

The flowers on the altar today are given in loving memory of Nancy Lovell, Jenny Chapman's mother, by The Chapman Family.

Large print bulletins, hearing assist devices, and children's coloring pages are available. Please ask an usher.

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Eastern Parkway United Methodist Church



A warm welcome to each worshipper today. We celebrate you and offer you our friendship and love. We are a congregation of people who seek to grow spiritually, to become more like Christ in His compassion and acceptance of everyone while growing more aware of what it really means to be Christians today.

As a Reconciling Congregation, EPUMC affirms the sacred worth of persons of all sexual orientations and gender identities and welcomes them into full participation in the fellowship, membership, ministries, and leadership of the congregation.

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Welcome to Eastern Parkway
United Methodist Church
July 15, 2018
10:00 a.m.

**You are invited to stand if it is right for you.*

Welcome

Announcements

Prelude

Mission Statement

We are a faith community striving to be, to nurture, and to send forth disciples of Jesus Christ.

Centering

Isaac Bashevis Singer

What nature delivers to us is never stale.
Because what nature creates has eternity in it.

*Hymn

Many and Great, O God

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Invitation to Worship

Leader: The work of the Creator is visible.

People: Let us respond with praise.

Leader: The example of Jesus is apparent.

People: Let us respond with obedience.

Leader: The wind of the Spirit is blowing.

People: Let us respond with joy.

Leader: The word of God is calling.

All: Let us worship in spirit and truth.

Prayer: **Loving God, we recognize and welcome your presence in our lives this day. We are humbled by your love and are encouraged to love others as you love us. We faithfully believe that your will for our lives is reflected in the Jesus teachings. O God, grant us the courage on this day and in all the days to come to follow his teachings. Amen.**

Silent Prayer

Hear us now as we join in prayer saying, **Indwelling God, infused throughout all existence, we honor you with many names. Your realm is within the human heart. We accept life for all that it can be, on earth as throughout all creation. May we continue to draw sustenance from this earth, and may we receive forgiveness equal to our own. May we ever move from separation toward union, to live in grace, with love in our hearts, forever and ever. Amen.**

*Hymn *Wild and Lone the Prophet's Voice* #2089 (spiral book)

Words of Invitation

Offertory

*Doxology

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*Prayer of Dedication

Hebrew Bible Lesson

Psalm 24

Time with Young People

Young People's Collection

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Prayer Requests

Pastoral Prayer

Jesus in your love, we present our prayers.

*Hymn

Lord, Listen to Your Children

#2207 (spiral book)

New Testament Lesson

Ephesians 1:3-14

Message

An Intention of Our Making

*Hymn

The Gift of Love

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Benediction

Postlude