



Sunday, September 6th, 2026
Fifteenth Sunday After Pentecost

Welcome and Invitations

Rev. Steve Taylor

***Call to Worship:**

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By grace we have been saved through faith.

And this is not our own doing; it is the gift of God.

*For we are God's handiwork, redeemed in Christ Jesus for good works,
works God has prepared for us, that we should walk in them.*

Praise the Lord!

The Lord's name be praised.

***Hymn of Praise:**

UMH 77

How Great Thou Art

Prayer Request/Pastoral Prayer

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***Songs of Praise**

Praise Band

*Yes He Can
We Believe*

*** Offering/Offertory**

**Rev. Steve Taylor
Jill Mansfield**

Just As I Am

***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:**

Romans 12: 9-16 & Galatians 6: 2 (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**

Bearing One Another's Burdens

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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**

You Are So Good To Me

Praise Band

***Sending Forth**

Rev. Steve Taylor

***Postlude**



Announcements and Information

Coming Up This Week At Epworth UMC	
Sunday, September 6th: "Boiler Room" Prayer Gathering <i>West Wing/Chapel</i>	4:00pm
Monday, September 7th: Labor Day <i>Office will be closed</i>	
Tuesday, September 8th: FOOD PANTRY	1:00pm - 4:00pm
Wednesday, September 9th: FOOD PANTRY Bible Discussion <i>East Wing/Library</i> Women's Ensemble Rehearsal <i>West Wing/Choir Room</i>	1:00pm - 4:00pm 5:00pm - 6:00pm 6:00pm - 7:00pm
Thursday, September 10th: FOOD PANTRY UMW Circle Meeting <i>Sharon Storm's House</i>	1:00pm - 4:00pm 5:30pm
Saturday, September 12th Kiwanis Pancake Breakfast <i>Fellowship Hall</i>	7:00am - 11:00am
SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 13TH: 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
<u><i>Birthdays</i></u> Sep. 8 th Lou Parrish Sep. 11 th Doug Cooper	<u><i>Anniversaries</i></u> Sept. 8 th Glenn & Tracy Turner



PLEASE PRAY FOR

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

PRAYERS FOR HOMEBOUND

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

Jackie Hutzell - Daughter Jeanne Mather
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
Emllie Watson - Niece Alyssa & Benjamin Watson
David Bennett - Brenda Davidson Brother-In-Law
Sherma Bartel - Cousin of Bruce Storms
Linda Wiseman - Sharon Storms sister
Kobe Cotton
Parker Kemp



Do you have a used blanket in good condition you don't need?



Bring it to church and we can share it with those in need!



Learning to Breathe

Mastering the Art of Spiritual Respiration

By
Chris Lohrstorfer

Women's Fall Bible Study

Monday evenings 5:30pm – 7:00pm September 28th- November 2nd

Tuesday mornings 9:30am – 11:00am September 29th -November 3rd

Bible Studies will be held at Epworth UMC in the East Wing Parlor.

Need to sign up by September 22nd. Cost for study materials is \$10.

Please have exact cash to purchase study book on first day of class.

To sign up or for more information, contact Susan Gassaway. Her phone number is (432-352-0662).