8:30 am & 9:45 am

PRELUDE *"Allegro con brio"* *MENDELSSOHN*

***HYMN #89** *"Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee"* *HYMN TO JOY*

***PASSING OF THE PEACE**

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: Come, let us gather in God's radiant presence.
People: We come trusting God to make us His love ambassadors in the world.
Leader: Christ calls us into His kingdom-community where hearts are stirred, burdens are shared, and joy runs deep.
People: Every day we wake up, make us aware that as ambassadors we are on kingdom business — a kingdom defined not by power but by spiritual kinship. Open our hearts to Your Word.
Leader: We come ready to be awakened, ready to be remade.
People: Make us humbly aware that we are being made, and are not yet fully what You are making of us.
All: Make us loving and send us as Your Beloved Community. Amen.

PASTORAL PRAYER

LORD'S PRAYER (in unison)

MINISTRY OF MUSIC (BOTH)

"Praise His Holy Name" *HAMPTON*

SCRIPTURE LESSON Acts 2:42; Luke 17:20-21

Jennifer Findsen (8:30) Sharon Roan (9:45)

SERMON *"Kingdom Practices"*

8:30 am & 9:45 am

***HYMN #402** *"Lord, I want to Be a Christian"* *I WANT TO BE A CHRISTIAN*

OFFERINGS OF THE PEOPLE

OFFERTORY

"If Thou But Suffer God to Guide Thee" *BOEHM*

***DOXOLOGY #94** *LASST UNS ERFREUEN*

***OFFERTORY PRAYER**

SACRAMENT OF COMMUNION (8:30)

The United Methodist Church practices open communion. All who seek 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. In an effort to be more inclusive the bread will all be gluten free. If you prefer the pre-packaged communion elements they will be available at the tables on either side of the stewards.

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING *Hymnal #13*

***HYMN #430** *"O Master, Let Me Walk with Thee "* *MARYTON*

***BENEDICTION**

***HYMN #666** *"Shalom to You"* *SOMOS DEL SENOR*

***POSTLUDE** *"Toccata"* *EBERLIN*

*Please rise in body or spirit, as you are able.

OUR WORSHIP LEADERS

CLERGY

SERMON Rev. Cecil Thompson
Rev. Elizabeth Trigg

LITURGISTS Markus Lepard (8:30 am)
Pat Sheehan (9:45 am)

ORGANIST & PIANIST Cecil Baughman

MINISTRY OF MUSIC Epworth Chancil Choir

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. Please join us for other Sunday morning activities.

WORSHIP SERVICES

8:30 AM | WORSHIP WITH WEEKLY HOLY COMMUNION
9:45 AM | TRADITIONAL WORSHIP SERVICE
11:00 AM | MODERN WORSHIP SERVICE

SUNDAY MORNING CLASSES

Children/Youth
PRESCHOOL
ages 3-5 9:45 & 11
GRADES K-5 9:45
GRADES 6-12 9:45
Donuts & The Bible
Nursery available at all services.

Adults
9:45 Coffee & Conversation
9:45 Adult Bible Study
11:00 Devotions, Discipleship & Discussions

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