

Welcome to Eastern Parkway
United Methodist Church
May 12, 2019
10:00 a.m.

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

Welcome

Announcements

Prelude *Adoration* Florence Price

Mission Statement

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

Centering Wendell Berry

*When despair for the world grows in me
and I wake in the night at the least sound
in fear of what my life and my children's lives may be,
I go and lie down where the wood drake
rests in his beauty on the water, and the great heron feeds.
I come into the peace of wild things
who do not tax their lives with forethought
of grief. I come into the presence of still water.
And I feel above me the day-blind stars
waiting with their light. For a time
I rest in the grace of the world, and am free.*

“The Peace of Wild Things”

*Hymn *I Am Thine, O Lord* #419

Invitation to Worship

Leader: Grant us, Lord God, a vision of your world as your love would have it:

People: a world where the weak are protected, and none go hungry or poor;

Leader: a world where the riches of creation are shared, and everyone can enjoy them;

People: a world where different races and cultures live in harmony and mutual respect;

Leader: a world where peace is built with justice, and justice is guided by love.

All: Give us the inspiration and courage to build it. In the spirit of Jesus we pray. Amen.

Prayer: **Gracious God, you have given all peoples one common origin, and your will is to gather us as one family in yourself. Fill the hearts of all with your love and the desire to ensure justice for all our siblings. By sharing the good things you give us, may we secure justice and equality for every human being, and a human society built on love and peace. We ask these things as followers 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 *You Are Mine* #2218**

Words of Invitation

Offertory *In A Mother's Heart* Thomas Keesecker
Chancel Choir
Morgan Tibbitts, cello

*Doxology #94

*Prayer of Dedication

Hebrew Bible Lesson Psalm 23

Time with Young People

Young People's Collection Sock Project

Pastoral Prayer

*Hymn *Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us* #381

New Testament Lesson John 10. 22-29

Message *There's No Suspense*

*Hymn *They'll Know We are Christians By Our Love* #2223**

Benediction

Postlude *Variations on a Theme of Robert Schumann, op. 20*
Clara Schumann

** Spiral Hymnbook

The flowers on the altar today are given in loving memory of their father, Gordon Carter, by Diana, Bruce, Allen and Grace Carter.

Please join us for a time of fellowship today in the Narthex following worship. Many thanks to Alicia and Andy LeGere for providing the refreshments.

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

Staff

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| 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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