

Welcome to Eastern Parkway
United Methodist Church
February 3, 2019
10:00 a.m.

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

Welcome

Announcements

Prelude *In Christ There is No East or West* Burleigh, arr. J. Wayne Kerr

Mission Statement

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

Centering

Kailash Satyarthi

The power of youth is the common wealth for the entire world. The faces of young people are the faces of our past, our present and our future. No segment in the society can match with the power, idealism, enthusiasm and courage of the young people.

*Hymn *Where Children Belong* #2233 (spiral book)

Invitation to Worship

Live By Faith Led by the Youth Choir

Prayer: **Dear God, on this Confirmation Sunday, we are especially thankful for our youth. Thank you for their energy, their willingness to lead us in worship this morning, their creativity, their honesty, and how they help us to see the world from their perspective. We pray your blessings to be upon them this morning, upon young people the world over. Remind each of them that they have been created in your image. Your likeness is embedded within their very souls. You have given each of them a purpose. You have given them everything they need to reach their fullest potential. In the spirit of Jesus we pray. Amen.**

Prayer: Silent Prayer

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Do all in your power to increase their faith, confirm their hope, and perfect them in love.

Josh Tibbitts, Kaitlyn Gerstler, Evan Nabors, Kelsey Gerstler, Luke Tibbitts, Joslyn Trumpler, and Jack Wheeler, we give thanks for all God has already given you and we welcome you in Christian love. We welcome you as confirmed members of Eastern Parkway United Church, and as confirmed members of United Methodism's global church family.

Congregation: **As members of this church family, we will encourage you and one another to follow the Jesus teachings. We renew our covenant faithfully to participate in the ministries of the Church by our prayers, our presence, our gifts, our service to the Jesus teachings. Amen.**

Presentation from Lay Leadership

An Invitation to All

We invite confirmands, family members, and visiting friends to lead.

Holy Communion

Pastor: Lift up your hearts.

People: We lift them up to God.

Pastor: Let us give thanks to God.

People: It is proper and good for us always and everywhere to give you thanks, our God.

Pastor: Jesus gathered with his disciples and broke bread. He broke the bread and said, "take, eat, this my body." Jesus took the wine and said, "take, drink, this is my blood. Do this often in remembrance of me." Gracious God send now your spirit to fill this bread and wine that we eat and drink to become more like Jesus.

All: We will eat and drink the bread and wine to nourish our bodies as we travel the path of Christian discipleship. Amen.

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Sharing the Elements

*Hymn *Child of Blessing, Child of Promise* #611

*Benediction

Postlude *In the Cold Moonlight* H. T. Burleigh

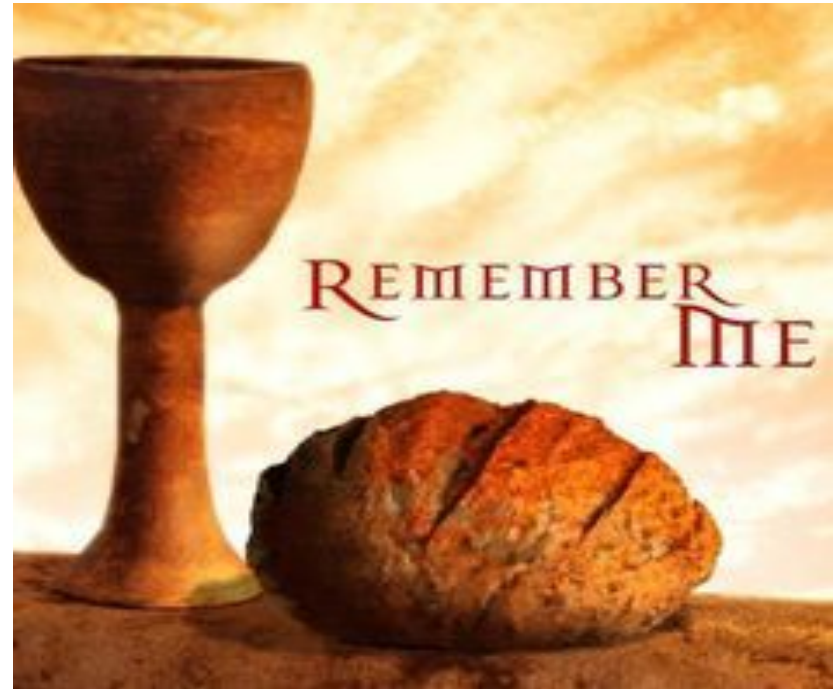
Please join us for a time of fellowship today, in celebration of our confirmands, in the Narthex following worship.

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

Staff

Betsy Lehmann	Music Director
Joe White	Custodian
Jenny Chapman	Administrative Assistant
Mark Ledbetter	Pastor

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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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