

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

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

Welcome

Announcements

Prelude *Allemande* J. S. Bach

Mission Statement

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

Centering Howard Zinn

*To be hopeful in bad times is not just foolishly romantic. It is based on the fact that human history is a history not only of cruelty, but also of compassion, sacrifice, courage, kindness. What we choose to emphasize in this complex history will determine our lives. If we see only the worst, it destroys our capacity to do something, if we remember those times and places – and there are so many – where people have behaved magnificently, this gives us the energy to act, and at least the possibility of sending this spinning top of a world in a different direction.*

\*Hymn *Holy, Holy, Holy!* #64

Invitation to Worship

Leader: Blessed are the poor in spirit, the downtrodden and despairing,

**People: They will rejoice in God's reign forever.**

Leader: Blessed are those who mourn, who are grieving

**People: They will be comforted in God's reign forever.**

Leader: Blessed are the ones who seek justice and righteousness

**People: They will find it in God's reign forever.**

Leader: Blessed are we when we love our neighbors and seek their needs

**People: We will live in God's reign forever.**

Leader: Blessed are we all when we seek to serve others in God's name.

**All: Let us worship together, serving God and our neighbor. Amen.**

Prayer: **Loving God, we thank you for calling us by name. In you we live and move and grow. We pray for everyone throughout the world. Remind us of our common foundation as we live the Jesus teachings. May we grow together in faith and in love, until we attain that unity which is your will. Bind us together in your love, for the Jesus story. Make us a dwelling place of the Jesus 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 *Great is Thy Faithfulness* #140

Words of Invitation

Offertory *The King of Love My Shepherd Is* David Johnson,  
arr.

Chancel Choir

\*Doxology

\*Prayer of Dedication #94

Anthem *Follow Me to Jordan* Jay Althouse  
Chancel Choir

Hebrew Bible Lesson Psalm 138

Mission Message Beth Van Buren, TOMVO

Time with Young People

Young People's Collection Sock Project

Pastoral Prayer

\*Hymn                      *Celebrate Love*      #2073 (spiral book)

New Testament Lesson      Luke 5. 1-11

Message                      *Summertime, Swimming Pools, Popsicles, and  
That High Dive at the Deep End of the Pool*

\*Hymn                      *Now Thank We All Our God*      #102

Benediction

Postlude                      *Come, Thou Font of Every Blessing*      L. Shackley

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Please join us for a time of fellowship today in the Narthex following worship. Thanks to Carol Haack and Ann Jackson for providing refreshments.

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

# *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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