



## **THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTERTIDE**

Edmonds United Methodist Church  
April 14, 2024 - 10:00 am

# WELCOME

The heart of our church is joining together in gratitude and praise. You are invited to join us Sunday mornings at 10:00 am in our Sanctuary and online. On the first Sunday of each month we share in Holy Communion, and whether or not you are a member of the church you are welcome as a full participant. Our Sunday evening service is a contemplative practice based gathering on the first Sunday of each month at 6:00 pm in the Sanctuary, and also includes the sacrament of Holy Communion.

## SUNDAY WORSHIP SERVICES

**Childcare for babies and toddlers** (up to age 3) is available during worship in the nursery located in the Children's Center wing, or in our narthex, "pray-ground". (Note: We're currently looking for nurturing and committed adults to rotate into this ministry.)

We welcome children to EUMC with great delight! During the school year, **Sunday School** for three-year-olds to 6th graders is offered during worship in the chapel, directly following the Children's Sermon. For the kids who would prefer to stay in worship, activity bags are hanging in the narthex, ready for your use!

After service, share in cookies and coffee at **Coffee Hour** in the Wesley Room, located just to the right of the sanctuary.

Our various music ensembles and soloists from our **Music Ministry** enrich our worship.

## GROW

Our **Adult Spiritual Formation** ministry offers ongoing and short-term groups, Bible/book studies, retreats, and special lectures.

We offer opportunities for **children and families** to deepen their faith through Sunday School, Youth Group, VBS, Community Groups, Family Camp, and intergenerational worship.

**EUMC Youth** is more than just a youth group - it's a family that welcomes and embraces every young person who walks through the door. We meet during the school year on Sunday evenings from 6:00 to 8:00 pm.

## SERVE

Our **Children's Center** provides enriching and developmentally appropriate preschool and daycare for children ages 2.5 through 12.

Each week, **Edmonds Food Bank** assists over 600 families on Monday evenings and Tuesday mornings at Edmonds UMC with essential nutrition.

The **Thrift Shop** sells low-cost clothing and other items each Thursday, Friday, and Saturday from 10:00 am to 2:00 pm. Proceeds support mission projects locally and beyond.

The **Toy Shop**, provides a new book, stuffed animal, and toy for over 1,000 low-income local children during the Christmas season.

Join **Advocates for Justice** and engage in advocacy and public witness to address social justice issues that affect our community and world. Along with providing information and educational events, we connect members to service opportunities.

# ORDER OF SERVICE



Welcome! We are delighted that you are here with us today. We invite you to fill out the Connect Card in the pew and place in the offering basket during the Offertory Anthem. You may also point your phone camera over the QR code to the left and it will take you to an online Connect Card. If you are worshiping online you can fill out the online Connect Card by clicking on the link below the media player on our website at [edmondsunc.org/broadcast](http://edmondsunc.org/broadcast).

(\*) indicates you may rise in body or spirit.

## WE GATHER

**Prelude** *Improvisation No. 32* Jesse Erickson  
Jesse Erickson

**Welcome** Rev. Donna Pritchard  
& Marta Card

**\*Call to Worship** Marta Card

Jesus said, "I am the Light of the world!

**We who follow Jesus are called to "lighten up"!**

Jesus said, "Whoever follows me won't walk in the dark, but will have the light of life."

**We want to follow Jesus, we want to "lighten up"**

Jesus said, "The time is coming – and now is – when people of God will worship in Spirit and in Truth.

**So let us worship, today!**

**\*Passing of the Peace** Pastor Donna

The peace of Christ be with you all.

**And also with you.**

**\*Opening Hymn**

*From This Bright Hour*  
Words & Music: Mark Miller

1. From this bright hour and days to come, as we have gath - ered in - to one,  
2. Wounds of the world be - gin to heal as peace with jus - tice is made real.  
3. Now is the hour join in the song, here in this place where we be - long.

O - pen the gates and the light will shine, all a - round, let there be light!

All are wel - come, all in - vit - ed to o - pen hearts and o - pen minds!

In our liv - ing, in our learn - ing may we al - ways be search - ing for truth and light!

## WE PROCLAIM

**Children's Sermon**

Karin Johnson

**Anthem**

*You Are My Sanctuary*  
John Guerra, Matt Mather, Isaac Wardell

Edmonds Music Collective

**Introducing the Scripture**

Pastor Donna

**\*Scripture Reading**

John 8:12-19 (CEB)

Floyd Barker

**\*Scripture Response**

For the word of God in scripture.  
For the word of God among us.  
For the word of God within us.  
**Thanks be to God.**

Please join in singing the Hymn of Preparation.

**\*Hymn of Preparation** *Sometimes a Light Surprises*  
Words: William Cowper, Music: Irish melody



1. Some - times a light sur - pris - es the child of God who sings;  
2. In ho - ly con - tem - pla - tion we sweet - ly then pur - sue  
3. It can bring with it noth - ing but God will bear us through;  
4. Though vine nor fig tree nei - ther their longed for fruits should bear,



it is the Lord who ris - es with heal - ing in his wings;  
the theme of God's sal - va - tion and find it ev - er new;  
who gives the lil - ies cloth - ing will clothe all peo - ple, too;  
though all the fields should with - er, nor flocks nor herds be there,



when com - forts are de - clin - ing, he grants the soul a - gain  
set free from pres - ent sor - row, we cheer - ful - ly can say,  
be - neath the spread - ing heav - ens no crea - ture but is fed;  
yet God the same a - bid - ing, all praise shall tune my voice;



a sea - son of clear shin - ing to cheer it af - ter rain.  
"Let the un - known to - mor - row bring with it what it may."  
and God who feeds the ra - vens will give all chil - dren bread.  
for while in God con - fid - ing, I can - not but re - joice!

**Sermon**

"Lighten Up!"

Pastor Donna

**Sermon Response**

*This Little Light of Mine*

Words & Music: African American spiritual



1. This lit - tle light of mine, I'm gon - na let it shine;  
2. Ev - ry - where I go, I'm gon - na let it shine;  
3. Je - sus gave it to me, I'm gon - na let it shine;

this lit - tle light of mine, I'm gon - na let it shine;  
 ev - 'ry - where I go, I'm gon - na let it shine;  
 Je - sus gave it to me, I'm gon - na let it shine;

this lit - tle light of mine, I'm gon - na let it shine,  
 ev - 'ry - where I go, I'm gon - na let it shine,  
 Je - sus gave it to me, I'm gon - na let it shine,

let it shine, let it shine, let it shine.  
 let it shine, let it shine, let it shine.  
 Let it shine, let it shine, let it shine.

**Pastoral Prayer**

Pastor Donna

**The Lord's Prayer**

Our Father in heaven,  
 hallowed be your name,  
 your kin-dom come,  
 your will be done,  
 on earth as in heaven.  
 Give us today our daily bread.  
 Forgive us our sins  
 as we forgive those who sin against us.  
 Save us from the time of trial,  
 and deliver us from evil.  
 For the kin-dom, the power,  
 and the glory are yours,  
 now and forever.  
 Amen.

**Invitation to Offering**

Marta Card

**Offertory**

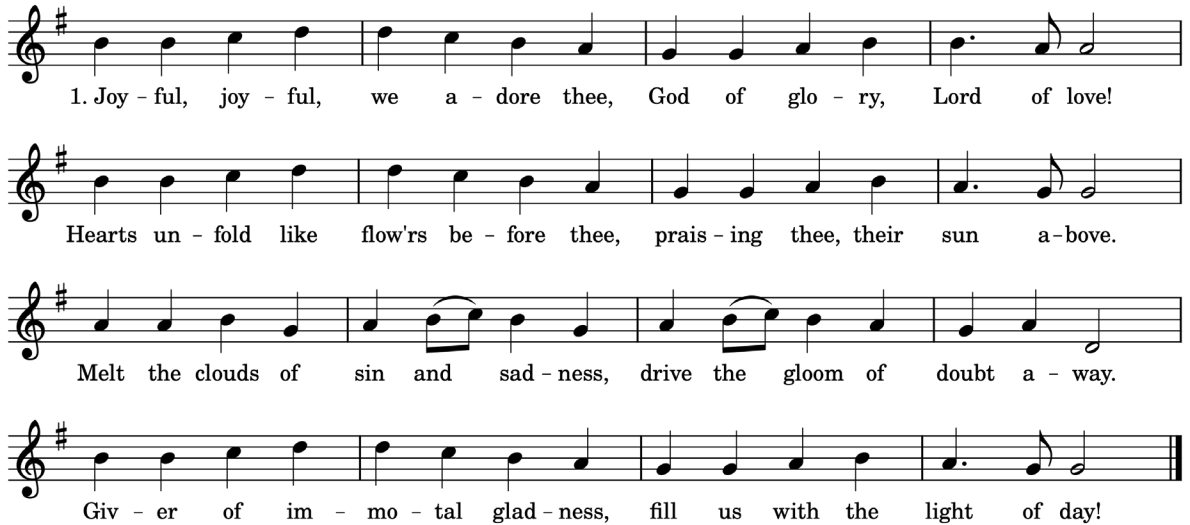
*Light of Your Love*  
 Eric Marshall

Edmonds Music Collective

**\*Doxology**

*Joyful, Joyful We Adore Thee*

Words: Henry van Dyke, Music: Ludwig van Beethoven



1. Joy - ful, joy - ful, we a - dore thee, God of glo - ry, Lord of love!  
Hearts un - fold like flow'rs be - fore thee, prais - ing thee, their sun a - bove.  
Melt the clouds of sin and sad - ness, drive the gloom of doubt a - way.  
Giv - er of im - mo - tal glad - ness, fill us with the light of day!

**\*Prayer of Dedication**

Marta Card

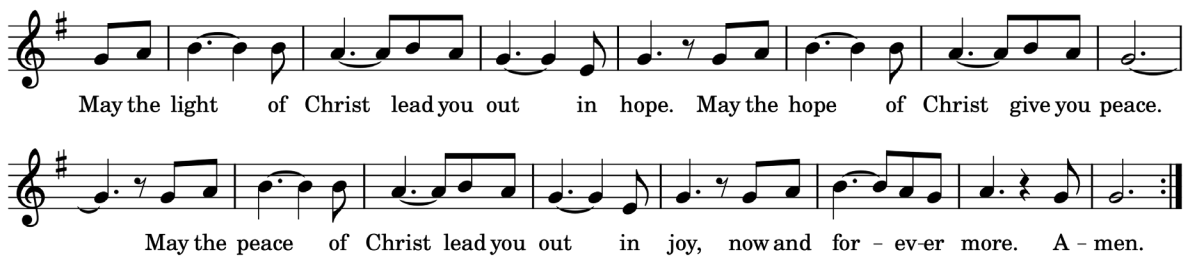
## WE SCATTER TO SERVE

**Announcements**

**\*Closing Hymn**

*Benediction*

Words & Music: David Hendrix



May the light of Christ lead you out in hope. May the hope of Christ give you peace.  
May the peace of Christ lead you out in joy, now and for - ev - er more. A - men.

**\*Benediction**

Pastor Donna

**Postlude**

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*You are always welcome to be seated  
and enjoy the Postlude!*





# BEYOND SUNDAY MORNING

## **Meet and Greet with the Pastor! | Today | 11:15 am**

If you are new to this church, there is a special opportunity for you! This Sunday, April 14, immediately following worship, you are invited to join Pastor Donna in the church library for a chance to get acquainted and learn a little bit about Edmonds United Methodist Church.

## **Fellowship with First African Methodist Episcopal Church of Seattle (FAME)**

On Sunday, April 21, we are invited to First AME Church of Seattle (1522 14th Avenue in Seattle) at 3:00 pm for a time of worship and fellowship! Pastor Donna will be preaching! We want 100 members from EUMC to be there to support Pastor Donna and to engage in this new relationship with fellow Methodists. We will return the favor the afternoon of May 19 at 3:00 pm when we'll be honored to host members from FAME and hear Rev. Dr. Carey G. Anderson, Senior Pastor preach here at our church. He will be joined by their Praise Choir.

## **All Church Baby Shower**

Beginning this Sunday, April 14th please support women and their infants who are living in homeless shelters and in transitional housing by bringing items to put in the play pen in the Wesley Room. Items needed are baby formula, diapers, baby wipes, pacifiers, toys and games, and women's products such as shampoo, body wash, deodorant, etc. A complete list of items can be found next to the play pen.

Hosted by Women Golfing with God, these donations can be made through May 5th to be distributed by Mother's Day. Thank you for your generosity in supporting women who are facing challenging times.

## **"Following Jesus into our Common Humanity" Workshop | April 25 | Trinity Lutheran | 7:00 pm**

Join with congregants from community-wide churches at Trinity Lutheran Church

on Thursday, April 25, 7:00 pm - 8:30 pm for a special workshop, "Following Jesus into our Common Humanity", led by the Rev. Terry Killo. Living in bubbles, isolated from each other, dangerously divided, we will explore our unique power and responsibility, as people of faith, for building bridges. As we connect with people of other faith traditions, we discover a strength that will bring hope to the whole community. Only together can we build the future we long for, as we seek to be faithful to Jesus. "Go and Do, likewise"

## **Celebration of Life at EUMC | May 11 | 1:00 pm**

There will be a Celebration of Life for Shannon Marie Heitritter on Saturday, May 11 at 1:00 pm. It will be held in the Sancturay at EUMC. Shannon is the daughter of Ron & Lynn Heitritter and all are welcome to attend.

## **Sacred Prayer Area**

There is a partitioned prayer corner in our chapel, a quiet place where anyone is welcome to pray and reflect in private. It is available throughout the week when EUMC is open, including before and after church services on Sundays, and during office hours, Monday - Thursday, 9:00 am to 4:00 pm.

## **Welcome Desk: Be an Integral part of EUMC**

Are you looking for a simple way to serve? Do you enjoy welcoming newcomers to church? The Welcoming Team is looking for men and women to staff the Welcome Desk before and after worship on Sundays mornings. You would only be asked to do this once every couple of months for 15 minutes before worship and 15 minutes after worship. It is a real delight to meet first time visitors and a delight to the visitors to be greeted at the Welcome Desk. If you would like to join our team, and we hope you will, please sign up at the Welcome Desk on Sunday mornings or contact Claudia Carr at [hecjarr3@outlook.com](mailto:hecjarr3@outlook.com).

## **Seeking ESL Volunteers**

Edmonds Community College is in great need of volunteers to help new immigrants in their English Language Acquisition program improve their English skills in both speaking and literacy. Classes are often large (~32 students per session, even in Level 1), and can consist of students representing as many as 15 separate languages per class. The challenge for teachers is that they cannot provide one-on-one help for each student that needs it, and they must rely on volunteers to help both in the classroom and outside of class. Classes meet for 2 hours at a time, at 7:30 am, 9:30 am 11:30 am and 7:30 pm. If you can help, please contact Marlene Lund at marlenelund2@gmail.com.

## **Vacation Bible School - Registration is open!**

VBS dates are August 5-9, 2024, from 9:00 am - 12:00 pm. Come join us for Camp Firelight: A Day Camp Adventure with God, exploring the ways God walks beside us with intention, wisdom, peace, and joy! Register online through our website at [www.edmondsumc.org](http://www.edmondsumc.org).

## **Trans Group - Youth 13-17**

Are you interested in hanging out with other people who just get it? EUMC is hoping to create a fun and authentic atmosphere for transgender and non-binary youth from our community and beyond, ages 13-17. Email Karin Johnson, Director of Family Ministries, if interested to know more, [karinj@edmondsumc.org](mailto:karinj@edmondsumc.org).

## **Youth Mentors Needed!**

There is still a need - we're looking to grow the village of people who are pouring into our youth! Consider joining us as a youth mentor, an intentional pairing centered around both formal and informal moments of connection. Reach out to our Director of Family Ministries, Karin Johnson, at [karinj@edmondsumc.org](mailto:karinj@edmondsumc.org) for more information and help support our cherished youth!

## **Introduction to Lay Servant Ministries: The Basic Course**

The "Introduction to Lay Servant Ministry: The BASIC Course" is the foundational course for Lay Servant Ministries. This is the gateway course for those who are called to be Certified Lay Servants, Lay Speakers, and Lay Ministers. And can also be part of a person's discipleship plan to acquaint you with their gifts, calling, and responsibilities as followers of Christ. This course will be offered over five two-hour sessions on Zoom on April 2, 9, 16, 23, and 30, from 6:30 pm to 8:30 pm/PST. For more information and/or to register please visit: <https://gnw-reg.brtaapp.com/LayServantMinistriesBasicCourse72>

## **DREAM the Women's Retreat, Last Chance!**

Today is the last chance to register in person for the upcoming Women's Retreat. Women from 13 - 113 (and those female identifying) are invited to gather May 3 - 5 at Warm Beach Camp in Stanwood. Karen Gardner will be guiding us, as together, we explore the idea of "Waking Up to God". Warm Beach is a lovely venue, with comfortable rooms, paved level paths throughout the main area of camp, trails to hike, a beautiful chapel, a swimming pool, and so much more. Registration includes all weekend programs, most activities, 6 delicious meals, and comfortable lodging. Don't let the DREAM pass you by.

## LEADING IN WORSHIP TODAY

### **Pastor**

Rev. Donna Pritchard

### **Lay Liturgist**

Marta Card

### **Director of Family Ministries**

Karin Johnson

### **Director of Music & Worship**

David Hendrix

### **Musicians**

Jesse Erickson

Will Mapp

Kelsey Mines

Danielle Reutter-Harrah

### **Scripture Reader**

Floyd Barker

### **Media Team**

Corey Eriksen

Kevin Lynch

Ken Pickle

### **Umbrella Greeters**

Bob Swerk

### **Ushers**

Steve Black

Deb Hawley

Paul Hawley

### **Altar Flowers**

Virginia Lowe

### **Coffee Hour**

Mark Sutton

Tamara Sutton

## IN OUR THOUGHTS & PRAYERS

### **Those with health & prayer concerns:**

June White

Kirk Jones and wife Ann Newman

Roy Chapel and wife Carolyn

Loretta Erickson

Kristopher Johnson

Deborah Lester's brother-in-law Bill

Pat Beaudry

Millie Fowler

Pat Nagourney

Bob Dixon

Judson Samuel

Beth Lanie and husband Howard

Mary and Ivan Morrison's extended family

Members

Lynda Gucker

Eileen Aagard

Darryl Berg's mother, Vi Barcus

### **Those experiencing loss:**

Ron & Lynn Heitritter & family, on the loss of their daughter Shannon

Charles Townsend on the loss of his brother John

Mary Morrison's brother, Gordon, on the loss of his wife Cathy

Friends and family of Avila Arcala

Friends and family of Fran Smith

Linda Berg, on the loss of her sister, Debbie

The family of Betty Gabor, especially her niece Brenda on Betty's passing



Edmonds United Methodist Church is committed to cultivating an anti-racist, decolonized, contemplative, beloved community grounded in the way of Jesus. We are proud to be a Reconciling Congregation, affirming of all LGBTQIA+ people.

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