



Sunday, April 5th 2026
Easter Sunday

Welcome and Invitations

Rev. Steve Taylor

***Call to Worship:**

Rev. Steve Taylor

Easter people, Christ is risen! God is doing a new thing!

Hallelujah! Christ is risen!

Life has conquered death! Love has overcome fear!

Hallelujah! Christ is risen!

God has transformed a dead end into a new start!

Hallelujah! Christ is risen!

Easter people, raise your voices! Christ is risen!

Christ is risen indeed! Hallelujah!

***Hymn of Praise:**

UMH 302

Christ the Lord is Risen Today

Prayers of the People/Pastoral Prayer

Rev. Steve Taylor

***Songs of Praise**

Praise Band

New Creation
In Christ Alone

*** Offering/Offertory**

Rev. Steve Taylor
Women's Ensemble

Crown Him (So Beautiful)

***Doxology**

UMH 94

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;

Praise God, all creatures here below;

Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!



**Praise God, the source of all our gifts!
Praise Jesus Christ, whose power uplifts!
Praise the Spirit, Holy Spirit!
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!**

*Scripture:	Matthew 28: 1-10 (NIV)	Rev. Steve Taylor
*Children's Moment		Rev. Steve Taylor
*Sermon	<i>The Day of Glory</i>	Rev. Steve Taylor
*Pastoral Prayer		Rev. Steve Taylor

Service of the Word and Table

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them up to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

It is right, and a good and joyful thing,

always and everywhere to give thanks to you,

Father Almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

You formed us in your image and breathed into us the breath of life.

When we turned away, and our love failed, your love remained steadfast.

You delivered us from captivity, made covenant to be our sovereign God, and spoke to us through the prophets.

And so, with your people on earth and all the company of heaven we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory.**

Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest.

Holy are you, and blessed is your Son Jesus Christ.

Your Spirit anointed him to preach good news to the poor,



*to proclaim release to the captives and recovering of sight to the blind,
to set at liberty those who are oppressed, and to announce that the time had come
when you would save your people.*

He healed the sick, fed the hungry, and ate with sinners.

*By the baptism of his suffering, death, and resurrection
you gave birth to your Church, delivered us from slavery to sin and death,
and made with us a new covenant by water and the Spirit.*

*When the Lord Jesus ascended, he promised to be with us always,
in the power of your Word and Holy Spirit.*

*On the night in which he gave himself up for us,
he took bread, gave thanks to you, broke the bread,
gave it to his disciples, and said:*

*"Take, eat; this is my body which is given for you.
Do this in remembrance of me."*

*When the supper was over, he took the cup,
gave thanks to you, gave it to his disciples, and said:*

*"Drink from this, all of you;
this is my blood of the new covenant,
poured out for you and for many
for the forgiveness of sins.*

*Do this, as often as you drink it,
in remembrance of me."*

*And so, in remembrance of these your mighty acts in Jesus Christ,
we offer ourselves in praise and thanksgiving
as a holy and living sacrifice,
in union with Christ's offering for us,
as we proclaim the mystery of faith.*

Christ has died; Christ is risen; Christ will come again.

*Pour out your Holy Spirit on us gathered here,
and on these gifts of bread and wine.*

*Make them be for us the body and blood of Christ,
that we may be for the world the body of Christ,
redeemed by his blood.*

*By your Spirit make us one with Christ,
one with each other, and one in ministry to all the world,
until Christ comes in final victory and we feast at his heavenly banquet. Through your Son Jesus
Christ, with the Holy Spirit in your holy Church, all honor and glory is yours, almighty Father,
now and forever.*

Amen.

And now, with the confidence of children of God, let us pray:

**Our Father who art in heaven,
hallowed be thy name,
thy kingdom come,**



thy will be done,
on earth as in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread,
And forgive us our trespasses
as we forgive those who trespass against us.
Lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom, the power, and the glory forever. Amen.

Giving of the Bread and Cup

PRAYER AFTER RECEIVING

*We give you thanks, God, for this holy mystery in which you have given yourself to us.
Allow us grace to go into the world, strengthened by your Spirit, to give ourselves for others.
In the name of Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen*

***Closing Song**

The Blessing

Praise Band

***Sending Forth**

Rev. Steve Taylor

***Postlude**



Announcements and Information

Coming Up This Week At Epworth UMC	
Sunday, April 5th:	
Easter Sunday	
“Boiler Room” Prayer Gathering	4:00pm
<i>West Wing/Chapel</i>	
TUESDAY, APRIL 7TH:	
FOOD PANTRY	1:00pm - 4:00pm
WEDNESDAY, APRIL 8TH:	
FOOD PANTRY	1:00pm - 4:00pm
Bible Discussion Group	5:00pm - 6:00pm
<i>East Wing/Library</i>	
Women’s Ensemble Rehearsal	6:00pm - 7:00pm
<i>West Wing/2nd Floor/Choir Room</i>	
THURSDAY, APRIL 9TH:	
FOOD PANTRY	1:00pm - 4:00pm
SUNDAY, APRIL 12TH:	
PARSONAGE OPEN HOUSE	1:00pm - 3:00pm
BREAKFAST FELLOWSHIP	8:30am-9:00am
SUNDAY SCHOOL	9:00am-10:00am
WORSHIP	10:15am-11:30am
“BOILER ROOM” PRAYER GROUP	4:00pm-5:00pm
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<i>Birthdays</i>	
Apr. 6th	
Steve Smith	
Alyssa Watson	
Apr. 10th	
Lucy Rogers	
Apr. 12th	
Donna Bingaman	
Tristan Watson	



PLEASE PRAY FOR

U.S. Military	Darleen Harrison	Larry & Sara Jacobson
Law Enforcement	Jim & Rita Roles	Jeanie Bledsoe
First Responders	Donna Bingaman	Megan Colvin
Naomi Dean	Marsha Alexander	Yuvanah James
Randy Holcomb	Lou Parrish	Jim & Stella Allen
Roy Flugge	Lilly Watson	Tristan Watson

Euella Spoonemore - Mother of Debbie Clark
Eric Little - Nephew of Suzan Colvin
Jason Little-Nephew of Suzan Colvin
Toni Clive - Sister of Jeanne Mather
David Watson - Father of Benjamin Watson
Barbara Taylor - Mother of Rev. Steve Taylor
John Holdeman - Brother of Jeanne Mather
Jeanice McDonald - Sister of Janice Smith
Cindy Blevins - Friend of Brenda Davidson
Terry & Kristy Fancher - Friends of Tim Brauer
Sarah McGovern-Daughter of Judy Jemigan
Brentley Lucas - Daughter of Regina Lucas
Twila Long - Sister-In Law of Susan Gearhart
Family of Linda McClung
Family of Joyce Belville

SERVICE TIMES

Sunday Mornings:

9:00 a.m. - 10:00 a.m.	Sunday School All Ages
10:15 a.m. - 11:30 a.m.	Worship Service
4:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.	Prayer Group



Easter Egg Hunt
Sunday April 5th,
right after Easter
Church Service



PARSONAGE OPEN HOUSE

SUNDAY APRIL 12TH 1-3 PM
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COME SEE YOUR HOUSE!!!

- Something Worthwhile -

An evening of warm Christian fellowship, a delicious meal, delightful musicians, and an inspirational speaker for women and men in the area.

Tuesday, April 14, 2026

6:00pm - 8:00pm

Epworth United Methodist Church Fellowship Hall
(enter the east double doors under the large awning)



Speaker

" Courtney Ivy "

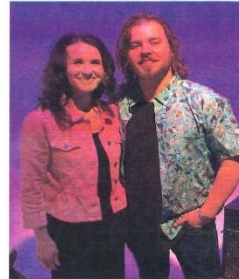
**Topic: "Supporting Brain Health
in our Community"**

Community Educator for the Alzheimer's
Association. Senior Advisor with
Next Level Senior Advisors in Tulsa.

Musicians

**" Reagan & Madison
Elkins "**

From Chickasha - write, perform
and produce original songs.
Perform individually and in bands.
Owners of Intellego Media.



Reservations Required

Deadline -- Friday, April 10, 2026 - 5:00pm

**** Reservations & Cancellations ****

Call or text Judy Parrish - 405.250.2775

\$10 per person - Pay with exact cash or check at the door