

**ARISE 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



**March 9, 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**

**Beneath The Cross of Jesus**

Epworth Chancel Choir

#### **Call to Worship**

*(L- Leader / C- Congregation)*

L: Gather us in, Lord, and hear our prayers.

**C: We have come to this place in need for healing and hope.**

L: Gather us in, Lord, and heal our spirits.

**C: We come here seeking guidance and strength.**

L: Gather us in, Lord, and open our hearts to receive your word.

**C: Open our hearts, our spirits, our souls to comprehend your word and follow you faithfully. AMEN.**

#### **Hymn**

**Immortal Invisible- UMH #103**

Immortal, invisible, God only wise,  
in light inaccessible hid from our eyes,  
most blessed, most glorious, the Ancient of Days,  
almighty, victorious, thy great name we praise.

Unresting, unhasting, and silent as light,  
nor wanting, nor wasting, thou rulest in might;  
thy justice like mountains high soaring above  
thy clouds which are fountains of goodness and love.

To all, life thou givest, to both great and small;  
in all life thou livest, the true life of all;  
we blossom and flourish as leaves on the tree,  
and wither and perish, but naught changeth thee.

Thou reignest in glory; thou dwellest in light;  
thine angels adore thee, all veiling their sight;  
all laud we would render: O help us to see  
'tis only the splendor of light hideth thee.

## Opening Prayer

## 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.

### **Song of Preparation**

#### **Jesus Keep Me Near The Cross**

Epworth Chancel Choir

### **Scripture Reading**

#### **Mark 14: 1-10**

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.” Then Judas Iscariot, who was one of the twelve, went to the chief priests in order to betray him to them.

## **Prayer of Preparation**

### **Sermon**

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

Rev. Jennifer Fenner

### **Hymn of Response**

**In the Garden UMH #314**

I come to the garden alone  
While the dew is still on the roses  
And the voice I hear, falling on my ear  
The Son of God discloses

And He walks with me  
And He talks with me  
And He tells me I am His own  
And the joy we share as we tarry there  
None other has ever known

He speaks and the sound of His voice  
Is so sweet the birds hush their singing  
And the melody that He gave to me  
Within my heart is ringing

And He walks with me  
And He talks with me  
And He tells me I am His own  
And the joy we share as we tarry there  
None other has ever known

I'd stay in the garden with Him  
'Tho the night around me be falling  
But He bids me go; through the voice of woe  
His voice to me is calling

And He walks with me  
And He talks with me  
And He tells me I am His own  
And the joy we share as we tarry there  
None other has ever known

### **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 heavenly host;  
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

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

#### **Doxology**

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## 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.*

## Closing Hymn

### Great Is Thy Faithfulness-UMH #140

Great is thy faithfulness, O God my Father;  
there is no shadow of turning with thee;  
thou changest not, thy compassions, they fail not;  
as thou hast been, thou forever wilt be.

Refrain:

Great is thy faithfulness! Great is thy faithfulness!  
Morning by morning new mercies I see;  
all I have needed thy hand hath provided;  
great is thy faithfulness, Lord, unto me!

Summer and winter and springtime and harvest,  
sun, moon, and stars in their courses above  
join with all nature in manifold witness  
to thy great faithfulness, mercy, and love. Refrain

Pardon for sin and a peace that endureth,  
thine own dear presence to cheer and to guide;  
strength for today and bright hope for tomorrow,  
blessings all mine, with ten thousand beside! Refrain

## Benediction 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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## Calendar

**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

**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  
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**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

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

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

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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 ?s

Register @epworthunited

# Lenten Schedule 2025

## Please See Our Website for Event Details & Registration for Events

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### LENTEEN 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

**LENTEEN 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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