



Sunday, July 5th, 2026
Sixth Sunday After Pentecost

Welcome and Invitations

Rev. Steve Taylor

***Call to Worship:**

Rev. Steve Taylor

We gather to worship God with our full imperfect selves.

We come to delight in the law of God, who is Love.

We gather as people who don't always know what to do in the face of difficult and complex circumstances.

We come to delight in the law of God, who is Love.

We gather as people who desire to follow God with our actions, but struggle to connect what we want to do with what we actually do.

We come to delight in the law of God, who is Love.

Whether you come to worship today wondering if there is anything good left in the world or rejoicing in the small moments of goodness that remind you grace is still at work among us, you are welcome here.

We come to delight in the law of God, whose grace shows us how to live, play, and rest as a community of faith woven together by Love. Amen.

***Hymn of Praise:**

UMH 618

Let Us Break Bread Together

Prayer Request/Pastoral Prayer/Lord's Prayer

Reve. Steve Taylor

***Songs of Praise**

Praise Band

Call It Grace
Come As You Are

*** Offering/Offertory**

Rev. Steve Taylor
Jill Mansfield

America The Beautiful



***Doxology**

**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 25: 14-30(NIV)

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

***Children's Moment**

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***Sermon**

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The Talents

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**

Amazing Grace (My Chains Are Gone)

Praise Band

***Sending Forth**

Rev. Steve Taylor

***Postlude**



Announcements and Information

Coming Up This Week At Epworth UMC	
Sunday, July 5th: "Boiler Room" Prayer Gathering <i>West Wing/Chapel</i>	4:00pm
Tuesday, July 7th: FOOD PANTRY	1:00pm - 4:00pm
Wednesday, July 8th: FOOD PANTRY Women's Ensemble Rehearsal <i>West Wing/2nd Floor/Choir Room</i>	1:00pm - 4:00pm 6:00pm - 7:00pm
Thursday, July 9th: FOOD PANTRY	1:00pm - 4:00pm
Friday, July 10th: Kanukuk Lunch	10:00am - 4:00pm
SUNDAY, JULY 12TH: BREAKFAST FELLOWSHIP SUNDAY SCHOOL WORSHIP "BOILER ROOM" PRAYER GROUP	8:30am-9:00am 9:00am-10:00am 10:15am-11:30am 4:00pm-5:00pm
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<i>Birthdays</i>	
July 5 th Dalen Turner	
July 7 th Shirley Hays	



PLEASE PRAY FOR

U. S. Military	Darleen Harrison	Larry & Sara Jacobson
Law Enforcement	Jim & Rita Roles	Jeanie Biedsoe
First Responders	Donna Bingaman	Megan Colvin
Naomi Dean	Marsha Alexander	Yuvanah James
Roy Flugge	Lou Parrish	Jim & Stella Allen
Shirley Hays	Lilly Watson	Bruce Storms
Savannah Logue	Harlei Claphan	Cassy Kerr
Parker Kemp	Vi Bassett	

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
Terry & Kristy Fancher - Friends of Tim Brauer
Sarah McGovern-Daughter of Judy Jemigan
Twila Long - Sister-In Law of Susan Gearhart
Ann Barrows - Mother of Liz Taylor
Doug Schrock -Friend of Larry Wasson & Doug Cooper
Jay & Tobi Gregory- Friends of Bruce & Sharon Storms
Emllie Watson - Niece Alyssa & Benjamin Watson

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



We are getting ready to discontinue the “One Call Tell All” and go to a new texting system for relaying church communications.

We need to get updated cell/mobile phone information for everyone who wants to receive text messages.

Please give information to Steve or Martha within the next couple of weeks.



New Sermon Series Begins In June!

This Summer, I will be doing a sermon series on the parables of Jesus. We will deep dive into selected parables for 7 Weeks.

July 5th-The Talents

July 12th- The Prodigal Son

July 19th- The Wise and Foolish Builders





Camp Kanakuk

Friday July 10th, we will be feeding the camp counselors.

There will be around 75 counselors that we are feeding.

We are doing a Taco Bar. We need people to make cookies and brownies.

If you have any questions, contact Sharon Johnson.