

Welcome to Epworth United Methodist Church

Worship: 9:30 AM

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

UPCOMING EVENTS

August 23, 2026---Halesford Homecoming 11am service, lunch, 2pm
Service—Rev C. J Taylor

August 27, 2026--- Prayer meeting” 7pm on Zoom

August 27, 2026--- Thursday “Sunday School” 7:30 on Zoom-
“Ezekiel- Visions of God’s Glory”

August 30, 2026---Fifth Sunday combined worship (Halesford) 11am

September 3, 2026--- Thursday “Sunday School” 7:30 on Zoom-
“Ezekiel- Visions of God’s Glory”

September 10, 2026-- Prayer meeting” 7pm on Zoom

September 10, 2026--- Thursday “Sunday School” 7:30 on Zoom-
“Ezekiel- Visions of God’s Glory”

September 17, 2026--- Thursday “Sunday School” 7:30 on Zoom-
“Ezekiel- Visions of God’s Glory”

September 24, 2026-- Prayer meeting” 7pm on Zoom

September 24, 2026--- Thursday “Sunday School” 7:30 on Zoom-
“Ezekiel- Visions of God’s Glory”



WASHINGTON COOPERATIVE PARISH
August 23, 2026

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THIRTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

August 23, 2026

*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. 2226 (TFWS) “Bind Us Together”

ANNOUNCEMENTS

* GATHERING HYMN

Hymn No. 175 ”Jesus, the Very Thought of Thee”

CALL TO WORSHIP

Amid the forces of death and destruction,

it takes a village to save us.

Amid the rivers that would carry us out to sea,

it takes willing souls to pull us from the water.

Amid the fear and hatred in our world,

it takes ordinary people to reveal God’s mercy.

Come, let us worship.

UNISON PRAYER

Gracious God, we present our very lives as holy and living sacrifices to your purposes. During this time of worship, we seek the renewal of our minds and the strengthening of our spirits. Show us your will, that we may know what is good, acceptable, and perfect in your sight. Amen.

JOYS AND CONCERNS

PASTORAL PRAYER & THE LORD’S PRAYER

PASSING THE PEACE

When we recognize Christ for who he really is, we find the peace and security to see ourselves for who we really are. Let us share this peace with one another as we pass the peace of Christ this day.

TO HEAR THE WORD

1st Lesson: Exodus 1:8–2:10

2nd Lesson: Psalm 124:1-8

3rd Lesson: Romans 12:1-8

4th Lesson: Matthew 16:13-20 **

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 THE OFFERING

*DOXOLOGY

Hymn No. 95 “Praise God From Whom All Blessings Flow”

HYMN OF PREPARATION,

Hymn No. 128 “He Leadeth Me”

SERMON

Pastor Jeff

RESPONDING IN FAITH

THE APOSTLES’ CREED No. 881

*CLOSING HYMN

Hymn No. 399 “Take My Life, and Let It Be”

*BENEDICTION

Blessed are you who resist the forces
of death and destruction.

Blessed are you who heed the cries of the weak
and the helpless.

Blessed are you who build the kingdom of God
with your love and compassion.

Blessed are you who commit yourselves
to do what is right and honorable and true.

Leave carrying the light of Christ into the World

*please stand if able