W&S

WE LISTEN TO GOD'S WORD

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

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Holy, Holy, Holy One, your words feed me, the Word frees me, and the Spirit gives me life. Grant my ears an appetite for hearing and my spirit strength for loving you. AMEN.

SCRIPTURE

Romans 12:1-21 (*Voice*)

CHILDREN'S HYMN

"I Love You Lord"

#2068 FWS

CHILDREN'S TIME

Surprised

CHILDREN'S HYMN

"I Love You Lord"

#2068 FWS

SERMON

Love Others Well

TIME OF REFLECTION

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

*HYMN OF PREPARATION "*Surely the Presence of the Lord*"

#328 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

~re:Worship

Merciful God, we confess that we have not always lived up to the example set by Your Son, Jesus. **In Your mercy, hear our prayer of confession.**

We confess how difficult it is to truly love the people around us; to care as deeply for their well-being as for our own, to delight in their good fortune without feeling envious.

Forgive us. Teach us to whole-heartedly love one another.

We confess how often we act out of our own self-interest; putting our needs and desires ahead of the needs of others, hoarding our resources rather than sharing them freely.

Forgive us. Teach us to live with generosity and compassion.

We confess how easy it is to do what we know is wrong: to rationalize our bad decisions and behaviors, to make excuses for our hurtful words and actions. **Forgive us. Teach us to turn away from what is wrong and pursue what is right.**

We confess that we find it very difficult to love our enemies: to pray for their well-being, to act in their best interests, to leave thoughts of vengeance behind.

Forgive us. Teach us to love even those who hurt or offend us.

You call us to turn away from the behaviors and attitudes of the world around us; and to be renewed and transformed by Your grace at work in our lives. Through Your Holy Spirit, continue the work that You have begun in us, so that our words and deeds may bring honour and glory to You.

In Jesus' name we pray. AMEN.

ASSURANCE

Ministry Matters (edited)

The Lord is on our side, offering words of forgiveness, saving us.

We are a forgiven people, bound together in God's love.

We are the body of Christ, forgiven and free. AMEN.

JOYS AND CONCERNS

THE LORD'S PRAYER (*◇ please see back*)

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 *"And May Your Run and Not Be Weary"* #2281 FWS

*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