

# ARISE SERVICE



**GET OUT OF THE BOAT  
SALTE DE LA BARCA**



***Sunday, September 22, 2024***



*Nursery/Preschool Sunday School is available during all services in the infant and toddler rooms. Please walk up the few stairs to the right when you enter the building through the main wooden doors. Children Sunday school is held in the Children's Ministry Room which is located to the right of the pulpit.*

### Let Us Prepare for Worship

#### Introit

**She Comes Sailing on The Wind**

Epworth Chancel Choir

#### Call to Worship

*(L- Leader / C- Congregation)*

L: Over the turbulent waves in our lives, Jesus calls us.

**C: We get so busy watching the waves, we block out Jesus' call.**

L: Look again. Jesus is calling to you.

**C: Lord, help us hear your voice.**

L: Come, place your trust in Jesus.

**C: Lord, forgive our doubts, receive our lives.**

**All: AMEN.**

Source: Ministry Matters

#### Opening Hymn

**Holy Holy Holy**

UMH #64

Holy, holy, holy! Lord God Almighty!  
Early in the morning our song shall rise to thee.  
Holy, holy, holy! Merciful and mighty,  
God in three persons, blessed Trinity!

Holy, holy, holy! All the saints adore thee,  
casting down their golden crowns around the glassy sea;  
cherubim and seraphim falling down before thee,  
which wert, and art, and evermore shalt be.

Holy, holy, holy! Though the darkness hide thee,  
though the eye of sinful man thy glory may not see,  
only thou art holy; there is none beside thee,  
perfect in power, in love and purity.

Holy, holy, holy! Lord God Almighty!  
All thy works shall praise thy name, in earth and sky and sea.  
Holy, holy, holy! Merciful and mighty,  
God in three persons, blessed Trinity.

### **Opening Prayer**

### **Scripture Reading**

#### **Exodus 4:1-13**

Then Moses answered, “Look, they won’t believe me and they won’t listen to me. Instead, they’ll say, ‘The Lord didn’t appear to you.’”

2 “What’s that in your hand?” the Lord asked him. Moses answered, “A staff.” 3 Then God said, “Throw it to the ground.” He threw it to the ground and it became a snake. Moses ran away from it. 4 Then God told Moses, “Reach out and grab its tail.” So he reached out, grabbed it, and it became a staff in his hand. 5 God said, “I’ve done this so that they may believe that the Lord God of their ancestors—the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob—has appeared to you.”

6 Again the Lord told him, “Put your hand into your bosom.” He put his hand into his bosom and as soon as he brought it out it was leprous, like snow. 7 Then God said, “Put your hand back into your bosom.” He returned it to his bosom and as soon as he brought it out, it was restored like the rest of his skin.

8 “Then if they don’t believe you and respond to the first sign, they may respond to the second sign. 9 But if they don’t believe even these two signs, and won’t listen to you, then take some water out of the Nile River and pour it on the dry ground. The water you took from the Nile River will turn into blood on the dry ground.”

10 Then Moses told the Lord, "Please, Lord, I'm not eloquent. I never was in the past nor am I now since you spoke to your servant. In fact, I talk too slowly and I have a speech impediment."

11 Then God asked him, "Who gives a person a mouth? Who makes him unable to speak, or deaf, or able to see, or blind, or lame? Is it not I, the Lord? 12 Now, go! I myself will help you with your speech, and I'll teach you what you are to say."

13 Moses said, "Please, Lord, send somebody else."

## Psalm 19

The heavens declare the glory of God;  
the skies proclaim the work of his hands.

2 Day after day they pour forth speech;  
night after night they reveal knowledge.

3 They have no speech, they use no words;  
no sound is heard from them.

4 Yet their voice goes out into all the earth,  
their words to the ends of the world.

In the heavens God has pitched a tent for the sun.

5 It is like a bridegroom coming out of his chamber,  
like a champion rejoicing to run his course.

6 It rises at one end of the heavens  
and makes its circuit to the other;  
nothing is deprived of its warmth.

7 The law of the Lord is perfect,  
refreshing the soul.

The statutes of the Lord are trustworthy,  
making wise the simple.

8 The precepts of the Lord are right,  
giving joy to the heart.

The commands of the Lord are radiant,  
giving light to the eyes.

9 The fear of the Lord is pure,  
enduring forever.

The decrees of the Lord are firm,  
and all of them are righteous.

10 They are more precious than gold,  
than much pure gold;  
they are sweeter than honey,  
than honey from the honeycomb.

11 By them your servant is warned;  
in keeping them there is great reward.

12 But who can discern their own errors?  
Forgive my hidden faults.

13 Keep your servant also from willful sins;  
may they not rule over me.

Then I will be blameless,  
innocent of great transgression.

14 May these words of my mouth and this meditation of my heart  
be pleasing in your sight,  
Lord, my Rock and my Redeemer.

### **Song of Preparation**

#### **Softly and Tenderly Jesus Is Calling**

By: Will L. Thompson

Arr. Tom Porter

Epworth Chancel Choir

### **Scripture Reading**

**Matthew 14:26-32**

26 When the disciples saw him walking on the lake, they were terrified. "It's a ghost," they said, and cried out in fear. 27 But Jesus immediately said to them: "Take courage! It is I. Don't be afraid." 28 "Lord, if it's you," Peter replied, "tell me to come to you on the water" 29 "Come," he said. Then Peter got down out of the boat, walked on the water and came toward Jesus. 30 But when he saw the wind, he was afraid and,

beginning to sink, cried out, "Lord, save me!" 31 Immediately Jesus reached out his hand and caught him. "You of little faith," he said, "why did you doubt?" 32 And when they climbed into the boat, the wind died down. 33 Then those who were in the boat worshiped him, saying, "Truly you are the Son of God."

## **Prayer of Preparation**

### **Sermon**

#### **Reach Out; Take the First Step**

Rev. Jennifer Fenner

### **Hymn of Response**

#### **We Walk By Faith**

TFWS #2196

We walk by faith, and not by sight;  
with gracious words we hear  
of him who spoke as none e'er spoke,  
but we believe him near.

We may not touch his hands and side,  
nor follow where he trod;  
yet in his promise we rejoice,  
and cry, "My Lord and God!"

Help then, O Lord, our unbelief,  
and may our faith abound;  
to call on you when you are near,  
and seek where you are found:

That when our life of faith is done  
in realms of clearer light  
may we behold you as you are,  
in full and endless sight.

We walk by faith, and not by sight;

with gracious words we hear  
of him who spoke as none e'er spoke,  
but we believe him near.

## **Pastoral Prayer**

## **Invitation to Receive The Offering**

## **Offering Song**

## **Presentation Of The Offering with Doxology**

**Praise God, From Whom All Blessings Flow (Doxology)**

**UMH #95**

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;  
Praise Him, all creatures here below;  
Praise Him above, ye heav'nly host;  
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

## **Welcoming of Visitors and Invitation to Review Announcements**

## **Closing Hymn**

**He Leadeth Me: O Blessed Thought**

**UMH 128**

He leadeth me: O blessed thought!  
O words with heavenly comfort fraught!  
Whate'er I do, where'er I be,  
still 'tis God's hand that leadeth me.

Refrain:

He leadeth me, he leadeth me,  
by his own hand he leadeth me;  
his faithful follower I would be,  
for by his hand he leadeth me.

Sometimes mid scenes of deepest gloom,  
sometimes where Eden's bowers bloom,  
by waters still, o'er troubled sea,



still 'tis his hand that leadeth me. [Refrain]

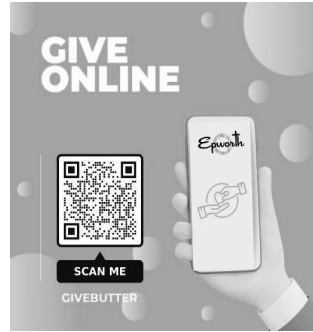
Lord, I would place my hand in thine,  
nor ever murmur nor repine;  
content, whatever lot I see,  
since 'tis my God that leadeth me. [Refrain]

And when my task on earth is done,  
when by thy grace the victory's won,  
e'en death's cold wave I will not flee,  
since God through Jordan leadeth me. [Refrain]

**Benediction Prayer and Dismissal with Blessing**

*Following the service please join us for coffee & conversation in the lounge. (Upstairs, turn left and down the hallway).  
Join us and meet some new friends & familiar faces.*





---

# Eblast Signup

SCAN THE QR CODE TO GET  
SIGNED UP FOR OUR  
WEEKLY EBLAST  
NEWSLETTER

---





**Epworth Vision: *To be a church of the community that invites, connects, disciples, and sends out people for Christ; passionately partnering with the Holy Spirit in the transformation of hearts, lives, and communities.***

*I have come to invite people to change their hearts and lives*  
Luke 5:32



BE TRANSFORMED | SEA TRANSFORMADO

9008 Rosemont Drive  
Gaithersburg, Maryland 20877  
301.926.0424 | 301.264.7767 en Español  
[www.epworthunited.org](http://www.epworthunited.org)