

Second Sunday of Easter
Heritage Worship Service

April 27, 2025
11:00 am

Prelude.....String Quartet in G Major, Allegro.....Florence Price
Violins: Rebecca Aponte, Jennifer Bloch/ Viola: Carsten Schroeder/ Cello: Maddie Gibbs

Welcome and Opening Prayer.....Rev. Tim Paul

*Opening Hymn.....Easter People Raise Your Voices.....UMH 304

Affirmation of Faith.....Apostle’s Creed.....UMH 881

*Gloria Patri.....Glory Be to the Father.....UMH 70

*Hymn.....For the Beauty of the Earth v.1,2,3,4.....UMH 92

Scripture Lesson.....Psalm 139:1-12.....Rev. Tim Paul

Anthem.....Prayer of Peace.....John Purifoy

Offering Moment

Pastoral Prayer and the Lord’s Prayer

Special Music.....In Christ Alone.....arr. Lloyd Larsen
Kathryn Paden, Soprano

Message.....Everyday Resurrection.....Rev. Austin Byerly

*Closing Hymn.....Lord, You Have Come to the Lakeshore v. 1,2.....UMH 344

*Benediction.....Rev. Tim Paul

Postlude.....String Quartet in G Major, Andante Moderato.....Florence Price
Violins: Rebecca Aponte, Jennifer Bloch/ Viola: Carsten Schroeder/ Cello: Maddie Gibbs

*The altar flowers are given today by the Millers
in honor of Ed Miller, Glenda Stooksbury, Jean Baird, and Lisa and Ed Shouse.*

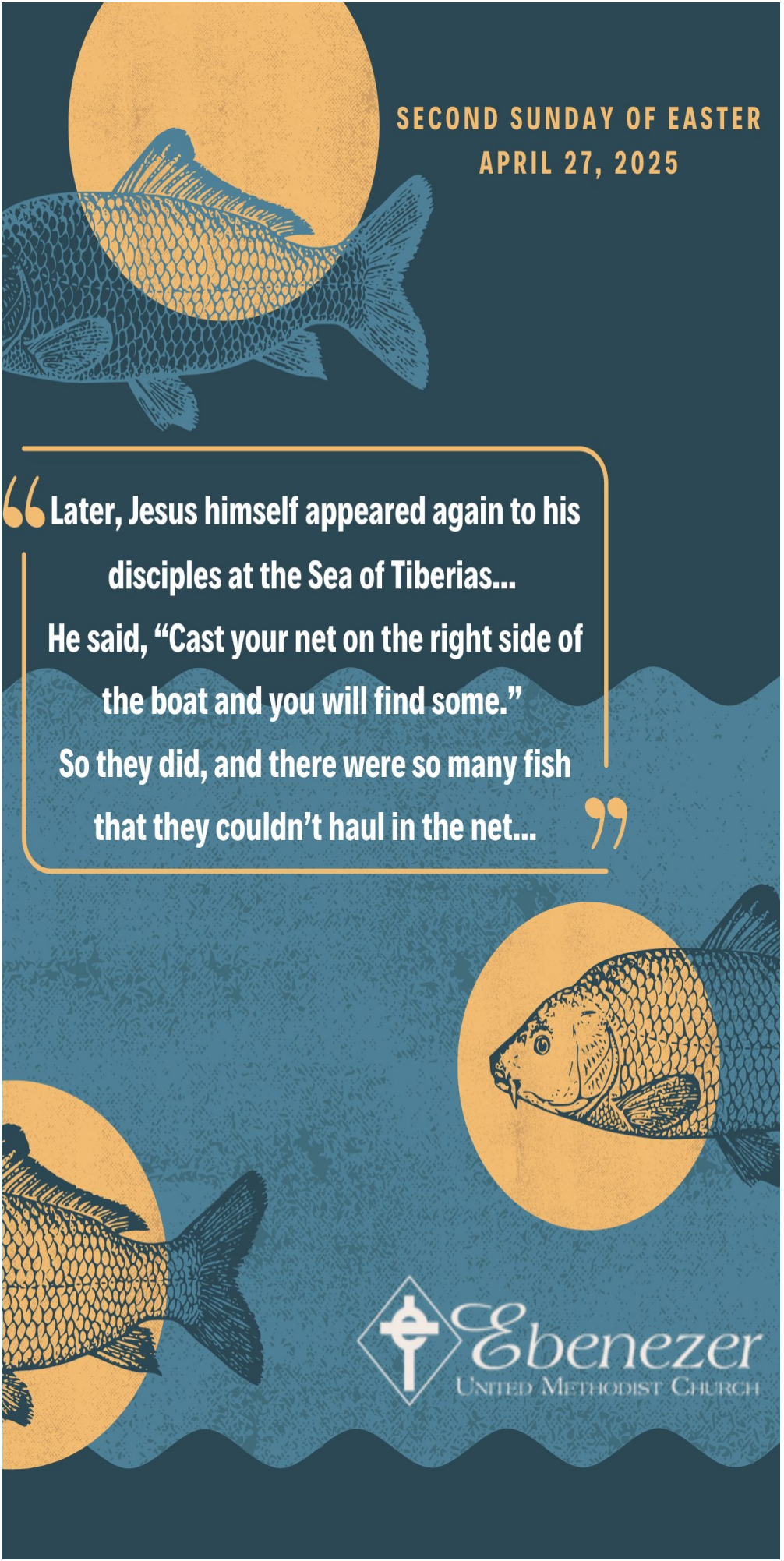
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WORSHIP THROUGH GIVING

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, or fill out our online form through the QR Code here. Leave us your name and contact information so that we can connect with you and share more about who we are. Also, if you need them, we have a **Cry Room** and a **Sensory Room** on the right side of the sanctuary, as well as a **Nursing Room** in the Children’s Wing. We’re so thankful you’re here!



WELCOME PASTOR MIKE!

Dear church family, I am excited and honored welcome Pastor Mike Sluder and his wife, Lori, to our Ebenezer family as our new senior pastor.



Pastor Mike and Lori are originally from Gray, Tennessee and attended Gray UMC. Pastor Mike said his "calling to ministry began in the balcony pews there." Pastor Mike met Lori in the youth group at church, and they have now been married for 42 years. They have two grown children, a son, Josh, and a daughter, Katie. Pastor Mike graduated from Emory and Henry University with in 1983 with a BS in Math and Physics. He earned his M. Div. degree in 1988 from Duke Divinity School, and was ordained an Elder at Holston Annual Conference in 1990.

He is currently serving in his seventh appointment as Director of Connectional Ministries for the Holston Conference (2015-present). His previous appointments were Asbury/Mt. Wesley UMC (1988-1992), Signal Crest UMC (1992-1996), Fairhaven UMC (1996-2002), St. Mark UMC, Knoxville (2002-2007), Bearden UMC (2007-2014) and Associate Director of Connectional Ministries for Missions (2014-2015). It is clear that he loves God and others, and is welcoming of everyone, just like our hearts here at EUMC.



His first Sunday will be Sunday, July 6. Please join me in praying for Pastor Mike and Lori as they begin their pastoral transition to our church. I will be praying for peace, love and wisdom as they transition. May God empower us to grow as a community, reflect His light, and share His love during this season of renewal and transformation. Let us excitedly prepare for Pastor Mike's leadership at EUMC. He has a strong staff and a strong pastoral colleague in Austin to help with the adjustment. Help me, wholeheartedly, welcome Pastor Mike and Lori to our Ebenezer family!

Love and Blessing, Mona Hayes, Staff Parish Relations Committee Chair

CHURCH COUNCIL MEETING—MAY 6

There will be a Church Council meeting on Tuesday, May 6, at 6:30 pm in St. Clair Hall. We appreciate all our council members attending, as your insights and input are crucial in all our financial conversations and decisions!



MINISTRIES AT EBENEZER

Looking for new ways to get involved at Ebenezer? Volunteer in one or all of these ministries below!

Partner With Us In Prayer—We’ll meet via Zoom on Tuesday, May 6, at 6:30 pm. To join or submit a prayer request, contact Anita at als2531@bellsouth.net.

Visit Ministry—Contact Celia (865-386-4621) or Barbara (865-660-9347) to join.

Wesley House—Currently collecting Canned Goods in the container in St. Clair Hall.

Helping Hands—Reach out to Ken at kenpearson8905@gmail.com to learn more.

Altar Flowers—The **2025 calendar** is available in the lobby for you to select a week!

THIS WEEK AT EBENEZER

SUNDAY, APRIL 27

9:00 am—Celebration Service (Sanctuary)
10:00 am—Sunday School (various locations)
11:00 am—Heritage Service with KSO Youth (Sanctuary)
4:00 pm—Spring Festival (Soccer Field)

MONDAY, APRIL 28

10:00 am—Magnolia Ave. Food Pantry
6:00 pm—Yoga With Tammy (Lobby)
7:00 pm—KSO Youth Chamber Music Spring Recital (Sanctuary)

TUESDAY, APRIL 29

10:00 am—Storytime With Mrs. Alicia (Power Jam)
10:00 am—Women’s Coffee (Community Room)
11:00 am—Qigong With Mona (Lobby)
3:00 pm—Farmers’ Market (Parking Lot)
7:00 pm—Cub Scouts (St. Clair Hall)

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 30

10:30 am—WaTT (Church parking lot)
6:30 pm—Choir Rehearsal (Sanctuary)

THURSDAY, MAY 1

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 2

SATURDAY, MAY 3

2:00 pm—Private Recital (Sanctuary)

SUNDAY, MAY 4—GRADUATE SUNDAY

7:30 am—Men’s Breakfast (Community Room)
9:00 am—Celebration Service with Holy Communion (Sanctuary)
10:00 am—Sunday School (Various Locations)
11:00 am—Heritage Service with Holy Communion (Sanctuary)
2:00 pm—Simpson’s Baby Shower (Fellowship Classroom)
5:00 pm—Youth Group with 5th Graders (Annex)

MAGNOLIA AVE. FOOD PANTRY—TOMORROW

Tomorrow we are distributing bags of food at Magnolia Ave. Food Pantry. If you’d like to volunteer and serve, meet at the church at 10 am to load up cars and carpool to the Food Pantry. Thank you to everyone who donated this month!

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 *Chasing Vines*. If you have questions about Morning Glories, contact Marjorie Barr.

MEN’S BREAKFAST—NEXT SUNDAY

Men, come enjoy a hearty breakfast together next Sunday morning at 7:30 am in the Community Room. This will be a wonderful time of good food and good fellowship!

SIMPSON’S BABY SHOWER

Next Sunday, there will be a baby shower for new members Meghan and Ian Simpson! Their son, Finley, was baptized last month at Ebenezer. The baby shower will be next Sunday at 2 pm in the Fellowship Classroom, and will be hosted by the United Methodist Women. All women of the church are encouraged to attend! Meghan and Ian are registered on Amazon; use the QR code here to access their registry.



YOUTH PROGRAMMING AT EBENEZER



Our Youth Ministry is for youth 6th—12th grade. If you have questions about our Youth Ministry, reach out to Pastor Austin Byerly at abyerly@eumcknox.org.

Sunday School—Youth Sunday School meets on Sundays at 10 am in the Annex.

Youth Group—Join us on Sunday nights from 5—7 pm for fellowship, food, and fun times! We meet in the church Annex (we won’t meet tonight because of Spring Festival). Our next meeting will be May 4. **We invite all of our rising 6th graders to join us for Youth Group next week!**

Graduate Sunday—We are celebrating our graduates on Sunday, May 4, during both the 9 am and 11 am services! We will also have a reception in the lobby for our graduates in between services. Parents, send Meagan (office@eumcknox.org) the name of your graduate(s), where they’re graduating from, what’s next for them, and 3-4 pictures **by this Monday**.



CHILDREN’S PROGRAMMING AT EBENEZER

If you have questions about our Children’s Ministry, reach out to Alicia Wilson, Children’s Director, at childrensministry@eumcknox.org



SUNDAY PROGRAMMING

Power JAM—9 am & 11 am (for Pre-K through 5th grade). Our Children's Ministry is continuing their series, "Who Is Jesus?", as we journey through the life, teachings, and love of Jesus leading up to our Easter celebrations. Join us as we discover who Jesus is and how He is the Lord of our lives!

Sunday School—10 am (for Pre-K through 5th grade). There is always something exciting planned for Sunday School as Miss Katie leads our Pre-K—2nd grade Sunday school class and Mrs. Alicia leads our 3rd—5th graders!

Nursery—9 am—12 pm (for infants and toddlers). Worship worry-free, as Mrs. Sherry cares for your little ones.

TUESDAY PROGRAMMING

Storytime With Mrs. Alicia—Tuesdays at 10 am. Bring your little ones to the Children’s Wing for a fun-filled morning of stories, songs, and crafts. Everyone is welcome—come connect, learn, and grow with our community!

CHILDREN’S MINISTRY: SPRING FESTIVAL **TODAY 4-6 PM!**

Join us for our Spring Festival **TODAY, 4-6pm!** Spring is here and we’re celebrating with an afternoon full of fun, games, crafts, and activities! This is a free event for the community, so invite your friends, bring your family, and come celebrate spring!

What to Expect:

- Bounce House**—Jump into the fun!
- Games & Crafts**—Activities for everyone!
- Face Painting**—Get creative with designs!
- Treats**—Delicious snacks to enjoy!
- Special Surprise Visitors**—Who could they be? Come and find out!



VBS AT EBENEZER—JUNE 16-19

Join God's Team this summer at Vacation Bible School! Get ready for four afternoons of faith-filled fun, games, music, and Bible adventures. Kids ages 4 through 5th grade are invited to join us **June 16—19 from 6—8 pm**. Scan the QR code to sign up a child or volunteer today!

THANK YOU FROM PASTOR AUSTIN

Thank you all for the wonderful celebration in my honor this past Sunday! I’m deeply grateful for your kind words, generosity, and ongoing support and encouragement. The love and kindness you shared are something I will carry with me throughout my ministry. I am so grateful to be doing ministry with you and to be part of the Ebenezer family. Thank you for everything! I’m truly honored to serve as one of your pastors!