



"Love will cost you dearly. And it will break your heart. But in the end, it will save the world."
— Sarah Thebarger

Edmonds United  Methodist Church

December 17, 2017 - 9:00 a.m. & 10:30 a.m.

Order of Service

Welcome! We invite you to complete the tear-off 'I Am Here' form at the side of this bulletin and pass it to the outside aisle where it will be collected by the ushers. Hearing assistance devices are available. Please ask an usher if you would like to try one this morning. As a courtesy to other worshipers, please turn your cell phone's ringer off. Thank you!

We Gather

Prelude *Fantasia on Greensleeves* Hyun-Ja Choi, Piano; Ellen Kilcup, Cello
Ralph Vaughan Williams, arr. Watson Forbes
O Come, O Come Emmanuel
arr. Steven S. Nelson & Marshall McDonald

Welcome

Rev. Dr. Sandy Brown

***Passing the Peace**

***Opening Hymn** *Lift Up Your Heads, Ye Mighty Gates*

Red Hymnal #213, vs. 1-3

***Lighting of Advent Wreath**

Sung Response *Lift Up Your Heads, Ye Mighty Gates*

Red Hymnal #213, vs. 4

***Opening Prayer**

Rev. Clarissa Fuentes

We Proclaim

Children's Song *Star Child*

Black Hymnal #2095, vs. 1

Children's Time

Jen McLaughlin

Children's Song *Star Child*

Black Hymnal #2095, vs. 1

***Scripture Readings** Isaiah 35:1-10; Luke 1:46-55

Anthem *Canticle of the Turning*
arr. Anne Krentz Organ

Chancel Choir; Ellen Kilcup, Cello
Andrew Horton & Ward Drennan, Clarinet

Prayer of Preparation

Pastor Sandy

Sermon *Songs of Advent: 3) Mary*

Pastor Sandy

We Respond

Silent Meditation

During this time of quiet you are invited to reflect on the sermon or to pray.

Sung Response *My Soul Gives Glory to My God*

Red Hymnal #198, vs. 4 & 5

Pastoral Prayer

Pastor Clarissa

The Lord's Prayer

Our Father, 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.

Offering our Gifts and Our Lives

Invitation to the Offering

Pastor Clarissa

Offertory *O Viridissima Virga*
Hildegard von Bingen

Diana Nielsen

*Hail, O greenest branch,
sprung forth in the airy breezes
of the prayers of the saints.*

*So the time has come
that your sprays have flourished:
hail, hail to you,
because the heat of the sun has exuded
from you
like the aroma of balm.*

*For the beautiful flower sprung from you
which gave all parched perfumes
their aroma.*

*And they have radiated anew
in their full freshness.*

*Whence the skies bestowed dew upon the
pasture,
and all the earth was made joyful
because her womb
brought forth corn,
and because the birds of the firmament
built their nests in her.*

*Then there was harvest ready for Man
and a great rejoicing of banqueters,
whence, O sweet Virgin,
no joy is lacking in you.*

Eve rejected all these things.

Now let there be praise to the Highest.

***Doxology** *I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light*

Red Hymnal #206, vs. 1

***Prayer of Dedication**

We Scatter to Serve

Sharing of Newcomer Flowers

Pastor Sandy and Pastor Clarissa

Announcements

Pastor Sandy

Reception of New Members

Pastor Sandy and Pastor Clarissa

Irma Brown, Lisa Burns, Eileen Calabro, Joy Fisher Hammersla, Ron Krebs, Jeannette Krebs,
Gay Norman, Sandra Schenkar, Robin Seyfried, June White

***Please stand if it's comfortable for you to do so**

***Closing Hymn** *Hail to the Lord's Anointed*

Red Hymnal #203

***Benediction**

Pastor Sandy

Postlude *Sing We Now of Christmas/God Rest Ye Merry, Gentlemen*
arr. Brant Adams

Hyun-Ja Choi
Ellen Kilcup

~You are always welcome to be seated and enjoy the postlude~

Beyond Sunday Morning

Today's Events:

UMW Table | After services | Wesley Room

Do you still have nuts, tamales or a borrowed table cloth to pick up? Find the UMW table during coffee hour in the Wesley room.

TAMING BIGFOOT EDMONDS Training & Info Session | 11:45a.m. | Room 302

for Interested Individuals today led by Stan Gent. It will be a short session with opportunities to ask questions and receive hand-outs. There is still time to register.

Youth Group Christmas Party | 5:30p.m. - 8:00p.m.

ALL of you, grades 7-12, are invited to our annual Christmas Party in the youth hall. We promise: 1-2 silly games, a White Elephant Gift Exchange, a Nice sit-down Christmas Dinner, a slideshow of our year so far, a "meme-free zone" for everyone's safety. Bring a \$10 or so white elephant gift (wrapped), and your Christmas Spirit. See you there!

Messiah Sing-Along | December 17 | 7:00pm

Messiah Sing-Along concerts have become a beloved holiday tradition. The Music Ministry team at Edmonds United Methodist invites all church members and our surrounding community to come for an evening of festive singing! Join in on your favorite choruses from this great masterwork by George Frederick Handel. A freewill offering will be taken to help support the music ministries at EUMC.

Upcoming Events:

Decorate Gingerbread Houses! | December 20 | 6:30-7:30p.m.

You are invited! The Children's Center would love for all to join our monthly Family Night in December-making and decorating Gingerbread Houses! You can bring a gingerbread house to assemble or use one of the graham cracker houses we will have available. We will provide houses and frosting. Please bring a bag of candy to share...and your Christmas spirit of course!

A Service of Light on the Longest Night | December 21 | 7:00p.m.-8:00p.m.

If you are experiencing loneliness or loss of any kind, the Christmas holidays can be particularly difficult. On the longest night of the year, we gather together for a quiet, meditative service. Let the quiet space, music, and candlelights heal your hurting places. This service will be held in the Sanctuary. Transportation and/or childcare is available by calling the church office at 425-778-2119 before December 14.

Cascade Percussion Ensemble Concert | December 22 | 7:30p.m. | Sanctuary

The Cascade Percussion Ensemble will be performing in our Sanctuary. No tickets required. A freewill offering will go to support EUMC Music Programs. Music from classical Christmas Holiday traditions will be featured on Marimbaras, vibraphones, xylophones, bells and chimes.

Epiphany Family Move Night | January 5 | 7:00p.m.-9:00p.m. | FREE

Join us for kettle corn and cocoa by the fire in the Youth Hall as we watch Bears by DisneyNature. Note that the dinner portion of this event has been cancelled. This intergenerational event will be fun for all ages!

Beyond Sunday Morning Cont....

Attention Parents and Grandparents! If you are looking for Preschool or childcare | January 29

(or know someone who is) look no further than our very own Children's Center! Come visit the classrooms, explore our wonderful facility, meet the teachers, and see them in action at our Open House on Monday January 29th from 9:30am-11:30am. If you are not able to join on Jan.29th but would like to schedule a tour or have any questions about the programs we offer please call Heather Bruno at (425) 774-4458. We look forward to seeing you!

Serving & Volunteering

Assist the Cold Weather Shelter

CWS is in need of more people. Help in the kitchen for various meals and clean-up, standing watch to make sure everyone is okay. 8:00am - 12:00pm or 12:00am - 7:00am. As well as a new EUMC Team Coordinator. For years this effort has been coordinated by Coralie Shepherd, who is now looking for a successor. Please let us know by checking the I Am Here form or by contacting the church office at office@edmondsumc.org.

Extra, Extra...

Finding Solitude

Is there chaos, stress, grief in your life? Are you looking for a quiet moment of solitude? Spend a few moments in the prayer area of the chapel to sit quietly, wrap yourself in a prayer shawl, breath, say or write a prayer, meditate, listen to God. The prayer area is open daily. God is waiting for you.

Stewardship Update

As of December 11, we have 233 pledges totaling \$781,894. Our goal is \$850,000 to reach the 2018 budget. If you haven't had a chance to turn in your pledge card, please bring it to the church office.

Important Dates to Know

Church Building Closure

Our church building will be closed Monday, December 25 - Saturday, December 30. The building will be closed again on Monday, January 1, in celebration of New Year's Day. The Church building will open at 8:00a.m. on Tuesday, January 2, 2018.

Upcoming Worship Services:

-December 21 Longest Night Service | 7:00pm
-December 24 Christmas Eve | 5pm, 7pm & 9pm

Save The Dates:

-Women's Retreat: April 20-22, 2018
-Family Camp: June 22-24, 2018
-Vacation Bible School: July 16-20, 2018
-Sierra Service Project Spokane 2018: August 5-11

Those experiencing grief: Sandy Stolle on the death of her mother, Irene Smith; Kevin Stolle on the death of his father, Walter Stolle; Christine Harris on the death of her mother, Agnes Tyrrell; Terri Bartish on the death of her father, John White;

Those with health concerns:

Vergie Knight, Charles Townsend, Dorothy Jennings, Gladys Rhinehart, Dana McMechan, Ginny Hardman

In Our Thoughts and Prayers

The peoples from the Ecumenical Prayer Cycle include: China, Hong Kong, Macau

A simple prayer you may use:

We pray for all your people. Bring peace to those who fear, bring healing to those who suffer, bring comfort to those who grieve, and grow the joy of those who celebrate. We pray these things in the name of your Son. Amen.

If you have an emergency (hospitalization, death) you may dial this number: 425-366-9615. Please leave your name, phone number, and a brief message.

I Am Here

December 17, 2017

Name

Street Address

City

State

Zip

Phone

Email

Newcomer (fewer than 5 visits)

I'm Visiting with/for:

Edmonds UMC is my church home

This information is a change

I would like to receive a name tag.

I would like information about becoming a member of this church

Please add me to the email list: Weekly Announcements & Guidelights (electronic)

Please add me to the mailing list: Guidelights (paper)

Grow...

I would like information about:

- o Children's & Youth Ministries
- o Adult Spiritual Formation
- o Music & Arts Ministry
- o Reconciling Team
- o Advocates for Justice

Serve...

I would like to learn about serving:

- o Cold Weather Shelter

Sign-Ups...

I would like information about:

- o Winter Retreat
- o Holiday Services Childcare
 - Longest Night
- o Holiday Services Transportation
 - Longest Night
 - Christmas Eve 7pm service

Leading Worship Today

Lead Pastor

Rev. Sandy Brown

Pastor of Congregational Care

Rev. Clarissa Fuentes

Organist

Hyun-Ja Choi

Music Director

David Hendrix

Family Ministry Director

Jen McLaughlin

Scripture Readers

Nora Carlson, Denny Balascio

Acolytes

Sam Arguelles, Colin Ray, Janie Hanson & Maggie Warner

Advent Wreath Candle Lighters

Chris, Michelle, Lucas & Danielle D'Couto; Carol & Tim Novak, Gavin Gentles

Star Bearer

Lucas & Danielle D'Couto, Sebastian Arguelles, Ben Hanson, Drew & Hazel Warner

Ushers

Val Mosalsky, Carol Moore, Tom Hutto, Chidi Okoro, Keith Skore, Denny Balascio, Jeanette Murphy, David Danielson

Altar Flowers

Judy Triggs

Coffee Hour

Dave & Haydee Walters, David & Joyce Danielson

Visitor Flowers

Mary Feldhaus

Bus Driver

John Haines

Sound & Projection

Ken Pickle, Pat Cross, AP Van Meter, Marilyn McKinnon

ASL Interpreter

Jon Woods



Edmonds United Methodist Church is a Reconciling Congregation, welcoming all LGBTQ persons. If you'd like more information, please contact the church at 425-778-2119 or office@edmondsumc.org

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