

# ARISE SERVICE

*Sunday, May 11, 2025*

Epworth

May 2025

Sermon Series

FOLLOW



*Sigueme*





**May 11, 2025**

**9:00 am Service**

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*Nursery/Preschool Sunday School is available during all services in the infant and toddler rooms. Please walk up the few stairs to the right when you enter the building through the main wooden doors. Children Sunday school is held in the Children's Ministry Room which is located to the right of the pulpit.*

**Let Us Prepare for Worship**

**Welcome**

## Introit

## *The Family Prayer Song*

Words By: Helen Taylor | Music By: May H. Brahe  
Epworth Chancel Choir

*Come and fill our home with Your presence  
You alone are worthy of our rev'rence  
As for me and my house  
We will serve the Lord  
As for me and my house  
Lord we vow to live holy  
Bowing our knees to You only  
Staying together  
Praying together  
Any storm we can weather  
Trusting in God's Word  
We need each other  
Fathers and mothers  
Sisters and brothers  
In harmony and love*

## Call to Worship

(L- Leader | C-Congregation)

L: The invitation is given to every person by Jesus Christ: "Come to me! Follow me! Be my disciples!"

**C: We come to this place, to this time, at the invitation of Jesus Christ.**

L: In the name of Christ, we accept the invitation to discipleship.

**C: In the name of Christ, as his disciples, we worship and praise God.**

L: In the midst of a world where cruelty abounds, we proclaim the God of Compassion.

**C: In the midst of despair that threatens to swallow up whole lives, whole peoples, we proclaim the God of Hope.**

L: In the midst of indifference and apathy, we proclaim the God of Love.

**All: Come, let us worship together and share our witness of God's living presence in the world.**

~ from the On Earth Peace website. <http://www.onearthpeace.org/>

## **Opening Hymn            O For a Thousand Tongues to Sing- UMH 57**

O for a thousand tongues to sing  
my great Redeemer's praise,  
the glories of my God and King,  
the triumphs of his grace!

My gracious Master and my God,  
assist me to proclaim,  
to spread through all the earth abroad  
the honors of thy name.

Jesus! the name that charms our fears,  
that bids our sorrows cease;  
'tis music in the sinner's ears,  
'tis life, and health, and peace.

He breaks the power of canceled sin,  
he sets the prisoner free;  
his blood can make the foulest clean;  
his blood availed for me.

He speaks, and listening to his voice,  
new life the dead receive;  
the mournful, broken hearts rejoice,  
the humble poor believe.

## **Opening Prayer**

### **Special Recognition of Nancy Laing, Epworth Financial Secretary**

Nancy has served in this role for more than 20 years.

We offer prayers as she moves to a new location, and we give thanks for all her service.

## **Song of Preparation**

### **Mother Like Mine**

Music & Lyrics by The Band Perry; Arranged by James Bazen  
Epworth Chancel Choir

*She's the sky that holds the clouds  
She's the lady of our house  
A blind believer in all I dare to be.  
There's no safer place I've found  
Then the shoulder of her white night gown.  
Oh, I've got the best and the worst of her in me.  
And I'd share her if I could.*

*So the wars would all be over  
Cause she'd raise us all as friends.  
And no one would ever wonder  
If somebody wanted them.  
We'd walk on grass that's greener  
And our cares would all be freer  
If the world had a mother like mine.*

*She's our father's one great love.  
She's the one he wanted most.  
She's the light in the window of the house I grew up in.  
She takes the midnight call  
She's the bravest of us all.  
And she sings in the garden she lets her hair down in.*

*On the wars would all be ovr  
Cause she's raise us all as friends.  
And no one would ever wonder  
If somebody needed them.  
Tonight would be easier  
And our dreams would all be deeper.  
If the world had a mother like mine.*

*Don't go away, don't go away  
From me.  
Oh I understand she is a helping hand  
Still I have to say*

*She the sky that holds the clouds.  
She's the lady of our house.  
We all need her  
But no one more than me.*

## Scripture Reading

**Luke 5:1-11**

One day as Jesus was standing by the Lake of Gennesaret, the people were crowding around him and listening to the word of God. 2 He saw at the water's edge two boats, left there by the fishermen, who were washing their nets. 3 He got into one of the boats, the one belonging to Simon, and asked him to put out a little from shore. Then he sat down and taught the people from the boat.

4 When he had finished speaking, he said to Simon, "Put out into deep water, and let down the nets for a catch."

5 Simon answered, "Master, we've worked hard all night and haven't caught anything. But because you say so, I will let down the nets."

6 When they had done so, they caught such a large number of fish that their nets began to break. 7 So they signaled their partners in the other boat to come and help them, and they came and filled both boats so full that they began to sink.

8 When Simon Peter saw this, he fell at Jesus' knees and said, "Go away from me, Lord; I am a sinful man!" 9 For he and all his companions were astonished at the catch of fish they had taken, 10 and so were James and John, the sons of Zebedee, Simon's partners.

Then Jesus said to Simon, "Don't be afraid; from now on you will fish for people." 11 So they pulled their boats up on shore, left everything and followed him.

## Prayer of Preparation

## Sermon

**Let Me Sink!**

Rev. Tammi Brantley

## Call To Action

*Time to spread the love! Share our Facebook, Instagram, YouTube, and LinkedIn with your friends and everyone you know.*

## Hymn of Response

**Jesus Calls Us- UMH #398**

Jesus calls us o'er the tumult  
of our life's wild, restless sea;

day by day his sweet voice soundeth,  
saying, "Christian, follow me!"

As of old the apostles heard it  
by the Galilean lake,  
turned from home and toil and kindred,  
leaving all for Jesus' sake.

Jesus calls us from the worship  
of the vain world's golden store,  
from each idol that would keep us,  
saying, "Christian, love me more!"

In our joys and in our sorrows,  
days of toil and hours of ease,  
still he calls, in cares and pleasures,  
"Christian, love me more than these!"

Jesus calls us! By thy mercies,  
Savior, may we hear thy call,  
give our hearts to thine obedience,  
serve and love thee best of all.

### **Pastoral Prayer**

### **Invitation to Receive the Offering**

### **Offering Song**

### **Presentation of the Offering with Doxology**

**Praise God, From Whom All Blessings Flow (Doxology)**

**UMH #95**

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;  
Praise Him, all creatures here below;  
Praise Him above, ye heav'nly host;  
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

## **Welcoming of Visitors and Invitation to Review Announcements**

### **Closing Hymn**

#### **I Have Decided To Follow Jesus- TFWC #2129**

I have decided to follow Jesus,  
I have decided to follow Jesus,  
I have decided to follow Jesus -  
no turning back, no turning back.

The world behind me, the cross before me,  
the world behind me, the cross before me,  
the world behind me, the cross before me -  
no turning back, no turning back.

Though none go with me, still I will follow,  
though none go with me, still I will follow,  
though none go with me, still I will follow—  
no turning back, no turning back.

### **Closing Prayer and Dismissal with Blessing**

*Following the service please join us for coffee & conversation in the lounge. (Upstairs, turn left and down the hallway).  
Join us and meet some new friends & familiar faces.*

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*Please keep the Baltimore Washington Conference in your prayers  
as members gather for the Annual Conference on May 13-15*

## **Calendar of Upcoming Events**



Sunday May 11: **9:00 10:30 and 12:30 (Mother's Day Weekend)**

Sermon Series FOLLOW week 2 & Food Distribution

Friday May 16: **GGYM Youth Ministry at Covenant UMC**

6:30pm start - The session will be led by a candidate applying for the role of GGYM Lead. This will be part of a working interview.

Saturday May 17

- **Session1 Marriage Class 10-12noon**
- **Emory Grove UMC Funeral using EUMC\*\* 9-2pm**
- **Epworth Preschool /Kindergarten Open House 10-12noon**
- **Young Adult Fun Event off site (CHANGED DAY – contact Julie at Group me below for details )**



Sunday May 18: 9:00 10:30 and 12:30

- **FOLLOW Week 3**
- **Graduating Senior and Scholarship Sunday** in all services:
- **Session 2 Marriage Class 3-5pm**

Tuesday May 20: **Open House for Community Members to learn about Epworth's Ana A Brito Foundation.** 5-8pm

Saturday May 24: **Session 2 Marriage Class (repeated)** 3-5pm

Sunday May 25: 9:00 10:30 and 12:30 **FOLLOW Week 4**

**Memorial Day Weekend and Food Distribution**

Sunday June 1: :00 10:30 and 12:30 **FOLLOW Week 5**

- **Special Youth Sunday School** following the sermon Raymond Pandley II, candidate for Epworth Youth Ministry Coordinator will be teaching. This is part of a working interview.

## Sunday June 8: 10am – Confirmation and Pentecost Single Service

**\*\* Cook Out in the afternoon at Seneca Creek State Park Cardinal Picnic Area around 2pm.** Sign up details to come. Main course will be grilled. All of the church is welcome. Goshen, Covenant, Mill Creek and Epworth UMCs will be participating. **\*\***

### Coffee Hour Fellowship & Greeters

Support our worship services by signing up to help our connect team greet persons before service or help set up coffee for fellowship after service. Plan on coming 15 minutes early for service and staying 30 minutes after service to help clean up. For additional questions, please contact Judy Fenner at [jadrfenner@verizon.net](mailto:jadrfenner@verizon.net)



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### Altar Flowers

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Flowers are a wonderful way to brighten our altar for worship. Sunday arrangements are \$50 each and may be taken home after the 12:30 service. Your dedication will be printed in the bulletins on Sunday. If you would like to order flowers, please scan the QR Code. Please place your flower order by the Wednesday, prior to the Sunday you would like them dedicated.

### Serve Our Community | Food Distribution

Every other Sunday, Epworth distributes food to families who are food insecure. These families are selected through our community partners. Help is needed in delivering food and packing food. Scan the QR code to get more information.

See Calendar for Next Distribution Day,



Volunteer To Pack Food

Deliver Food

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contact Becky Beeler at [sendout@eumc-md.org](mailto:sendout@eumc-md.org) if you want to deliver



### Tuesday | Martes

12 p.m.: English Life Group Online, led by [Pastor Jen Fenner](#)

7 p.m.: English Life Group Online, with

rotating leadership. Contact person: [Judy Fenner](#)

8:30 p.m.: Spanish Life Group Online, led by [Marcela Uberhuaga](#)

## **Thursday | Jueves**

**7 p.m.:** English Young Adults Life Group In Person offsite, led by [Christina Castillo](#) and Julie Malone

**7:40 p.m.:** Spanish Life Group Online, led by [Marcela Uberhuaga](#)

## **Saturday | Sabado**

6 p.m.: English Life Group Online and at homes, led by [Lilly Otoló](#) and [Ruth Gwashavanhu](#)

## **Sunday | Domingo**

11:45am (After 10:30 service) English Life Group with Childcare led by [Julie Malone](#) and [Elisa Parsons Facetti](#)

5:00pm (every other week in Epworth lounge with dinner) College Age Young Adult Life Group Contact: Keiry [Lizama](#)

## **Our Core Values | Nuestros Valores Fundamentales:**

1. Jesus at the Center | *Jesús en el centro*
2. Purposefully Multicultural and Multilingual | *Deliberadamente multicultural y multilingüe*
3. Growing Daily in Faith | *Crecer diariamente en la fe*
4. Standing for Justice | *Defender la justicia*
5. Intentionally Apprenticing and Passionately Making Disciples | *Aprender intencionalmente y hacer discípulos apasionadamente*
6. Living to Serve God and Others | *Vivir para servir a Dios y a los demás*
7. Committed to Excellence | *Comprometidos con la excelencia*
8. Glorifying God in the Way We Relate to Each Other | *Glorificar a Dios en la forma en que nos relacionamos unos con otros*
9. Existing for Something Greater than this Church or Ourselves | *Existir para algo más grande que esta Iglesia o nosotros mismos*
10. Daily in Need of God's Grace, Forgiveness, and Love | *Diariamente necesitamos de la gracia, el perdón y el amor de Dios*

**Epworth Vision: *To be a church of the community that invites, connects, disciples, and sends out people for Christ; passionately partnering with the Holy Spirit in the transformation of hearts, lives, and communities.***

*I have come to invite people to change their hearts and lives*  
Luke 5:32



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A promotional graphic for Vanco's online giving. It features a QR code in the bottom left corner with the text "SCAN ME" and "Vanco" below it. To the right is a smartphone displaying a hand holding a heart, with a speech bubble containing a hand holding a heart above it. The text "Epworth GIVE ONLINE" is at the top. The background is dark with a circular pattern of dots.

A promotional graphic for GiveButter's online giving. It features a QR code in the bottom left corner with the text "SCAN ME" and "GIVEBUTTER" below it. To the right is a hand holding a smartphone displaying the Epworth logo and a hand holding a dollar bill. The text "GIVE ONLINE" is at the top. The background is light gray with a pattern of circles.

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