

CELEBRATE SERVICE

Sunday, March 9, 2025

There is no quest without questions: A Lenten Journey to Intimacy with God

Epworth



**WEEK 1: OUR PERSONAL
SPIRITUAL JOURNEY**

THE QUEST

LA EXPEDICION

**SEMANA 1: NUESTRO VIAJE
ESPIRITUAL PERSONAL**

No hay expedición sin preguntas: Un caminar hacia la cercanía con Dios

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

Opening Prayer

Opening Praise Songs

If I told you my story, You would hear Hope, That wouldn't let go
And if I told you my story, You would hear Love, That never gave up
And if I told you my story, You would hear Life, But it wasn't mine

If I should speak, Then let it be

Of the grace that is greater, Than all my sin
Of when justice was served, And where mercy wins
Of the kindness of Jesus, That draws me in
Oh, to tell you my story, Is to tell of Him

If I told you my story, You would hear victory, Over the enemy
And if I told you my story, You would hear freedom,
That was won for me
And if I told you my story, You would hear Life, Overcome the grave

If I should speak, Then let it be

Of the grace that is greater, Than all my sin
Of when justice was served, And where mercy wins
Of the kindness of Jesus, That draws me in
Oh, to tell you my story, Is to tell of Him

This is my story This is my song
Praising my Savior All the day long
This is my story, This is my song
Praising my Savior All the day long

For the grace that is greater, Than all my sin
Of when justice was served, And where mercy wins
Of the kindness of Jesus, That draws me in
Oh, to tell you my story, Is to tell

Of the grace that is greater, Than all my sin
Of when justice was served, And where mercy wins
Of the kindness of Jesus, That draws me in
Oh, to tell you my story, Is to tell of Him

Oh, to tell you my story, Is to tell of Him

This is my story, This is my song
Praising my Savior, All the day long

Yes I Will

I count on one thing
The same God that never fails
Will not fail me now
You won't fail me now
In the waiting
The same God who's never late
Is working all things out
You're working all things out

Yes I will lift You high
In the lowest valley
Yes I will bless Your name
Yes I will sing for joy
When my heart is heavy
All my days yes I will

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Yes I will lift You high
In the lowest valley
Yes I will bless Your name
Yes I will sing for joy
When my heart is heavy
All my days yes I will

For all my days
Yes I will

I choose to praise
To glorify glorify
The name of all names
That nothing can stand against (Repeat)

Yes I will lift You high
In the lowest valley
Yes I will bless Your name
Yes I will sing for joy
When my heart is heavy
All my days yes I will

For all my days
Yes I will (repeat)

Because Of Who You Are

Because of who You are
I give You glory
Because of who You are
I give You praise
Because of who You are
I will lift my voice and say
Lord I worship You
Because of who You are
Lord I worship You
Because of who You are (repeat)

Jehovah Jireh my Provider
Jehovah Nissi Lord You reign in victory
Jehovah Shalom my Prince of Peace
And I worship You because of who You are

Because of who You are
I give You glory
Because of who You are
I give You praise
Because of who You are
I will lift my voice and say
Lord I worship You
Because of who You are
Lord I worship You
Because of who You are

Jehovah Jireh my Provider
Jehovah Nissi Lord You reign in victory
Jehovah Shalom my Prince of Peace
And I worship You because of who You are

Lord I worship You because of who You are
Lord I worship You because of who You are

Scripture Reading

Mark 10:32-52

32 They were on the road, going up to Jerusalem, and Jesus was walking ahead of them; they were amazed, and those who followed were afraid. He took the twelve aside again and began to tell them what was to happen to him, 33 saying, "Look, we are going up to Jerusalem, and the Son of Man will be handed over to the chief priests and the scribes, and they will condemn him to death; then they will hand him over to the gentiles; 34 they will mock him and spit upon him and flog him and kill him, and after three days he will rise again."

35 James and John, the sons of Zebedee, came forward to him and said to him, "Teacher, we want you to do for us whatever we ask of you." 36 And he said to them, "What is it you want me to do for you?" 37 And they said to him, "Appoint us to sit, one at your right hand and one at your left, in your glory." 38 But Jesus said to them, "You do not know what you are asking. Are you able to drink the cup that I drink or be baptized with the baptism that I am baptized with?" 39 They replied, "We are able." Then Jesus said to them, "The cup that I drink you will drink, and with the baptism with which I am baptized you will be baptized, 40 but to sit at my right hand or at my left is not mine to appoint, but it is for those for whom it has been prepared."

41 When the ten heard this, they began to be angry with James and John. 42 So Jesus called them and said to them, "You know that among the gentiles those whom they recognize as their rulers lord it over them, and their great ones are tyrants over them. 43 But it is not so among you; instead, whoever wishes to become great among you must be your servant, 44 and whoever wishes to be first among you must be slave of all. 45 For the Son of Man came not to be served but to serve and to give his life a ransom for many."

46 They came to Jericho. As he and his disciples and a large crowd were leaving Jericho, Bartimaeus son of Timaeus, a blind beggar, was sitting by the roadside. 47 When he heard that it was Jesus of Nazareth, he began to shout out and say, "Jesus, Son of David, have mercy on me!" 48 Many sternly ordered him to be quiet, but he cried out even more loudly, "Son of David, have mercy on me!" 49 Jesus stood still and said,

“Call him here.” And they called the blind man, saying to him, “Take heart; get up, he is calling you.” 50 So throwing off his cloak, he sprang up and came to Jesus. 51 Then Jesus said to him, “What do you want me to do for you?” The blind man said to him, “My teacher, let me see again.” 52 Jesus said to him, “Go; your faith has made you well.” Immediately he regained his sight and followed him on the way.

Mark 14: 1-9

It was two days before the Passover and the Festival of Unleavened Bread. The chief priests and the scribes were looking for a way to arrest Jesus by stealth and kill him, 2 for they said, “Not during the festival, or there may be a riot among the people.”

3 While he was at Bethany in the house of Simon the leper, as he sat at the table, a woman came with an alabaster jar of very costly ointment of nard, and she broke open the jar and poured the ointment on his head. 4 But some were there who said to one another in anger, “Why was the ointment wasted in this way? 5 For this ointment could have been sold for more than three hundred denarii and the money given to the poor.” And they scolded her. 6 But Jesus said, “Let her alone; why do you trouble her? She has performed a good service for me. 7 For you always have the poor with you, and you can show kindness to them whenever you wish, but you will not always have me. 8 She has done what she could; she has anointed my body beforehand for its burial. 9 Truly I tell you, wherever the good news is proclaimed in the whole world, what she has done will be told in remembrance of her.”

Prayer of Preparation

Sermon

*Our Personal Spiritual Journey
Jesus' Holy Week Journey with Us*

Rev. Jennifer Fenner

Hymn of Response

I Give Myself Away

I give myself away
I give myself away
So You can use me (REPEAT)

Here I am
Here I stand
Lord my life is in Your hands
Lord I'm longing to see
Your desires revealed in me

I give myself away
I give myself away
So You can use me (REPEAT)

Take my heart
Take my life
As a living sacrifice
All my dreams
All my plans
Lord I place them in Your hands

I give myself away
I give myself away
So You can use me (REPEAT)

I give myself away
I give myself away
So You can use me (REPEAT)

Pastoral Prayer
Prayer for Betty Debru

Invitation to Receive the Offering

Offering Song

Here I Am Lord. UMH 593

I, the Lord of sea and sky,
I have heard my people cry.
All who dwell in dark and sin,
My hand will save.
I, who made the stars of night,
I will make their darkness bright.
Who will bear My light to them?
Who shall I send?

Chorus

Here I am, Lord. Is it I, Lord?
I have heard You calling in the night.
I will go, Lord. If You lead me.
I will hold, Your people in my heart.

I, the Lord of snow and rain,
I have borne My people's pain.
I have wept for love of them,
They run away.
I will break their hearts of stone,
Give them hearts for love alone.
I will speak My word to them.
Whom shall I send?

Chorus

Here I am, Lord. Is it I, Lord?
I have heard You Calling in the night.
I will go, Lord. If You lead me.
I will hold Your people in my heart.

I, the Lord of wind and flame,
I will tend the poor and lame,
I will set a feast for them,
My hand will save.
Finest bread I will provide,
Till their hearts be satisfied.
I will give My life to them.
Whom shall I send?

Chorus

Prayer For the Offering

Prayer and Send off for Ophelia Vah in Nurse2Nurse Mission to Liberia
<https://www.nurse2nurseworld.org/>

Welcoming Visitors and Invitation to Review Announcements

*Please sign the friendship pad as it is passed down the row,
if your mailing address has changed, please add your new address.*

Benediction

Closing Song

In The River

There is a river, where goodness flows
There is a fountain, that drowns sorrow
There is an ocean, Deeper than fear
The tide is rising rising

There is a current, stirring deep inside
It's overflowing, From the heart of God
The flood of heaven, crashing over us
The tide is rising rising

Bursting bursting
Up from the ground we feel it now
Bursting bursting
Up from the ground we feel it now

We come alive in the river
We come alive in the river
We come alive in the river
We come alive in the river

Break open prison doors
Set all the captives free
Spring up a well spring up a well
Spring up a well in me

Nothing can stop this joy
We're dancing in the streets
Spring up a well spring up a well
Spring up a well in me

We come alive in the river
We come alive in the river
We come alive in the river
We come alive in the river (repeat)

*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.*

Calendar

Friday March 7 - Sunday March 9 GGYM Ignite Retreat (no Friday Night)
Sunday March 9 – First Sunday in Lent 9:00a.m. | 10:30 a.m. | 12:30 p.m.

Thursday March 13 – Joint Virtual Lenten Bible Study 7-8pm Zoom
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81986053414> Meeting ID: 819 8605 3414

Friday March 14: GGYM Friday Night at Epworth UMC 6:30pm

Friday March 14-Saturday March 15: All Church Spiritual Retreat at West River (sign up on website)

Sunday March 16 – Second Sunday in Lent 9:00a.m. | 10:30 a.m. | 12:30 p.m.

Wednesday March 19: Communion and Prayer in the Sanctuary (Drop in or Stay to pray between 7:00-7:45pm)

Thursday March 20 – Joint Virtual Lenten Bible Study 7-8pm Zoom
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81986053414> Meeting ID: 819 8605 3414

Friday March 21: GGYM Friday Night at Epworth UMC 6:30pm

Sunday March 23 Third Sunday in Lent 9:00a.m. | 10:30 a.m. | 12:30 p.m.

Wednesday March 26: Communion and Prayer in the Sanctuary (Drop in or Stay to pray between 7:00-7:45pm)

Thursday March 27 – Joint Virtual Lenten Bible Study 7-8pm Zoom: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81986053414> Meeting ID: 819 8605 3414

Friday March 28: GGYM Friday Night at Epworth UMC 6:30pm

Saturday, March 29- All Hands Work Day, 9am- 12noon Sign up on website

Saturday March 29 - Young Adult Event (see Groupme)

Sunday March 30 – Fourth Sunday in Lent 9:00a.m. | 10:30 a.m. | 12:30 p.m.

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Let's Quest Together

ALL CHURCH RETREAT

RETIRO DE TODA LA IGLESIA

March 14–15 | 14–15 de marzo
West River Camp

Stay Friday Night Through Saturday Dinner
for \$50 or Just Come Saturday for \$35
Contact Pastor Jen with ?

Register @epworthunited

Lenten Schedule 2025

Please See Our Website for Event Details & Registration for Events

www.epworthunited.org

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LENTEN EVENTS

MULTI-CHURCH BIBLE STUDY USING THE POWER & PROMISE OF EASTER THURSDAYS 7-8PM ON ZOOM ONLY

SERMON SERIES AND SMALL GROUPS USING THE QUEST & LENTEN THEMES

LENTEN PRAYER AND COMMUNION SERVICE EVERY WEDNESDAY

MARCH 19 – APRIL 9
7:00-7:45PM DROP IN

TUES. MARCH 4 – SHROVE TUESDAY PANCAKE DINNER
5:30-7:30PM @ TRINITY UMC

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 5 – ASH WEDNESDAY
ASH DISTRIBUTION 6:30-9:30AM & 12NOON-2:00PM
(ASH WEDNESDAY BILINGUAL SERVICE | 7:15PM @EPWORTH)

MARCH 14-15 | ALL CHURCH SPIRITUAL RETREAT
REGISTER @EPWORTHUNITED | WEST RIVER CAMP
DINNER FRIDAY - DINNER SATURDAY OR SAT ONLY

SATURDAY, APRIL 12 – EASTER EGG HUNT
11:30-1:30PM

SUNDAY, APRIL 13 – PALM SUNDAY BILINGUAL SERVICE | 10AM

THURSDAY, APRIL 17 – HOLY THURSDAY BILINGUAL SERVICE | 7PM

FRIDAY, APRIL 18 – GOOD FRIDAY SERVICES
12PM-1PM AT GOOD SHEPHERD LUTHERAN
12PM-3PM AT EMORY GROVE UNITED METHODIST 7 LAST WORDS
7-9PM AT EPWORTH BILINGUAL 7 LAST WORDS

SUNDAY, APRIL 20 – EASTER
SUNRISE SERVICE AT BOHRER PARK
9AM- EASTER SERVICE WITH EASTER CANTATA
11AM- EASTER CELEBRATION IN PRAISE AND WORSHIP
1:00PM- DOMINGO DE RESURRECCION

**FOR MORE DETAILS
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ALL HANDS WORK DAY

SATURDAY MARCH 29 | 9 AM

*HELP KEEP EPWORTH BEAUTIFUL!
SIGN UP FOR ONE OF THE MANY VOLUNTEER
OPPORTUNITIES: GOOD WILL RUNS, MULCHING,
WINDOW CLEANING, PLAYGROUND, AND MORE!*

DIA DE TRABAJO DE TODO

SABADO | 29 DE MARZO | 9 AM

*¡AYUDA A MANTENER A EPWORTH BELLA!
REGÍSTRESE PARA UNA DE LAS MUCHAS
OPORTUNIDADES DE VOLUNTARIADO: VIAJES AL
BASURERO, LIMPIEZA DE VENTANAS,
JARDINERÍA Y MÁS.*



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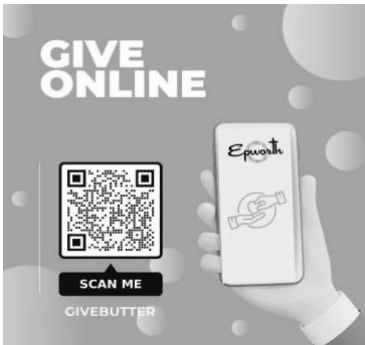
Epworth Vision: To be a church of the community that invites, connects, disciples, and sends out people for Christ; passionately partnering with the Holy Spirit in the transformation of hearts, lives, and communities.

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



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