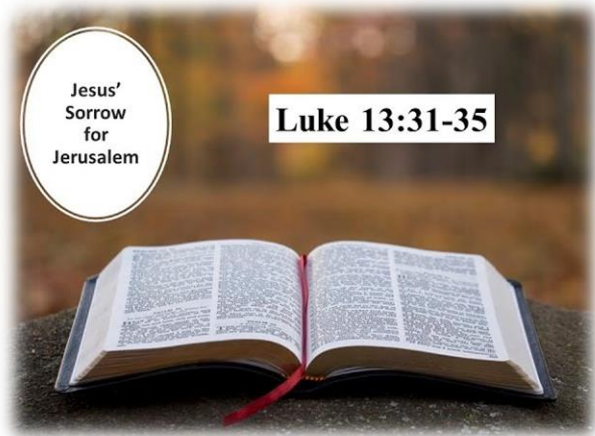


Epworth United Methodist Church  
Pastor Paul (ByungHwoon) Lee

**February 25, 2023**  
**2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday in Lent**

**OPEN HEARTS, OPEN MINDS, OPEN DOORS**



### CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: God is Good

**People: All the time.**

Leader: All the time.

**People: God is good to everyone!**

**HYMN:** "Spirit Song" pg. 347

**ANNOUNCEMENTS – JOYS and CONCERNS**

**PERSONAL PRAYERS IN SILENCE**

**PASTORAL PRAYER**

**LORD'S PRAYER:**

**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.**

**HYMN:** "Beneath the Cross of Jesus" pg. 297

**SCRIPTURE: Luke 13:31-35** <sup>31</sup> At that very hour some Pharisees came and said to him, "Get away from here, for Herod wants to kill you." <sup>32</sup> He said to them, "Go and tell that fox for me, 'Listen, I am casting out demons and performing cures today and tomorrow, and on the third day I finish my work.' <sup>33</sup> Yet today, tomorrow, and the next day I must be on my way, because it is impossible for a prophet to be killed outside of Jerusa-

lem.' <sup>34</sup> Jerusalem, Jerusalem, the city that kills the prophets and stones those who are sent to it! How often have I desired to gather your children together as a hen gathers her brood under her wings, and you were not willing! <sup>35</sup> See, your house is left to you. And I tell you, you will not see me until the time comes when you say, 'Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord.' "

Liturgist: Hear what the Spirit is saying to the church.

**People: Thanks be to God**

**SPECIAL MUSIC:** Albia Sindihabura

**SERMON:** "Towards Failure!" Pastor Paul

**DOXOLOGY** pg. 95

**PRAYER OF DEDICATION:**

**O God, in your realm none is to be hungry or outcast, exploited or lonely. May these gifts and our labors of love in Christ's name bring more of heaven to earth. Bless and use our offering according to this high purpose, we pray. Amen.**

**HYMN:** "Where He Leads Me" pg. 338

**BENEDICTION:**

May God the Father bless you, God the Son heal you, God the Holy Spirit give you strength. May God the holy and undivided Trinity guard your body, save your soul, and bring you safely to his heavenly country, where He lives and reigns forever and ever.

**TITHES AND OFFERING:**

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**POSTLUDE**

**Our presence: Church membership 156**  
**Last Sunday: 19**

### Calendar of Events

Sunday	<b>Adult Sunday School</b>	<b>9:15 am</b>
	<b>Fellowship</b>	<b>10:15 am</b>
	<b>Traditional Worship</b>	<b>10:45 am</b>
Tuesday	Community Supper	5:30 - 6:30 pm
Saturdays	SAI Free Lunch	11 am - 12:30 pm

