

ARISE SERVICE

Sunday, May 25, 2025

Epworth

May 2025

Sermon Series

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The background of the entire graphic is a close-up, slightly blurred image of the American flag, showing the stars and stripes in shades of blue, white, and red.

Gone, but not forgotten.

**REMEMBERING
OUR BRAVE
HEROES**

ON MEMORIAL DAY

FROM EPWORTH UMC

May 25, 2025

9:00 am Service

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

Oh Mary Don't you Weep

Epworth Chancel Choir

Call to Worship (Written by Rev. Dra. Yolanda Pupo-Ortiz)

(L- Leader | **C-Congregation**)

L: Come all. The time for worship has arrived. Let us enter God's presence with songs of gratitude and praise. For our God is good, and his mercy endures forever.

C: Thank you, Lord! Here we are, seeking the freshness of your grace and the power of your Spirit, which calls us to serve you here where you have placed us.

L: You ask us to be prudent and courageous. May we not remain silent in the face of evil or give in to sin. May we also carry within us the meekness and humility that you showed.

C: Cover us, Lord, with your grace, with a patient and kind spirit. Give us a compassionate and generous heart.

L: Be with us, our beloved Lord. Do not let us stray. Renew the heart that loves you and needs your strength.

All: Day by day, renew us, Lord Jesus. Receive our love and our prayer. You are our guide, our strength, and our hope. We love and adore you!

Opening Hymn

Come, Thou Fount Of Every Blessing

UMH # 95

1. Come, thou Fount of every blessing,
tune my heart to sing thy grace;
streams of mercy, never ceasing,
call for songs of loudest praise.
Teach me some melodious sonnet,
sung by flaming tongues above.
Praise the mount! I'm fixed upon it,
mount of thy redeeming love.

2. Here I raise mine Ebenezer;
hither by thy help I'm come;
and I hope, by thy good pleasure,
safely to arrive at home.
Jesus sought me when a stranger,
wandering from the fold of God;
he, to rescue me from danger,
interposed his precious blood.

3. O to grace how great a debtor
daily I'm constrained to be!
Let thy goodness, like a fetter,
bind my wandering heart to thee.
Prone to wander, Lord, I feel it,
prone to leave the God I love;
here's my heart, O take and seal it,
seal it for thy courts above.

Opening Prayer

Litany on Memorial Day

On this Memorial Day, we would like to remember those who lost their lives to war along with the many who are no longer with us that served and loved others well.

“Blessed are those who mourn, for they will be comforted.”

— Matthew 5:4

Almighty God, before whom stand the living and the dead, we your children, whose mortal life is but a hand's breadth, give thanks to you:

For all those through whom you have blessed our pilgrimage, whose lives that have empowered us,

whose influence is a healing grace,

We lift up thankful hearts.

For the dear friends and family members whose faces we see no more, but whose love is with us forever . . .

For the teachers and companions of our childhood and youth, and for the members of our household of faith who worship you now in heaven...

For those who sacrificed themselves, our brothers and sisters who have given their lives for the sake of others...

That we may hold them all in continual remembrance, and ever think of them as with you in that city whose gates are not shut by day and where there is no night...

That we may now be dedicated to working for a world where labor is rewarded, fear dispelled, and the nations made one, **O Lord, save your people and bless your heritage. Day by day we magnify you, and worship your name, for ever and ever.**

Amen.

****Prayer:** UMPH Methodist Publication. The United Methodist Book of Worship . The United Methodist Publishing House. Kindle Edition.

Scripture Reading

Mark 8:27-38

27 Jesus and his disciples went on to the villages around Caesarea Philippi. On the way he asked them, “Who do people say I am?”

28 They replied, "Some say John the Baptist; others say Elijah; and still others, one of the prophets."

29 "But what about you?" he asked. "Who do you say I am?"

Peter answered, "You are the Messiah."

30 Jesus warned them not to tell anyone about him.

31 He then began to teach them that the Son of Man must suffer many things and be rejected by the elders, the chief priests and the teachers of the law, and that he must be killed and after three days rise again. 32 He spoke plainly about this, and Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him.

33 But when Jesus turned and looked at his disciples, he rebuked Peter. "Get behind me, Satan!" he said. "You do not have in mind the concerns of God, but merely human concerns."

34 Then he called the crowd to him along with his disciples and said: "Whoever wants to be my disciple must deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me. 35 For whoever wants to save their life will lose it, but whoever loses their life for me and for the gospel will save it. 36 What good is it for someone to gain the whole world, yet forfeit their soul? 37 Or what can anyone give in exchange for their soul? 38 If anyone is ashamed of me and my words in this adulterous and sinful generation, the Son of Man will be ashamed of them when he comes in his Father's glory with the holy angels."

Song of Preparation

All Good Gifts

Epworth Chancel Choir

Prayer of Preparation

Scripture Reading

John 12:1-11

Six days before the Passover, Jesus came to Bethany, where Lazarus lived, whom Jesus had raised from the dead. 2 Here a dinner was given in Jesus' honor. Martha served, while Lazarus was among those reclining at the table with him. 3 Then Mary took about a pint of pure nard, an expensive perfume; she poured

it on Jesus' feet and wiped his feet with her hair. And the house was filled with the fragrance of the perfume.

4 But one of his disciples, Judas Iscariot, who was later to betray him, objected, 5 "Why wasn't this perfume sold and the money given to the poor? It was worth a year's wages." 6 He did not say this because he cared about the poor but because he was a thief; as keeper of the money bag, he used to help himself to what was put into it.

7 "Leave her alone," Jesus replied. "It was intended that she should save this perfume for the day of my burial. 8 You will always have the poor among you, but you will not always have me."

9 Meanwhile a large crowd of Jews found out that Jesus was there and came, not only because of him but also to see Lazarus, whom he had raised from the dead. 10 So the chief priests made plans to kill Lazarus as well, 11 for on account of him many of the Jews were going over to Jesus and believing in him.

Prayer of Preparation

Sermon

Following or Consuming?

Rev. Jennifer Fenner

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

Take my Life and Let it Be- UMH #399

1. Take my life, and let it be
consecrated, Lord, to thee.

Take my moments and my days;
let them flow in ceaseless praise.

Take my hands, and let them move

at the impulse of thy love.
Take my feet, and let them be
swift and beautiful for thee.

2. Take my voice, and let me sing
always, only, for my King.
Take my lips, and let them be
filled with messages from thee.
Take my silver and my gold;
not a mite would I withhold.
Take my intellect, and use
every power as thou shalt choose.

3. Take my will, and make it thine;
it shall be no longer mine.
Take my heart, it is thine own;
it shall be thy royal throne.
Take my love, my Lord, I pour
at thy feet its treasure-store.
Take myself, and I will be
ever, only, all for thee.

Invitation to Receive the Offering

Offering Song

Eric Pazdziora

Closing Hymn

I Surrender All - UHM #354

1. All to Jesus I surrender;
all to him I freely give;
I will ever love and trust him,

in his presence daily live.

Refrain:

I surrender all, I surrender all,
all to thee, my blessed Savior,
I surrender all.

2. All to Jesus I surrender;
humbly at his feet I bow,
worldly pleasures all forsaken;
take me, Jesus, take me now. [Refrain]

3. All to Jesus I surrender;
make me, Savior, wholly thine;
let me feel the Holy Spirit,
truly know that thou art mine. [Refrain]

4. All to Jesus I surrender;
Lord, I give myself to thee;
fill me with thy love and power;
let thy blessing fall on me. [Refrain]

5. All to Jesus I surrender;
now I feel the sacred flame.
O the joy of full salvation!
Glory, glory to his name! [Refrain]

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.*

Calendar of Upcoming Events

Friday May 23 NO GGYM – Memorial Day Weekend

Saturday May 24 10-12noon Session 2 Marriage Class (repeat)

Sunday May 25: 9:00 10:30 and 12:30 Sermon Series FOLLOW week 4

- Memorial Day Weekend
- Food Distribution
- 5pm Young Adult Life Group

Monday May 26: Memorial Day Observed. Office Closed

Saturday May 31 10-12noon Session 3 Marriage Class

Sunday June 1: 9:00 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.
- 20 somethings Young Adult group 5-7pm Epworth Lounge
- 3-5pm Session 4 Marriage Class

Wednesday June 4 End of Year Celebration for ESOL, Computer, Spanish Classes through Epworth's Ana A. Brito Foundation

- 5pm Ceremony in Sanctuary
- 7pm Dinner in Fellowship Hall

Sunday June 8: 10am – Confirmation and Pentecost Single Service
1pm Cook Out at Seneca Creek State Park Cardinal Picnic Area.

- Sign up details on the website.
Main course will be grilled. All of the church is welcome.
Goshen, Covenant, Mill Creek and Epworth UMCs will be participating. **

- Food Distribution at Epworth

Sunday June 15 9:00 10:30 and 12:30 Services - Father's Day Celebration & Launch of "Live it Out" VBS Sermon Series

**We give thanks for those who supported Epworth's
Ana A Brito Foundation this past week.**

Please like/ Follow Epworth's Ana A Brito Foundation

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CURRENT SIGN UPS:



GGYM ALL CHURCH COOKOUT

TO CELEBRATE CONFIRMATION

Sunday June 8 | 1pm-4pm

Stop by for food and fun . Questions: Contact Allison
mcpyouth@gmail.com

 **Seneca Creek State Park**
(\$3 dollar entrance fee per person)

Shelter 7 - Cardinal Picnic Pavilion

Please scan code or click link to RSVP using the sign up genius



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SIGN UP FOR VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL and the SOCCER CLINIC on the website. Click [here](#) for VBS registration

<https://www.epworthunited.org/event-details/live-it-out-vbs-2025-1>

Click here for [Soccer Clinic](#) registration

<https://www.epworthunited.org/event-details/community-soccer-clinic>

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



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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
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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*



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

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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