



*Sunday, April 19th 2026*  
*Third Sunday of Easter*

**Welcome and Invitations**

**Rev. Steve Taylor**

**\*Call to Worship:**

**Rev. Steve Taylor**

*Easter people, we gather today as people who spent the week inundated with news reports, social media posts, and reels that inundated us with information, worry, and stress.*

**Like the disciples on the road to Emmaus, we carry the weight of being overwhelmed and anxious, wondering who we can believe.**

*We gather as people who long for peace, for God to break through and bring us clarity and hope once again.*

**Like the disciples on the road to Emmaus, we don't always recognize when the Risen One comes alongside us, showing us the way where there seems to be no way.**

*We gather as people hoping to catch a glimmer of Resurrection, ready for our hearts to burn with the truth of the resurrected Christ.*

**Like the disciples on the road to Emmaus, we open our hearts to the possibility that God's Resurrection life is closer than we think.**

*Easter people, God knows the burdens we carry, and God is faithful to meet us where we are with good news.*

**May the good news of the Resurrection astound us today as we come to worship God!  
Amen.**

**\*Hymn of Praise:**

**UMH 369**

*Blessed Assurance*

**Prayer Request/Pastoral Prayer/Lord's Prayer**

**Rev. Steve Taylor**

**\*Songs of Praise**

**Praise Band**

*God Is On The Move*  
*Love Never Fails*

**\* Offering/Offertory**

**Rev. Steve Taylor**  
**Jill Mansfield**

*Praise Medley*



**\*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:**

**Rev. Steve Taylor**

*Luke 24: 13-35(NIV)*

*The Word of God for the People of God*  
**Thanks be to God**

**\*Children's Moment**

**Rev. Steve Taylor**

**\*Sermon**

**Rev. Steve Taylor**

*Our Eyes Are Open*

**\*Hymn of Reflection**

**UMH 419**

*I Am Thine O Lord*

**\*Affirmation of Faith**

**A Modern Affirmation**

**UMH 885**

*Where the Spirit of the Lord is,  
there is the one true church, apostolic and universal,  
whose holy faith let us now declare:*

**We believe in God the Father,  
infinite in wisdom, power, and love,  
whose mercy is over all his works,**



**and whose will is ever directed to his children's good.  
We believe in Jesus Christ,  
Son of God and Son of man,  
the gift of the Father's unfailing grace,  
the ground of our hope,  
and the promise of our deliverance from sin and death.  
We believe in the Holy Spirit  
as the divine presence in our lives,  
whereby we are kept in perpetual remembrance  
of the truth of Christ,  
and find strength and help in time of need.  
We believe that this faith should manifest itself  
in the service of love  
as set forth in the example of our blessed Lord,  
to the end  
that the kingdom of God may come upon the earth. Amen.**

**\*Closing Song**

*Burn In Me*

**Praise Band**

**\*Sending Forth**

**Rev. Steve Taylor**

**\*Postlude**



# Announcements and Information

<b>Coming Up This Week At Epworth UMC</b>	
<b>Sunday, April 19th:</b>	
<b>"Boiler Room" Prayer Gathering</b> <i>West Wing/Chapel</i>	4:00pm
<b>TUESDAY, APRIL 21ST:</b>	
<b>FOOD PANTRY</b>	1:00pm - 4:00pm
<b>WEDNESDAY, APRIL 22ND:</b>	
<b>FOOD PANTRY</b>	1:00pm - 4:00pm
<b>Bible Discussion Group</b> <i>East Wing/Library</i>	5:00pm - 6:00pm
<b>Women's Ensemble Rehearsal</b> <i>West Wing/2nd Floor/Choir Room</i>	6:00pm - 7:00pm
<b>THURSDAY, APRIL 23RD:</b>	
<b>FOOD PANTRY</b>	1:00pm - 4:00pm
<b>SUNDAY, APRIL 26TH:</b>	
<b>BREAKFAST FELLOWSHIP</b>	8:30am-9:00am
<b>SUNDAY SCHOOL</b>	9:00am-10:00am
<b>WORSHIP</b>	10:15am-11:30am
<b>"BOILER ROOM" PRAYER GROUP</b>	4:00pm-5:00pm
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<b><i>Birthdays</i></b>	
<b>Apr. 21<sup>st</sup></b>	
Kent Lamar	
<b>Apr. 22<sup>nd</sup></b>	
Shelby Sander	



**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	Yuyanah James
Randy Holcomb	Lou Parrish	Jim & Stella Allen
Roy Flugge	Lilly Watson	Kerry Caywood
	Shirley Hays	

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  
Twila Long - Sister-In Law of Susan Gearhart  
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. "Boiler Room" Prayer Group**



If you have a student graduating from High School Or College and would like to have them recognized on Graduation Sunday (May 17th 2026). Please get their information to Martha in the office or email information to [secretary@epworth.info](mailto:secretary@epworth.info).

