



*Sunday, April 26th 2026
Fourth Sunday of Easter*

Welcome and Invitations

Rev. Steve Taylor

***Call to Worship:**

Rev. Steve Taylor

Easter people, we gather to worship and to listen, to learn the sound, the feel, the cadence of the Shepherd's voice.

We come seeking our Shepherd's voice.

We gather to worship and to discern, to learn how to recognize our Shepherd's voice amidst the chaos and noise of our lives.

We come seeking our Shepherd's voice.

We gather to worship and to find shelter, to learn to trust our Shepherd's voice to guide us to safety and provide for us in all things.

We come seeking our Shepherd's voice.

Come, let us worship as we listen for the voice of Jesus who guides us, protects us, provides for us, and draws us together in community.

We come to worship as the family of Christ, a flock seeking and following our Shepherd's voice. Amen.

***Hymn of Praise:**

UMH 369

God of Grace and God of Glory

Prayer Request/Pastoral Prayer/Lord's Prayer

Rev. Steve Taylor

***Songs of Praise**

Praise Band

*Diamonds
Light Up The Sky*

*** Offering/Offertory**

**Rev. Steve Taylor
Jill Mansfield**

Lord, I Lift Your Name On High



***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:**

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John 10: 1-10(NIV)

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

***Children's Moment**

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***Sermon**

Rev. Steve Taylor

Which Gate Will We Enter

***Hymn of Reflection**

UMH 128

He Leadeth Me: O Blessed Thought

***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**

Gospel Song

Praise Band

***Sending Forth**

Rev. Steve Taylor

***Postlude**



Announcements and Information

Coming Up This Week At Epworth UMC	
Sunday, April 26th:	
"Boiler Room" Prayer Gathering <i>West Wing/Chapel</i>	4:00pm
Monday, April 27th:	
Finance Committee Meeting	5:30pm
Trustee Committee Meeting	6:00pm
TUESDAY, APRIL 28TH:	
FOOD PANTRY	1:00pm - 4:00pm
WEDNESDAY, APRIL 29TH:	
FOOD PANTRY	1:00pm - 4:00pm
Bible Discussion Group <i>East Wing/Library</i>	5:00pm - 6:00pm
Women's Ensemble Rehearsal <i>West Wing/2nd Floor/Choir Room</i>	6:00pm - 7:00pm
THURSDAY, APRIL 30TH:	
FOOD PANTRY	1:00pm - 4:00pm
SUNDAY, MAY 3RD	
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>	



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.

