



Sunday, August 16th, 2026
Twelfth Sunday After Pentecost

Welcome and Invitations

Rev. Steve Taylor

***Call to Worship:**

Rev. Steve Taylor

The sinners, the saints; the broken, the whole

We all come seeking the One who offers grace and hope.

The doubters, the devout; the wonderers, the wanderers

We all seek to follow the One who works for justice and hope for all of God's people.

The hesitant, the heroic; the grandparents, the little children

We all listen for the songs of joy all creation sings to the One who gives life and peace.

***Hymn of Praise:**

UMH 370

Victory In Jesus

Prayer Request/Pastoral Prayer/Lord's Prayer

Rev. Steve Taylor

***Songs of Praise**

Praise Band

Stand In Your Love

From The Inside Out

*** Offering/Offertory**

**Rev. Steve Taylor
Jill Mansfield**

Liebestraum/Great Thy Faithfulness

***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:**

Joshua 3: 14-17(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**

Stepping Into The River

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***Hymn of Reflection**

On Jordan's Stormy Banks I Stand

UMH 724

***Affirmation of Faith**

*Who shall separate us from the love of Christ?
Shall tribulation or distress,
or persecution or famine,
or nakedness or peril or sword?*

UMH 887

No!

**In all things we are more than conquerors
through the One who loved us.**

**We are sure that neither
death nor life,
nor angels, nor principalities,
nor things present, nor things to come,
nor powers, nor height, nor depth,
nor anything else in all creation,
will be able to separate us from the love of God
in Christ Jesus our Lord.
Thanks be to God! Amen.**



*Closing Song

Cornerstone

Praise Band

*Sending Forth

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*Postlude

Announcements and Information

Coming Up This Week At Epworth UMC		
Sunday, August 16th:		
"Boiler Room" Prayer Gathering		4:00pm
<i>West Wing/Chapel</i>		
Tuesday, August 18th:		
FOOD PANTRY		1:00pm - 4:00pm
Wednesday, August 19th:		
FOOD PANTRY		1:00pm - 4:00pm
Bible Discussion		5:00pm - 6:00pm
<i>East Wing/Library</i>		
Women's Ensemble Rehearsal		6:00pm - 7:00pm
<i>West Wing/Choir Room</i>		
Thursday, August 20th:		
FOOD PANTRY		1:00pm - 4:00pm
SUNDAY, AUGUST 23RD:		
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
<i>Birthdays</i>		
Aug. 17th		
Delores Davidson		
Aug. 18th		
John Nelson		
Aug. 19th		
Sylvia Grove		
Benjamin Watson		
Aug. 20th		
Carol Farl		
Aug. 22nd		
Joshua Allen		
Aug. 23rd		
Tina Baker		



PLEASE PRAY FOR

U.S. Military	Marsha Alexander	Yuvanah James
Law Enforcement	Lou Parrish	Jim & Stella Allen
First Responders	Lilly Watson	Cassy Kerr
Roy Fugge	Harlei Claphan	Vi Bassett
		Larry & Sara Jacobson

PRAYERS FOR HOMEBOUND

Naomi Dean	Jim & Rita Roles
Shirley Hays	Darlene Harrison
Donna Bingaman	Lois Cook

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 Jernigan
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
Emlie Watson - Niece Alyssa & Benjamin Watson
David Bennett - Brenda Davidson Brother-In-Law
Sherma Bartel - Cousin of Bruce Storms
Savannah Logue
Parker Kemp



"The Courageous Next Step"

4 Part Sermon Series begins August 9th!

August 9th- "Stepping Out Of The Boat"

Matthew 14:22-33

August 16th- "Stepping Into The River"

Joshua 3:14-17

August 23rd- "Stepping Into The Unknown"

Genesis 12:1-4; Hebrews 11:8

August 30th- "Stepping Against The Odds"

1 Samuel 14:1-15

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Bible Discussion

1,2, and 3 John

Scripture Discussion @ 5pm on Wednesdays in the church library!