

PRELUDE *“Andante”* *MOZART*

***HYMN #140** *“Great Is Thy Faithfulness”* *FAITHFULNESS*

PASSING OF THE PEACE
WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: We gather this morning not as strangers, but as those drawn into a fold of grace—a community shaped by care, belonging, and the voice that calls us by name.

People: We come because the world is scattered, and we long to be gathered. We seek a place where love is practiced, not just preached.

Leader: Here, in the presence of the Good Shepherd, we are not just protected—we are knit together. This sheepfold is not a hiding place, but a home where each life matters.

People: We come because we are weary of isolation, and we believe that healing happens in community.

Leader: In this beloved fold, no one is forgotten. The Shepherd knows our stories, and we are invited to know one another.

People: Let us listen. Let us follow. Let's build together. For in the care of the Good Shepherd, we are becoming the beloved community.

All: We are here, together, in love and in trust. Let us worship. Amen.

PASTORAL PRAYER

LORD'S PRAYER #270 (in unison)

MINISTRY OF MUSIC (Both)

“At th River”

COPELAND

SCRIPTURE LESSON John 10:11-18
 Polly Richardson (8:30)
 Lynne Hayes (9:45)

SERMON *“The Good Shepherd”*

***HYMN #462** *“Tis So Sweet to Trust in Jesus”* *TRUST IN JESUS*

OFFERINGS OF THE PEOPLE

OFFERTORY *“Rest”* *MCHUGH & NELSON*

DOXOLOGY #94 *LASST UNS ERFREUEN*

SACRAMENT OF COMMUNION (8:30)

The United Methodist Church practices open communion. All who seek a deeper relationship with God are invited and may participate. We are celebrating communion today by intinction, meaning when you come forward you will receive the bread and then you will dip the bread into the cup. If you prefer the pre-packaged communion elements, or if you need gluten-free bread, they will be available at the tables on either side of the stewards.

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING *HYMNAL #13*

***HYMN #593** *“Here I Am Lord”* *HERE I AM LORD*

***BENEDICTION**

***HYMN #328** *“Spirit of the Living God”* *LIVING GOD*

***POSTLUDE** *“Fanfare”* *SOLER*

OUR WORSHIP LEADERS

CLERGY

Sermon Rev. Cecil Thompson
 Rev. Elizabeth Trigg

Liturgists

 Alan Lepard (8:30am)
 Alan Lepard (9:45am)

Organist & Pianist Cecil Baughman
Ministry Of Music Lynne Hayes- solo

NOTES

Epworth United Methodist Church extends a warm welcome to visitors, travelers, and new residents of the community every Sunday. The congregation believes that the presence of each one of you strengthens their witness of Christ. The church hopes that you will feel at home and comfortable at Epworth. In case you need any assistance, ushers and greeters are always available to guide you to the classes and other areas of the church. After the service, please take a moment to greet the people sitting near you. The congregation looks forward to having you join us every Sunday for worship and service at **Epworth United Methodist Church**.



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8:30 & 9:45 Services

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