

Fifth Sunday of Easter
Heritage Worship Service

May 18, 2025
11:00 am

Prelude.....The King of Love My Shepherd Is.....arr. David Burton
Edward Pierce, Organ

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

*Opening Hymn.....Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise.....UMH 103

Affirmation of Faith.....Apostles’ Creed.....UMH 881

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

*Hymn.....To God Be the Glory.....UMH 98

Scripture Lesson.....Exodus 13:17-22.....Rev. Austin Byerly

Anthem.....Folk Hymn Tapestry.....John Purifoy

Offering Moment

Pastoral Prayer and the Lord’s Prayer

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

Message.....Recalculating.....Rev. Tim Paul

*Closing Hymn.....Spirit Song.....UMH 347

*Benediction

Postlude.....Christ Is Alive.....arr. Leonardo Di Chiara
Edward Pierce, Organ



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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Office Hours: Monday—Thursday 9 am—2 pm
Celebration Worship, 9 am ~ Sunday School, 10 am ~ Heritage Worship, 11 am



RECALCULATING

For I know the plans I have
for you,” declares the Lord...

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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!



PASTOR MIKE’S FIRST SUNDAY IS JULY 6!

Pastor Mike’s first Sunday with Ebenezer will be Sunday, July 6. On this Sunday, we will have **one Combined Service at 10 am, followed by a Church-Wide Potluck** in St. Clair Hall to welcome Pastor Mike and his wife Lori! More details to come on this potluck as we get closer to July. We pray for Pastor Mike and Lori as they begin their pastoral transition to our church! May God empower us to grow as a community, reflect His light, and share His love during this season of renewal and transformation.

Pastor Mike and Lori are originally from Gray, Tennessee. 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. He is currently serving in his seventh appointment as Director of Connectional Ministries for the Holston Conference. It is clear that he loves God and others, and is welcoming of everyone, just like our hearts here at EUMC!



HANDS ON MISSION PROJECT + A NOTE FROM PASTOR MIKE

One of Pastor Mike’s roles in the Holston Conference is the Director of Missions. He will continue to serve as the Conference’s Director of Missions while he serves as our senior pastor. One of the major projects that Pastor Mike oversees is the Conference’s Hands On Mission Project, which for us is our food buckets for Zimbabwe and the Ishe Anesu Ministry. Hear what Pastor Mike has to say about missions and the Hands On Mission Project!

“Missions is first and foremost about relationships, not what we give or send. We give and send supplies because of the relationship; the relationship we have with Jesus and the relationship we have with our brothers and sisters in Zimbabwe. What difference does that relationship make? Because of our long standing relationship with Ishe Anesu, six of the children from Ishe Anesu have gone on to become missionaries in other parts of the world through the General Board of Global Ministries of the United Methodist Church. You helped make that happen with every food bucket you filled. They wanted to serve others the way you have served them. Thank you for leaning into your relationship with Jesus and with Ishe Anesu.”

Thank you, Ebenezer! Your generosity and service has made and is making a difference in lives across the world!

If you’d like to participate in our Hands On Mission Project, Food Buckets for Zimbabwe, pick up a bucket from the hallway and fill it up with the requested items, and \$8 for shipping:

- Self Rising Flour (4-5 lb bag)
 - 1 bag dried beans (2 lb.)
 - 1 powdered milk (64 oz. or less)
- 1 bottle cooking oil (48 oz. or less)
 - 2 Cans of Meat
 - 1 bag rice (2 lb.)

Please return filled buckets to the church by **next Sunday, May 25**. Thank you for making a difference in lives across the world!

THIS WEEK AT EBENEZER

SUNDAY, MAY 18

- 9:00 am—Celebration Service (Sanctuary)
- 10:00 am—Sunday School (Various Locations)
- 11:00 am—Heritage Service (Sanctuary)
- 4:00 pm—End Of Year Family Party

MONDAY, MAY 19

- 10:00 am—Magnolia Ave Food Pantry
- 6:00 pm—Yoga With Tammy (Lobby)

TUESDAY, MAY 20

- 10:00 am—Storytime With Mrs. Alicia (Power Jam)
- 10:00 am—Women’s Coffee (Community Room)
- 11:00 am—Qigong With Mona (Lobby)
- 12:00 pm—Lunch Bunch (St. Clair Hall)
- 3:00 pm—Farmers’ Market (Parking Lot)
- 6:00 pm—Bearden Lacrosse Banquet (St. Clair Hall)
- 6:30 pm—Prayer Team Meeting (Zoom)

WEDNESDAY, MAY 21

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

THURSDAY, MAY 22—LAST DAY OF KNOX COUNTY SCHOOL!

- 9:00 am—Men’s Coffee (Annex)
- 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 23

SATURDAY, MAY 24

SUNDAY, MAY 25—MEMORIAL DAY WEEKEND

- 9:00 am—Celebration Service (Sanctuary)
- 10:00 am—Sunday School (Various Locations)
- 11:00 am—Heritage Service (Sanctuary)

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!



LUNCH BUNCH—TUESDAY

Make plans to join us for fellowship and a feast for Lunch Bunch this Tuesday at 12 pm in St. Clair Hall! We will not have a speaker this month; instead, we will have an extended time of fellowship. Bring a covered dish and a friend!

LAST DAY OF KNOX COUNTY SCHOOL—THURSDAY

We hope all of our teachers, students, and school staff have a great last day of school, and a wonderful Summer Break! Stay safe and have fun!



MEMORIAL DAY—NEXT MONDAY (OFFICE CLOSED)



Next Monday is Memorial Day. Memorial Day is a day where we honor and mourn the U.S. military personnel who have died while serving in the United States Armed Forces. We are grateful for all those who have served and given their lives! The church office will be closed on Monday in honor of the holiday.



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—End Of Year Party tonight; no Youth Group next week (Memorial Day).



Calling all Youth, Children, and Parents! Join us **this afternoon** for our End Of Year Party! We will be meeting out in the Soccer Field from 4—6 pm for an afternoon of fun, games, a slip-n-slide, burgers and hot dogs and ice cream, and even a Dunk Tank! Wear your swimsuits and come on out for a fun time!

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). This month's series is "Who is the Holy Spirit?" where we will explore that Jesus never asked us to live the Christian life on our own. In fact, Jesus explained there is a gift that is indispensable for every Christian: the Holy Spirit. God living within us can empower us, help us grow, and equip us in a unique way that God among us could not.

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 we care for your little ones during service and Sunday School.

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!



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!

FAREWELL RECEPTION FOR TIM & CATHY PAUL—JUNE 8

On Sunday, June 8, UMW will be hosting a farewell reception for Tim and Cathy, as June 8 is his last Sunday. They will be serving cake and punch in St. Clair Hall from 3 –5 pm. There will also be a memory box where guests can add notes or gift cards for Tim and Cathy. Please join us for this celebration of Tim and Cathy as we wish them the very best in their new appointment!

WATER ANGELS—SUNDAY, JUNE 1

We will be serving a meal to our neighbors at Water Angels on Sunday, June 1. Water Angels is a ministry that serves our unsheltered and at-risk neighbors in the Mechanicsville neighborhood. To help serve the meal, we need volunteers! So, if you are available to serve, meet at the church at 2 pm on that Sunday. We also need of chips and cookies donated for the meal. If you’d like to donate, please place them in the bin in the hallway outside of the office. Thank you for participating in this ministry through BBQ donations, chips and cookie donations, serving, and your prayers!