# Welcome to Epworth United Methodist Church

Worship: 9:30 AM

Pastor- Jeffery White Lay Leader- Christine "Chris" Mosig Pianist- Catherine Medovich

# UPCOMING EVENTS

August 24, 2025--- HOMECOMING at Halesford UMC
Morning Worship 11am—Elder Shawna Banks
Followed by Lunch
Afternoon Worship 2pm—Rev, Roy Gunn, from Macedonia Baptist and
their anointed choir and congregation

August 28, 2025--- Thursday "Sunday School" 7:30 on Zoom

August 31,2025--- Fifth Sunday Parish-wide Service @Epworth 9:30am followed by fellowship

September4, 2025--- Prayer meeting" 7pm on Zoom

September4, 2025--- Thursday "Sunday School" 7:30 on Zoom

September 11, 2025--- Thursday "Sunday School" 7:30 on Zoom

Rev. Leigh Anne Taylor is a Deacon serving as the Director of Connecting Ministries for the Mountain View District. She is known for her commitment to leading a life worthy of her calling, with all humility and gentleness, patience, and love. Taylor is also recognized for her prayer support to the delegation and her dedication to listening for the movement of the Holy Spirit. Her favorite scripture leading into the General Conference is Ephesians 4:1-6, which emphasizes the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace. Taylor's personal story of her former husband's coming out has opened a door for healing within her family and the larger Church.



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Rev. Dr. Sarah Calvert, District Superintendent MountainViewDS@vaumc.org

# ELEVENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

August 24, **2025** 

The Mission of the United Methodist Church: To make disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world

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## THE CHURCH GATHERS

#### PRAISE HYMN

Hymn No. 171 "There's Something About That Name" X2

#### **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

#### \*GATHERING HYMN

Hymn No. 731 "Glorious Things of Thee Are Spoken"

#### CALL TO WORSHIP

The Lord is our rock and our refuge.

God is our fortress in times of trouble.

The Holy One saves us from the hand of the wicked.

God delivers us from our foes.

Christ heals us from our infirmities.

The Spirit frees us from the chains that bind us.

Rest in the Source of our refuge and our strength.

#### UNISON PRAYER

Great Healer, we are beaten down by life's suffering. Make us whole, O God, and help us share your healing with the world. Free us from the demons that shackle our spirits, and set us free from the chains that binds us, that we may help break the chains of others. Amen.

#### JOYS AND CONCERNS

#### PASTORIAL PRAYER & THE LORD'S PRAYER

#### PASSING THE PEACE

God is our refuge and our strength, the very foundation of our lives. Rest in this knowledge and share the joy of God's love as you exchange signs of Christ's peace with one another.

#### TO HEAR THE WORD

1st Lesson: Jeremiah 1:4-10

2<sup>nd</sup> Lesson: Psalm 71:1-6

3<sup>rd</sup> Lesson: Hebrews 12:18-29

4th Lesson: Luke 13:10-17 \*\*

Lectionary Reading \* Sermon Lesson\*

#### +JUNIOR CHURCH

Hymn No. 191"Jesus Loves Me, This I Know" v.1 + Children are invited to follow teachers to Junior Church

#### TITHES AND OFFERING

#### INVITATION TO OFFERING

#### \*DOXOLOGY

Hymn No. 95 "Praise God From Whom All Blessings Flow"

#### \*HYMN OF PREPARATION

Hymn No. 261 "Lord of the Dance"

**SERMON** "A Shift in Perspective" Rev. Leigh Anne Taylor

## **RESPONDING IN FAITH**

\*THE APOSTLES' CREED No. 881

\*CLOSING HYMN

Hymn No. 593 "Here I Am, Lord"

#### \* BENEDICTION

God has set us free. Christ has brought us peace. The Spirit has made us whole. Go with God.

Leave carrying the light of Christ into the World

\*please stand if able