

**What we
look like
doesn't count
an ounce~
we have lots
in common
where it really
counts.**



Sunday Worship
Edmonds United Methodist Church

May 4, 2008~Seventh Sunday of Eastertide

- The prelude is intended to lead us into worship.*
- Please complete attendance registration cards and prayer request cards to be passed on during the opening hymn.*
- Please silence cell phones and pagers.*

Prelude

Performed by Mackenzie Alvarez

We Gather for Worship

Greeting~Pastor Kathlyn James

Music for Centering

"My Faith Will Stay." Words and Music by Cheri Keaggy. Arranged by Rob Howard. Soul Singers. Sara Thornton and Thomas McLellan, soloists. Stephen Marshall-Ward, Director.

Call to Worship

Child: Come, let us gather in the awareness of God's love.

People: **God's love has made us more alike than different and when we see more clearly the many ways we are alike, the differences do not seem to matter anymore.**

Child: God call's us each by name, and says "You are my child. I love you."

People: **Let us praise this God of limitless love for each and every one of us!**

*Opening Hymn

"I Love You, Lord." The Faith We Sing (TFWS) 2068

**I love You, Lord, and I lift my voice to worship You, O my soul rejoice!
Take joy, my King, in what You hear: May it be a sweet,
sweet sound in Your ear. (sing twice)**

✠ *Please pass your completed prayer requests & attendance forms to the aisles, to be collected by our ushers during this hymn.*

*Opening Prayer

Leader: Let us remain standing and pray together:

All: **Most loving God, you look down from heaven; and see all the inhabitants of this earth that Your hands have created, and you call them all good. You who have fashioned the hearts of us all, and observe all our deeds. Help us dear Lord, recognize your steadfast love, that is upon us, even as we hope in you. Through the power of your Holy Spirit, O God, grant us the assurance of your love. Teach us how to live out your forgiveness in our lives. Help us build, in this place, a community where forgiveness is possible, and your love is made. Amen**

Anthem

"Lots in Common." From the 1973 film "Charlotte's Web." Composed by Robert and Richard Sherman. Angels Alive. Jene Sanders, Director. Laura Martin, Accompanist. Carly Meyers, Student Director.

Celebrating & Tending Our Church Family

A skit from "Charlotte's Web."

*Passing the Peace

Pastor: The peace of Jesus Christ be with you all,

People: **and also with you.**

Pastor: Let us stand and greet one another with signs of friendship and love.

✠ *Please greet the people around you with a handshake or a hug. You may want to use the traditional words, "Peace be with you" to which the response is "and also with you."*

We Proclaim the Word

Anthem

"Ordinary Miracles." Words and Music by Glen Ballard and Dave Stewart. Arranged by Audrey Snyder. Hallelujah Blues Choir. Stephen Marshall-Ward, Director.

***Scripture Reading: John 15:12-13**

Reader: This is the Gospel of our Lord.

People: Praise to you, Christ Jesus!

***Hymn**

“Grace Alone.” #2162 TFWS

Ev’ry promise we can make, Ev’ry prayer and step of faith,
Ev’ry difference we will make, Is only by His grace.

Ev’ry mountain we will climb; Ev’ry ray of hope we shine;
Ev’ry blessing left behind, Is only by His grace.

(refrain) Grace alone which God supplies, Strength unknown
He will provide. Christ in us our Cornerstone,
We will go forth in grace alone.

Ev’ry soul we long to reach, Ev’ry heart we hope to teach,
Ev’rywhere we share His peace, Is only by His grace.

Ev’ry loving word we say, Ev’ry tear we wipe away,
Ev’ry sorrow turned to praise, Is only by His grace. *(refrain)*

Prayer of Preparation: Psalm 19: 14

Leader: May the words of my mouth,

People: and the meditation of our hearts

All: be acceptable in your sight, O God, our Rock
and our Redeemer. Amen.

Sermon

Three Themes from “Charlotte’s Web.”

Elizabeth Dunne; Rachel Larson; Andrew Meyers-Martin

We Respond to the Word

Silent Meditation

Danced Response

Song: “Lots in Common.” By Robert & Richard Sherman. Danced by our own EUMC Sunday School students. Choreographed by Kyra McCoy

Offering Our Gifts

Offertory

“Thy Word.” Amy Grant & Michael W. Smith. Arr. by Mark Hayes.
Stephen Marshall-Ward, pianist.

***Doxology**

“Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow.” #94

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
praise God, all creatures here below: Alleluia! Alleluia!
Praise God, the source of all our gifts!
Praise Jesus Christ, whose power uplifts!
Praise the Spirit, Holy Spirit! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

***Prayer of Dedication**~Pastor Serena Sullivan

We Share in Communion

Call to Communion

“Jesus Loves Me.” #191

Jesus loves me! This I know, for the Bible tells me so.
Little ones to him belong; they are weak, but he is strong.

(refrain) Yes, Jesus loves me! Yes, Jesus loves me!
Yes, Jesus loves me! The Bible tells me so.

Jesus loves me! This I know, as he loved so long ago,
taking children on his knee, saying, "let them come to me." *(refrain)*

Jesus loves me still today, walking with me on my way,
wanting as a friend to give light and love to all who live. *(refrain)*

The Great Thanksgiving~Pastors Kathlyn James and Marta Schellberg

The Lord's Prayer

All: Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name.
Thy kingdom come, thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread; And forgive us our trespasses
As we forgive those who trespass against us.
And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil,
For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever.
Amen.

Sharing the Bread and Cup

*Serving Communion today are Cub Scouts who are earning their "God & Me" badge:
Preston Aikens, Ryan Dunne and Colin Scheil.*

All Christians are invited to receive Communion in our church.

If you cannot come forward, inform an usher, and you will be served at your seat.

Communion will be served by intinction. Take the bread as it is offered to you, dip it into the cup and eat.

Music During Communion

"Let Us Break Bread Together." #618

Let us break bread together on our knees, (on our knees)
Let us break bread together on our knees, (on our knees)
When I fall on my knees with my face to the rising sun,
O Lord, have mercy on me. (on me)

Let us drink wine together on our knees, (on our knees)
Let us drink wine together on our knees, (on our knees)
When I fall on my knees with my face to the rising sun,
O Lord, have mercy on me. (on me)

Let us praise God together on our knees, (on our knees)
Let us praise God together on our knees, (on our knees)
When I fall on my knees with my face to the rising sun,
O Lord, have mercy on me. (on me)

Piano Solo Music~Stephen Marshall-Ward

"Tell Me the Stories of Jesus." #277

Tell me the stories of Jesus I love to hear;
things I would ask him to tell me if he were here:
scenes by the wayside, tales of the sea, stories of Jesus,
tell them to me.

First let me hear how the children stood round his knee,
and I shall fancy his blessing resting on me; words full of kindness,
deeds full of grace, all in the lovelight of Jesus' face.

Into the city I'd follow the children's band, waving a branch of the palm tree high in my hand; one of his heralds, yes, I would sing loudest hosannas, "Jesus is King!"

We Go Forth to Serve

"Beyond Sunday Morning"~Pastor Marta Schellberg

*Hymn

"Here I am, Lord." # 593

I, the Lord of sea and sky, I have heard my people cry.
All who dwell in dark and sin my hand will save.
I who made the stars of night, I will make their darkness bright.
Who will bear my light to them? Whom shall I send?

(refrain) Here I am, Lord. Is it I, Lord?
I have heard you calling in the night.
I will go, Lord, if you lead me.
I will hold your people in my heart.

I, the Lord of snow and rain, I have borne my people's pain
I have wept for love of them. They turn away.
I will break their hearts of stone, give them hearts for love alone.
I will speak my word to them. Whom shall I send? *(refrain)*

*Benediction

*Hymn

I, the Lord of wind and flame, I will tend the poor and lame,
I will set a feast for them. My hand will save.
Finest bread I will provide till their hearts be satisfied.
I will give my life to them. Whom shall I send? *(refrain)*

Postlude

"Amazing Grace." Traditional American Melody. Arr. by Brent Olstad.
Stephen Marshall-Ward, pianist.

..... *You are Invited to Pray*

Through prayer the Holy Spirit testifies with our spirit that we are God's children. The Holy Spirit enables our prayers. "Likewise the Spirit helps us with our weakness; for we do not know how to pray as we ought, but that very Spirit intercedes with sighs too deep for words." (Romans 8:26)

Prayers of Joy

- *For the gifts and faithful ministry of this faith family*
- *For healing in the lives of loved ones*

Prayers of Concern

For those with health concerns:
For those experiencing grief:

A simple prayer you could use:

*Loving and healing God, Restore every member of our congregation.
If they are worried, bring them peace. If they are broken, mend their spirits.
If they are sick or infirm, cure their bodies and Renew their strength.
If they are disconnected from family and friends, Themselves, or even us,*

reunite them with the Community that cares for them.

Let us be present with them and they with us, so That we might all experience your grace and healing. In your name we pray. Amen.

AFTER-HOURS PASTORAL CARE

One of our pastors is always available for family emergencies. If you have an emergency (accident, death) please call 206-604-7732.

RED ATTENDANCE FOLDERS

Please register your attendance by filling out the slip and passing the folder down the row. When it has reached the end of the row you may pass it back to the middle aisle. Someone on either end of the row should take out the attendance slips and hand them to the usher during the opening hymn. By filling out the attendance slips, you help us to contact new visitors and tend to our members.

SERMON TAPES/CDS

Sermon tapes and CDs are in the Library. You may sign them out any time the church Library is open. We ask that you not interrupt any meetings that may be taking place and that you only keep them for 3 days so that others may hear them.

OUR WEBSITE

On our website, you will find all sorts of useful information to keep you connected to EUMC: a copy of the weekly service bulletin; a copy of Beyond Sunday Morning; an MP3 file of the weekly sermon; a text version of Pastor Kathlyn's sermons; a copy of our bi-weekly newsletter, the Guidelights; and much, much more information about the happenings at EUMC. Updated weekly.

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Altar: Lynne Jangard

Acolytes: (9:00) Eve & Jacob Largent
(10:30) Elizabeth & Ryan Dunne

Coffee Hour Hosts: (9:00) Nanette Peppin
(10:30) Pam & Jack Roben

Front Desk: Valerie Thayer

Sound: (9:00) Ken Pickle
(10:30) A.P. Van Meter

Usher Coordinator: Preston Dickson

Head Usher: (9:00) Gerry Kelley

(10:30) Bob French

Ushers: (9:00) Marv Meidinger Hal Rowe, Thomas Horgan (10:30) Del Campbell, Charles Townsend, Shaun Gleim, Jeff Smarr

Van: Tom Young

Visitor Flowers: Nanette Peppin

Worship Logistics: Nancy Case

Today at EUMC

9:00 a.m.

Worship Service - Fellowship Hall

Nursery care for infants through age 2. All kids in worship today.

10:00 a.m.

Coffee Hour - Aldersgate Room

10:30 a.m.

Worship Service - Fellowship Hall

Nursery care for infants through age 2. All kids in worship today.

Adult Ed: "Letting go of Emotional Baggage" - Chapel

11:30 a.m.

Coffee Hour - Aldersgate Room

"County Fair" - food in Wesley room, petting zoo in room 210 (upstairs).



Following worship, someone will be available to pray with you for God's healing, direction, and wisdom in your life. You are invited to gather at the pulpit area after the service concludes.



Help us care for God's creation: please recycle your bulletin in the baskets provided at the back of the sanctuary.



If you're new this morning, we're glad you're here! Please join us for fellowship time in the Aldersgate Room, to the southwest of Fellowship Hall, after each service. If you need help with directions, ask any usher.

