



10:00 Worship Service

April 26, 2026



Welcome to NEUMC!

We're glad you're here! Thank You for joining us today!

Our Mission is to Know Jesus and Make Him Known

A SERVICE OF WORD AND TABLE

Fourth Sunday of Easter

***HYMN, 138**

“The King of Love My Shepherd Is”
Verses 1-4

Processional

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

LORD’S PRAYER

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, the power, and the glory, For ever and ever. Amen.

***HYMN OF PRAISE, 136**

“The Lord’s My Shepherd, I’ll Not Want”
Verses 1-5

CHILDREN’S MOMENT

“Lamb’s Corner”

OLD AND NEW TESTAMENT READINGS

Psalm 100
1 Peter 2:19-25

SONG

“Sanctuary”

Sing Twice

Lord prepare me to be a sanctuary
Pure and holy, tried and true
With thanksgiving, I’ll be a living
Sanctuary for You

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SERMON AND INVITATION TO DISCIPLESHIP

Pastor Antoinette

“Living in Community”
Acts 2:42-47

CALL FOR OFFERING

OFFERING

There are 4 ways to give. See back of bulletin.

***DOXOLOGY, 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.

HOLY COMMUNION

Wine and grape juice are used for communion. The chalices have wine.
Grape juice is available in the center. Gluten free bread is used for communion.

CONFESSION AND PARDON

Merciful God, we confess that we have not loved you with our whole heart.

We have failed to be an obedient church.

We have not done your will, we have broken your law, we have rebelled against your love, we have not loved our neighbors, and we have not heard the cry of the needy.

Forgive us, we pray. Free us for joyful obedience, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

All pray in silence.

Hear the good news: Christ died for us while we were yet sinners, that proves God's love toward us.

In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven!

In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven! Glory to God. Amen.

THE PEACE

Sharing "peace" with one another is an ancient Christian tradition rooted in the teachings of Jesus and practices of the Christian community. It also serves as a way for members to reconcile before receiving Holy Communion. Let us offer one another signs of reconciliation and love. God's peace be with you.

GREAT THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them up to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you,

Father Almighty, creator of heaven and earth. And so, with your people on earth and all the company of heaven we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory.

Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest.

Holy are you, and blessed is your Son Jesus Christ.

By the baptism of his suffering, death, and resurrection you gave birth to your church, delivered us from slavery to sin and death, and made with us a new covenant by water and the Spirit.

On the night in which he gave himself up for us he took bread, gave thanks to you, broke the bread, gave it to his disciples, and said: "Take, eat; this is my body which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me."

When the supper was over, he took the cup, gave thanks to you, gave it to his disciples, and said: "Drink from this, all of you; this is my blood of the new covenant, poured out for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me."

And so, in remembrance of these your mighty acts in Jesus Christ, we offer ourselves in praise and thanksgiving as a holy and living sacrifice, in union with Christ's offering for us, as we proclaim the mystery of faith.

Christ has died; Christ is risen; Christ will come again.

Pour out your Holy Spirit on us gathered here, and on these gifts of bread and wine. Make them be for us the body and blood of Christ, that we may be for the world the body of Christ, redeemed by his blood. By your Spirit make us one with Christ, one with each other, and one in ministry to all the world, until Christ comes in final victory, and we feast at his heavenly banquet. Through your Son Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit in your holy church, all honor and glory is yours, almighty Father, now and for ever.

Amen.

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CHARGE

*BENEDICTION

*HYMN

“Living Hope”

Verse 1

How great the chasm that lay between us
How high the mountain I could not climb
In desperation I turned to heaven
And spoke Your name into the night
Then through the darkness Your loving-kindness
Tore through the shadows of my soul
The work is finished the end is written
Jesus Christ my living hope

Verse 2

Who could imagine so great a mercy
What heart could fathom such boundless grace
The God of ages stepped down from glory
To wear my sin and bear my shame
The cross has spoken I am forgiven
The King of kings calls me His own
Beautiful Savior I'm Yours forever
Jesus Christ my living hope

Chorus

Hallelujah praise the One who set me free
Hallelujah death has lost its grip on me
You have broken every chain
There's salvation in Your name
Jesus Christ my living hope

Verse 3

Then came the morning that sealed the promise
Your buried body began to breathe
Out of the silence the Roaring Lion
Declared the grave has no claim on me
(REPEAT)
Jesus Yours is the victory whoa

Ending

Jesus Christ my living hope
Oh God You are my living hope

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POSTLUDE

* Please stand as you are able.



We are delighted that you have joined us in worship!
We hope your experience at NEUMC was enjoyable and encouraging.
Please join us for *Cookie Time* fellowship following the service.

Sermon NOTES



“Living in Community”

Acts 2:42-47

42 They devoted themselves to the apostles’ teaching and fellowship, to the breaking of bread and the prayers.

43 Awe came upon everyone because many wonders and signs were being done through the apostles.

44 All who believed were together and had all things in common;

45 they would sell their possessions and goods and distribute the proceeds[a] to all, as any had need.

46 Day by day, as they spent much time together in the temple, they broke bread at home[b] and ate their food with glad and generous[c] hearts,

47 praising God and having the goodwill of all the people. And day by day the Lord added to their number those who were being saved.

Lectionary Devotional Reading for the week of April 26

Ezekiel 34:7-15

Psalm 100

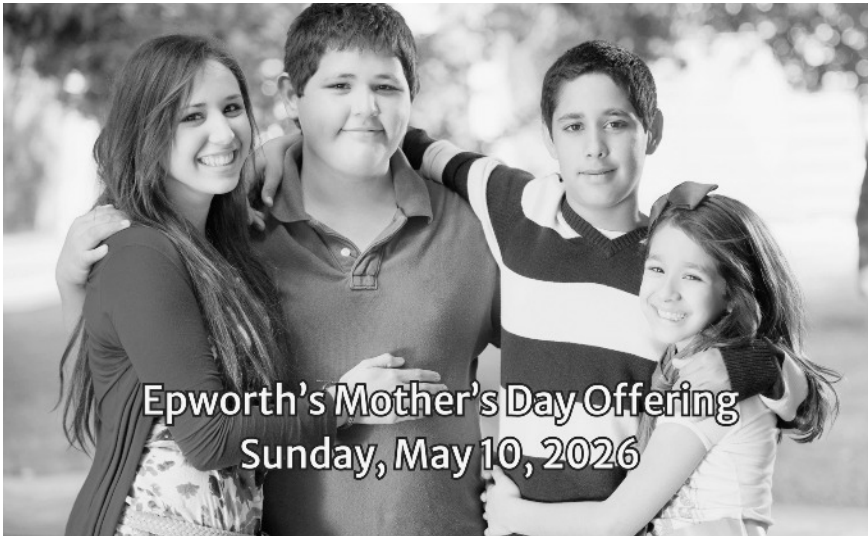
1 Peter 2:19-25

John 10:1-10

Fresh Food

AT THE BLESSING BOX

The Outreach/Witness Committee is planning a Fresh Food at the Blessing Box event on May 9 from 9:00 – 10:30. We hope to have eggs, milk, bread, and fruits and vegetables available, and our goal is to serve families who use the Blessing Box regularly and families of children who receive food through our Backpack program. If you're interested in participating or contributing fresh food to this event, please speak to Gaye Christmus or Jane DeCristofaro.



HOW CAN WE HELP? Epworth provides care for children and families in our community who have experienced trauma through abuse, neglect, and loss. This care helps to break the destructive cycle and sets them on a better path. On Sunday, May 10, our congregation will support Epworth by collecting the Annual Epworth Mother's Day Offering. For more information, please visit Epworth online at www.epworthsc.org.

Let's learn and
grow together!

Sunday
SCHOOL

TIME: 9:00 AM

Overcomers (Room 212) - Living Into God's Promises
Pairs & Spares (Room 214) - Bible Stories for Grown-Ups
Iron Sharpens Iron (Room 208) - The Upper Room
Older Kids & Youth (Room 213) - Lessons in the Bible
Preschool & Young Kids (Room 206) - Lessons in the Bible



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MINISTRY AND PRAYER NEEDS

Prayer request cards are located in the card holders on the back of the chairs.

- **Luca Pizzello and his family.** Baby Luca has been diagnosed with cerebral palsy. The family needs lots of prayer as they navigate his care and development.
- **Larry Markham,** for continued strength.
- **Carol Rytlewski,** Nikki Shaffner's mother, for continued healing from her accident.
- **Dallas Petty,** recovering from the flu and has cancer.
- **Chris & Kara Bishop.** Chris has been diagnosed with frontotemporal dementia.
- **Kathy, Lori Beth Wissler's sister,** who is experiencing medical issues.
- **Betty McCall,** Sylvia Cousin's aunt, who has heart problems.
- **Wanda Chandler,** Bianca Brazell's mother, for continued recovery following her chemotherapy treatment.
- **Marion Crowell,** Stephen Crowell's mother, for her overall health.
- **Doug Miro,** Ryon Miro's father, recovering from a stroke.
- **Tammie Sloop, Brooks Shealy & Mattia Hilmer** for their overall health.
- **Liz Hetzler,** Forrest Horn's sister, who is suffering with dementia.
- **Those going through cancer treatment: John Lockard & Mark Grace**
- **Our military and first responders.**
- **Our missionaries:**
 - Matt & Jenny Williams:** Athletes in Action Cru
 - Steve & Stephanie Bredesen:** Nakalanda, Uganda
 - Ben & Jenny Reyes**

HOMEBOUND AND ELDERLY

We are a family and we encourage anyone who feels led by God to visit those who are sick or homebound. Following are our homebound: Sandra Miller

PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY

The Prayer Shawl Ministry Team create shawls and other items for you to share with those who need encouragement. When you give a shawl away, you are sharing the love and prayers of NEUMC. The prayer shawls are kept in the Prayer Center if one is needed. Prayer Shawl Ministry Team

ACOLYTE

Youth

TODAY	NEXT WEEK
LAY LEADER Stephen Crowell	LAY LEADER Larry Griner
COMMUNION PREPARER Karen Evans	COMMUNION PREPARER Diane Horn
COMMUNION SERVERS Karen Evans, Leena Crentsil & Debbo Lackore	COMMUNION SERVERS Diane Horn, Pat Christiansen & Jennifer Wargel
SCRIPTURE READER Harry Berry	SCRIPTURE READER Weston Cheatham
DESIGNATED FRIENDS Forrest & Diane Horn	DESIGNATED FRIENDS Jane Scott & Debbie Hoesly
GREETERS Forrest & Diane Horn	GREETERS Charlie & Ann Henry
PRAYER WARRIOR Gil Johnson	PRAYER WARRIOR Ann Henry
OFFERING COUNTERS Jane DeCristofaro & Dan Christmus	OFFERING COUNTERS Mike Munn & Pat Hoesly

There are 4 ways to give:

- (1) as offering is collected
- (2) mail a check to the church
- (3) setup recurring giving online: neumc.com/give
- (4) use the QR Code to give online

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