

Fifth Sunday of Easter

Heritage Worship Service

April 28, 2024

11:00 am

Prelude.....String Sonata No. 1.....Gioacchino Rossini
Sean Stockton & Sarah Stockton, violin; Julian Lee, cello; and Bree Wood, double bass

Welcome and Opening Prayer.....Rev. Austin Byerly

*Hymn.....How Firm a Foundation v. 1,2,4,5.....UMH 529

Affirmation of Faith.....Apostles' Creed.....UMH 881
Nate Hendon

*Hymn.....The Day of Resurrection.....UMH 303

Scripture Lesson.....John 21:15-19.....Nate Hendon

Special Music.....Ancient Words.....Lynn Deshazo
Heritage Choir

Offering Moment

Pastoral Prayer & the Lord's Prayer

Special Music.....Amazing Grace.....arr. Craig Courtney
Kathryn Paden, Soprano

Message.....Catching Up to the Resurrection.....Rev. Austin Byerly

*Closing Hymn.....There's a Wideness in God's Mercy.....UMH 121

*Benediction

Postlude.....Christ Lay in Death's Strong Bands.....J.S. Bach
Fred Pogue, Organ

*The altar flowers are in memory of June Alley
from her celebration of life service on Saturday.*



WORSHIP THROUGH GIVING

To participate in worship through giving: place your offering in the baskets by the doors of the sanctuary; mail your offering to PO Box 31047 Knoxville, TN 37930; or give online, securely, by using the QR code or visiting www.eumcknox.org.

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WELCOME GUESTS!

We are glad you are here! We invite you to fill out a connection card that you can find on the back of the pew in front of you. We invite you to leave us your name and either a phone number or email address so that we can connect with you, learn more about you, and share more about who we are. Also, please note that for your convenience we have a **Cry Room** and a **Sensory Room** on the right side of the sanctuary if you need these rooms. We're so thankful you're here!

Get Involved In A Ministry!

Looking for new ways to get involved at Ebenezer? Volunteer in one of our ministries!

Helping Hands— A ministry that helps with handyman projects for those in need. Reach out to Ken Pearson at kenpearson8905@gmail.com or (865) 773-7613.

Daybreak—A service & lunch for our adult friends with autism. Meets on the second Thursday of each month. If you're interested in volunteering, reach out to Debbie Norris at sewingdebbie@hotmail.com or (865) 293-2041.

Wesley House—Be on the lookout in upcoming bulletins for donation needs!

Water Angels—Three or four times a year, we serve a meal with Water Angels ministry. The next serve date will be **Sunday, June 2**, at 2 pm.

Church Work & Serve Days—Be on the lookout in your bulletin for future dates!

Altar Flowers—Sign up on the calendar in the lobby (on the double doors behind the volunteer desk) to place flowers on the altar in honor or remembrance of someone important or a special event in your life. Reach out to Susan McMahan with any questions at 865-414-7807 or mcmahonsw@charter.net.

Grounds Maintenance—We are looking for volunteers to commit to grounds maintenance for one hour per week for a month doing things like mowing, weed eating, trimming, etc. If you're interested, there is a sign-up sheet in the lobby.

BE PRAYING FOR THE GENERAL CONFERENCE

The United Methodist Church's General Conference is currently underway and will end May 3. We encourage you to take some time to pray for the Conference. Specific things that we have been asked to pray for include praying:

- that all that is done at the Conference will be done in love,
- that everyone at the Conference may conduct themselves with mutual respect,
- that there is discernment as decisions are made,
- for our Bishops who will be presiding during the Conference, the worship teams and leaders who guide the delegation's work,
- and for the staff and volunteers who will be serving at the Conference.

For more information on the General Conference or for resources to help you pray for the Conference, visit <https://www.resourceumc.org/en/churchwide/general-conference-2020>. Thank you for your prayers for the General Conference!

WALK AND TALK TOGETHER (WATT)

Join Ebenezer for a new ministry called WaTT (Walk and Talk Together). This group is open to everyone, and will meet weekly to eat lunch, walk, and talk together. Like lightbulbs wattages vary, so do individual energy levels, so this group will walk in parks and on paths that encourage various levels of interest and ability, with places to sit and enjoy nature. They hope to "let their lights shine" by sharing experiences and supporting each other in life's walk. They will meet at the church on Wednesdays at 11 am to carpool to lunch before walking. For more information, reach out to Amy Aspenwall (423-539-9278), Nancy Connors (865-654-7478), or Joan Henn (217-855-1081).



THIS WEEK AT EBENEZER

SUNDAY, APRIL 28

9:00 am—Celebration Worship Service (Sanctuary)
10:00 am—Sunday School (Various Locations)
11:00 am—Heritage Worship Service (Sanctuary)
12:15 pm—Young Adult Lunch at Soccer Taco (2031 Thunderhead Road)
4:30 pm—Youth Parent Meeting (St. Clair Hall)
5:00 pm—Youth Group (Annex)

MONDAY, APRIL 29—OFFICE CLOSED

6:00 pm—Yoga with Tammy (Lobby)
7:00 pm—Boy Scouts Troop 141 (Annex)

TUESDAY, APRIL 30

10:00 am—Storytime with Mrs. Whitney (Power JAM)
10:00 am—Women's Coffee (Community Room)
3:00 pm—Farmers' Market (Parking Lot)
7:00 pm—KSO Youth Chamber Music Spring Recital (Sanctuary)
7:00 pm—Cub Scouts (Annex)

WEDNESDAY, MAY 1

11:00 am—WaTT (Meet in church parking lot for carpooling to Ijam River Walk)

THURSDAY, MAY 2

9:00 am—Men's Coffee (Annex)
10:00 am—Morning Glories (Community Room)
7:00 pm—Alcoholics Anonymous Meeting (St. Clair Hall)
7:00 pm—Al-Anon Meeting (Community Room)
7:00 pm—Alateen Meeting (Annex)

FRIDAY, MAY 3

3:30 pm—Brownie Troop Meeting (Community Room)

SUNDAY, MAY 5—GRADUATE SUNDAY!

9:00 am—Celebration Worship Service with Holy Communion (Sanctuary)
10:00 am—Graduates Reception (Lobby)
10:00 am—Sunday School (Various Locations)
11:00 am—Heritage Worship Service (Sanctuary)
12:00 pm—Graduates Reception (Lobby)
5:00 pm—Senior Night at Youth Group (Annex)

YOUNG ADULT LUNCH—TODAY!

Calling all Young Adults! We will be meeting for lunch together today right after the 11 am service! We will be having lunch at the Northshore Soccer Taco located at 2031 Thunderhead Road. Come join us for good food, good company, and a good time!



OFFICE CLOSED—MONDAY

The church office will be closed tomorrow (but Yoga With Tammy and Boy Scouts will still be meeting). Come by the office Tuesday instead!

QIGONG CANCELED—TUESDAY

Qigong With Mona is canceled for this Tuesday. See you next week!



MORNING GLORIES—THURSDAY

Women, join us this Thursday at 10 am in the Community Room for Morning Glories! Morning Glories is a women's group that meets the first Thursday of every month for a time of community and book study. They are currently reading *The Well-Watered Woman*. If you have questions about Morning Glories, you can reach out to Marjorie Barr at 865-604-1230. See you Thursday!

GRADUATE SUNDAY—NEXT SUNDAY

We are looking forward to celebrating our graduates on Sunday, May 5! We will recognize all graduating seniors (high school and college) in both the 9 am and 11 am services, and will have a reception in the lobby after both services as well. Parents, we would love to add your graduate to a special insert for the day! Please send Meagan in the front office information about your graduate including their name, where they're graduating from, what's next for them, and if applicable any continuing education plans, as well as 3-4 pictures. **Please have this to Meagan by Monday**; email her at office@eumcknox.org.



VBS AT EBENEZER—JUNE 17-20

Mark your calendars for Camp Firelight VBS at Ebenezer, June 17-20, 6—8 pm! We will learn that we can put our trust in God in every situation, including times when we might be afraid. **Register now at ebenezerumc.mycokesburyvbs.com**. For questions, email Whitney Douglas, Children's Director, at childrensministry@eumcknox.org.

MAGNOLIA AVE. FOOD PANTRY

Thanks to everyone who donated to Magnolia Ave. last month; we had nine volunteers who helped deliver 60 bags of food! During the month of May, we will collect Smooth Peanut Butter for our neighbors at Magnolia Ave. If you'd like to donate, please drop your items off in the bin in the hallway in front of the office.

The next distribution day at Magnolia Ave. is Monday, May 27.

HELPING IN WORSHIP AT EBENEZER

We would love your help to lead worship during the Heritage Service by reading Scripture lessons, creeds, and responsive readings. We are also looking for people to help serve communion in both services. If you would be interested in serving in any of these ways, reach out to Pastor Austin at abyerly@eumcknox.org to get started.

If you have questions about our Youth Ministry, reach out to Pastor Austin Byerly at abyerly@eumcknox.org



SUNDAY SCHOOL THIS MORNING

We meet for Sunday School every Sunday morning at 10 am in the Annex.

PARENT MEETING & YOUTH GROUP TONIGHT

There will be a Youth Parent Meeting today at 4:30 pm in St. Clair Hall, followed by Youth Group from 5—7 pm in the Annex.

UPCOMING

Sunday, May 5—Graduate Sunday (in both the Celebration & the Heritage services, plus Youth Group that night celebrating our seniors).

Sunday, May 12—No Youth Group because of Mother's Day.

Friday, May 17—Welcome Rising 6th Grader event, more details to come!

June 24-28—Youth Summer Mission Week, more details to come!

Children's Ministry

If you have questions about our Children's Ministry, contact Whitney Douglas, Children's Ministry Director, at childrensministry@eumcknox.org.

"YOU BLEW IT!"—IN POWER JAM

We all feel like failures at one point or another. Despite whatever it is that makes you feel like you're failing, there's good news: Jesus will never give up on you!

NURSERY

An infant and toddler nursery is provided from 9 am—12 pm on Sunday mornings. Worship worry-free, as Mrs. Sherry cares for your little ones.

SUNDAY SCHOOL—10 AM

There is always something exciting planned for Sunday School as Mrs. Elyse leads our Pre-K—2nd grade Sunday school class and Mrs. Whitney leads our 3rd—5th graders!