

This Week at Epworth

Sunday, April 16

- 9:00am Sunday School
- 10:00am Coffee Fellowship
- 10:30am Worship

Monday, April 17

- 7:00pm Valley Troubadours

Tuesday, April 18

- 9:00am Green Dot Training
- 1:30pm Great Plains Foodbank
- 1:30pm Tuesday Bible Study

Wednesday, April 19

- 7:00pm Youth

Thursday, April 20

- 10:00am Bible Study
- 1:30pm Circles meet UWF
- 4:00pm BIO Girls
- 7:00pm Cub Scouts

Sunday, April 23

- 9:00am Sunday School
- 10:00am Coffee Fellowship
- 10:30am Worship (Camp Sunday)

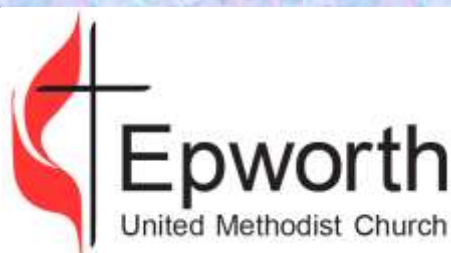
Sunday Worship

April 16, 2023

10:30 am Worship



*I have
seen the
Lord!*



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Sermon Series

Previous Sundays—

Victory over Death

The Final Week

*On the Journey to
Jerusalem*

*Parables from the
Underside*

Today—

Jesus Bursting Forth

by Rev. Duane Coates

Our Mission

To make disciples
of Jesus Christ for the
transformation of the
world.

Our Vision

Living, sharing and growing
in God's love by bringing
the world to Christ and
Christ to the world through
open hearts, open minds,
and open doors.

Our Strategy

Radical Hospitality
Spiritual Growth
Signature Ministries
Collaborative Leadership

Where + is indicated, standing or sitting, we praise God.

*You are invited to read aloud the **bold text**.*

Large print hymnals are available upon request to an usher

On the screen—Leader=white text, People=yellow text

The Church Gathers to Worship

Connection Question— What makes you optimistic about this time of year?

+Call to Worship—

Leader: Come to Christ, that living stone, rejected by the world, but in God's sight chosen and precious.

All: We have responded to Christ's call, and seek to be built into a spiritual house, a living reminder of God's presence on earth.

Leader: Once we were no people, but now we are God's people, called out of the darkness into God's marvelous light. Therefore we sing with the Church in all ages.

All: Blessed be your name, O God, our Redeemer. By your mercy we have been born anew to a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead.

From Bread for the Journey, p. 44 © 1981. The Pilgrim Press, Cleveland, OH.

Opening Song— No. 310 *He Lives*

The Church Lifts Prayers to God

Unison Prayer of Confession

Lord of Life, submitting to death, you conquered the grave. By being lifted on a cross, you draw all peoples to you. By being raised from the dead, you restored to humanity all that we had lost through sin. Throughout these fifty days of Easter we proclaim the marvelous mystery of death and resurrection. For all praise is yours, now and throughout eternity. Amen.

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Lifting our Joys and Concerns

Leader: Lord, in your mercy / in our joy

People: Hear our Prayer

Call to Prayer— No. 420 *Breathe on me, Breath of God*

A Time of Silent Prayer

Pastoral Prayer

The Lord's Prayer in Unison

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name.
Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive those who trespass against us.
And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.
For Thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory,
forever. Amen.

OUR FATHER

Call for Children— No. 277 *Tell Me the Stories of Jesus* (vs. 1)
Tell me the stories of Jesus I love to hear; things I would ask Him to tell
me if He were here: scenes by the wayside, tales of the sea, stories of
Jesus, tell them to me.

Time Mostly for Children—

The Church Hears God's Word

First Reading – *1 Peter 1:3-9* (new birth into living hope)

Response—Leader: The Word of God for the people of God.

People: Thanks be to God.

+ Hymn of Preparation – No. 304 *Easter People Raise Your Voices*

Sermon Scripture— *John 20:19-31* (Jesus appears to the disciples)

Response—Leader: The Word of God for the people of God.

People: Thanks be to God.

Message— *Jesus Bursting Forth*

by Rev. Duane Coates



The Church Responds to God's Word

Offertory—

+Doxology—No. 95 *Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow*

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.

+ Prayer of Dedication

In Our Prayers This Week

In Hospital

Fighting Cancer

Sue Olson
Duane Triebold
Jan Barlow
Jo Thorson

In Hospice Care

In Hospital

Prayer Requests

Our 4GoG Ministries
mental health concerns
Pastor Dayne
Lori Glaser
World Leaders
Military
People of Ukraine
Pastor Duane
Jake Steen
Allen & Shirley Storkson
Jaxon Horsager
Dottie Werkhoven
Kathy Mah
Dave Zeller
Della McClean
Mark Ziebert
The Family & Friends of
Tom Vagle

In Joy

Children
Easter season

If you or a member of your family is going into the hospital or moving from one care center to another and you would like the church to know about this, please call the church office at 701-845-0340 or email office@epworthvalleycity.com. This helps our church family care for one another.

Ministers of the Gospel

All members of the congregation.

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+Breakthrough Prayer –

Dear God, unleash in us your bold, limitless Spirit. Help us to break free from where we are and lead us to where you want us to go. Call us to risk. Call us to change. Call us to follow your Good News. Amen.

Announcements—

+Closing Song — No. 2151 *I'm So Glad Jesus Lifted Me*

+Dismissal with Blessing —

Leader: The risen Christ stands in our midst and says, "Peace be with you!"

All: We go forth to walk the peaceful path of new life and living hope.

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+Postlude —



Welcome! If you're a guest, know that we're glad you're here, and that we'd love to get to know you better. If this is your first visit, welcome. If you are returning, welcome back!

Coffee Fellowship time is at 10:00 a.m. Enjoy coffee, lemonade, water, and a treat.

We welcome our visitors to join us!

We Care For Our Community

Please share with the church office if you, a family member, or another in our church family are experiencing illness, hospitalization, or need of pastoral care.

Pastor Duane Coates, Office: 845-0340 Cell: 605-695-5561



22 Derek Bruns

Matthew Glazer

30 Jeanne Burchill

Talon Schlittenhardt



2nd Erin Woehl

5th Lori Jury

6th Shelley Vareberg

7th Lori Glaser

3rd Jeanne & Todd Burchill

Camp Sunday April 23rd—If your children or yourself would like to go to camp you can register at www.dakcamps.org.

As a reminder, our United Methodist Men and Women pay for half of your camp fee. When you check out, enter the **Church Financial Code: 332301CA** for it to figure out your portion of the fee, and they will bill the church for the rest!



Shoes to Fill—Finding volunteers is getting harder and harder and Epworth needs some volunteers! Can YOU Help?



Epworth Ministry Review

Attendance: Sun., April 9th

In-person— 8am—50 10:30am—117

Online— 8am—5 10:30am—29

Sunday School— No Sunday School

Youth—April 12—13

Stewardship: April 9th—April 15th

Daily Expenses— \$3,908.39

Glory of God's House— \$1,165.00

Building Maintenance—\$1,855.00

Church Use Gift—\$75.00

Vacation Bible School—\$150.00

United Women in Faith—\$20.00

Security System—\$500.00

Upper Room—\$50.00



In Ministry Today

Pianist—Hailey Winkler

Tech Team

Greeters—

Ushers—

Lector—Bev Enger



Church Family suppers will begin again in May. Supper will be held one Wednesday a month and serving will begin at 5:30 pm.



Foreign Exchange Student Looking for Home for 2023-24 School Year

The American Institute for Foreign Study's Academic Year in America program is looking for a Christian family with which to place a German farm girl in this area for the 2023-24 school year, starting on or about Aug. 4, 2023.

More information can be found in the newsletter or by contacting the office or Pastor Duane.

Volunteers Needed—We need volunteers! Vacation Bible School, which is scheduled for May 30–June 2, needs kitchen helpers and leaders for different areas of school. We are also looking for someone to take the volunteer position of finding ushers and greeters. If you would be interested in helping please contact the office. Ph. 701-845-0340



Tom Vagle—Dec. 3, 1936— April 3, 2023



Please remember the family and friends of Tom in your prayers. Tom was a vital member of Epworth and a proud veteran. He also was a founding member of the Troubadours. Funeral was held April 12th at Epworth.



Native American Ministries Sunday Set for April 23— On the third Sunday of Easter, April 23, we will collect our annual Native American Ministries special offering. This offering helps to

develop and strengthen Native American ministries in our Annual Conference and beyond. It also provides scholarships for Native Americans attending United Methodist schools of theology.



Time to Update Contact Information

Time to update contact information; phone number, address, and email. Correct information will help Epworth stay in contact with members and constituents. If you know anyone who might not be receiving Epworth information that should, please contact Epworth so we can get this corrected. Epworth would like to keep in contact with our members and hopes to have our records updated soon. Please either call or email so the information does not get lost in passing.

Epworth contact:

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Help Prevent Child Abuse

April is National Child Abuse Prevention Month, and the state Health and Human Services agency invites concerned people to respond in either of the following ways: Wear blue on Fridays to show support. Also, the Green Dot program is having a bystander training on Tuesday, April 18 from 9 a.m. to noon at the GrandStay Hotel (271 Winter Show Rd. SE). To register, contact the program at 701-840-6270 or vcgreendot@gmail.com.

Great Plains Food Bank Coming

The Great Plains Food Bank truck is coming! We are looking forward to another great food distribution on **Tuesday, April 18, 1:30-3:00 p.m.**

Volunteers are a vital component to making this important ministry happen right here in our church parking lot! Please contact Pastor Duane or the office if you are available to help. We will need traffic controllers and other volunteers.

