

EDISTO ISLAND

United Methodist Church



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PRELUDE

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

***CHORAL CALL TO WORSHIP #177** “He Is Lord”

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

Come, people of God, for the One who loves us has promised, “I will not leave you orphaned.”

We gather to worship the God who abides with us.

Christ comes to us in the gift of the Spirit—our Advocate, our Helper, our Comforter.

We come seeking the presence that strengthens, guides, and sustains.

On this day, when we honor the love that nurtures and protects,

We give thanks for all who have shown us the love of Christ.

Let us worship the God who dwells with us and in us.

Alleluia! Come, Holy Spirit, and make us one in love.

***OPENING PRAYER**

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Let us pray:

Holy God, you have promised never to leave us alone. As we gather in your presence, breathe Your Spirit upon us. Open our hearts to your love, our minds to your truth, and our lives to your calling. *(continues on next page)*

On this day when we remember and honor those who have nurtured us, heal every wound, deepen every joy, and remind us that Your love holds us all. Make us a people shaped by the Advocate—courageous in faith, gentle in witness, and steadfast in hope. Through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

***HYMN #111**

“How Can We Name a Love”

CONFESSION OF SIN & PARDON

Let us now confess our sins before God and one another:

Spirit of Truth, you call us to love as Christ has loved us, yet we confess that our love is often timid and incomplete. You promise not to leave us orphaned, yet we live as though we are alone. You dwell within us, yet we resist Your guidance and turn from Your ways. Forgive us, O God. Renew us by Your Spirit, that we may keep Christ’s commandments, walk in His love, and bear witness to His life within us. Amen.

(Let us confess our sins in silence)

Hear the good news: Christ has not left us orphaned. The Spirit is with us, within us, and among us. In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven. **In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven. Glory to God. Amen.**

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

Holy Spirit, Advocate and Guide, come and dwell among us as the Scriptures are read and proclaimed. Open our ears to hear Christ’s promise, open our hearts to trust His presence, and open our lives to follow His way. Let Your truth take root in us, that we may live as children who are never alone. Amen.

FIRST READING

Acts 17: 22-31

PSALTER #790

Psalm 66: 8-20

SECOND READING

1 Peter 3: 13-22

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John.

Glory to you, O Lord!

***THE GOSPEL**

John 14: 15-21

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Risen Christ.

SERMON

***HYMN #364**

“Because He Lives”

***AFFIRMATION OF FAITH**

We believe in God, whose steadfast love creates us, claims us as beloved children, and refuses to leave us alone. God is our Maker,

our Sustainer, the One in whom we live and move and have our being. We believe in Jesus Christ, the Word made flesh, who lived among us in grace and truth. He loved us to the end, gave Himself for the life of the world, and rose in power so that we might live in Him. He has promised, “I will not leave you orphaned,” and He is faithful.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, our Advocate, Comforter, and Guide. The Spirit dwells with us and within us, teaching us the way of love, strengthening us in times of fear, and forming us into a community of hope. Because the Spirit abides, we are never abandoned and never alone.

We believe the Church is the Body of Christ, called to embody His love, to welcome the forgotten, to stand with the vulnerable, and to witness to resurrection life in the world.

We believe in God’s future, where love triumphs over fear, life conquers death, and all creation is made new. Until that day, we live as Easter people— trusting the promise, keeping Christ’s commandments, and walking in the Spirit’s abiding presence. Thanks be to God. Amen.

RESPONSE #70

“Glory Be to the Father”

PASTORAL PRAYER

THE LORD’S PRAYER #895

THE OFFERING

***DOXOLOGY #95**

PRAYER FOLLOWING THE OFFERING

Generous God, you have given us your Spirit, your presence, and your unending love. Receive these gifts, and use them to share your compassion with the world. Make us a people who embody Christ’s promise—that no one is forgotten, no one is abandoned, and all are held in Your care. In Jesus’ name. Amen.

***HYMN #384**

“Love Divine, All Love Excelling”

***SENDING FORTH**

Go forth in the peace of Christ, who has promised, “I will not leave you orphaned.”

We go with the Spirit who dwells within us.

Love boldly, serve faithfully, and walk in hope.

For Christ lives, and we live in Him. Amen.





**Participating in worship today are
Steve Strange, Alex Cone, and Johnelle Mische.**

**LAST SUNDAY: Attendance: *50 (*in person and online)
Offering: \$1,692**

EPWORTH CHILDREN'S HOME

Today our church will receive the Annual Epworth Mother's Day Offering to provide loving care, safety, and services for the children, youth and families served by Epworth through all of its programs. This offering is our opportunity to support this vital ministry. Give generously by using the envelope provided for you in the bulletin or make a gift online at www.epworthsc.org/donate. For more information about Epworth, visit them online at www.epworthsc.org where you can also choose to make a secure credit card donation or enroll for monthly contributions which help Epworth throughout the year.



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Robyn Tindall, Dylan Rearden, Ann Bond,
Lacey Reeves, Evan McMillan, Laura & Jim Emory,
Ethelynn Boozer, Nancy Culclasure,
Lauren (Donna's niece), Dale Steele,
Margaret Steele, Thomas Tidall, Buff Yelton,
Dawn & Berry Wren*



**Mondays 10:00 AM - 1:00 PM
& 2:00 PM - 5:00 PM**

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Good Tide-ings

Edisto Island United Methodist Church
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6th Sunday of Easter Mothers Day
May 10, 2026

“In Him we
live and
move and
have our
being.”

Please Note:

*There will not be a Fellowship brunch
in May since the second Sunday
falls on Mothers Day.
Happy Mothers Day!*

"Not Left Orphaned"

This Sunday, May 10, we gather for worship on the Sixth Sunday of Easter, a day that carries both the joy of resurrection and the tenderness of Mother's Day. Our Scripture focus will be John 14:15–21, where Jesus promises His disciples, “I will not leave you orphaned; I am coming to you.” These words remind us that God's love is steadfast and abiding—never distant, never conditional, always present.

In a world that often feels uncertain, this promise speaks directly to our hearts. Jesus assures us that the Spirit—the Advocate—dwells with us and within us, guiding, comforting, and empowering us to live as people of hope. The sermon, “Not Left Orphaned,” draws from the insights of theologians and friends that I have admired for decades, as well as my own experiences in over thirty years of ministry. We will be exploring how Christ's presence continues through the Spirit and through the love we share with one another.

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As we celebrate Mother's Day, we also give thanks for all who have embodied that nurturing, steadfast love—mothers, grandmothers, mentors, teachers, and friends—those who have reflected the heart of God by caring for others. We recognize that this day brings a mix of emotions: joy, gratitude, longing, grief, and sometimes hurt and pain. In worship, we hold space for all of these, trusting that the Spirit meets each of us with compassion and peace.

Our entire worship service reminds us that we are never alone and that the Spirit abides and the Church is called to embody Christ's promise in the world. Join us this Sunday at Edisto Island United Methodist Church as we celebrate the continuing presence of Christ among us. Come to be renewed by the Word, strengthened by prayer, and reminded that we are a community of resurrection hope.

Worship begins at 10:00 a.m. All are welcome.

- Rev. Len Ripley

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MAY BIRTHDAYS

2nd Maria Pressley
15th Ethelynn Boozer
21st Wayne Bond
24th Ruth Anderson

MAY ANNIVERSARIES

5th Beverly & Scott Wylie
15th Bill & Jane Loy
30th Bob & Angelle Beaty

PRAYER REQUESTS

Butch Evans
Tommy Keller
Beth Warshaw
Bob Foster
Bill Loy
Robyn Tindall
Dylan Rearden
Lacey Reeves
Bob Spratlin
Jane Loy
Evan McMillan
Donna Padgett
Laura & Jim Emory
Ethelynn Boozer & Family
Nancy Culclasure
Lauren (Donna's niece)
Dale Steele
Margaret Steele
Thomas Tindall
Buff Yelton
Dawn & Berry Wren

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MIRACLE SUNDAY 2026

Sunday, May 17, 2026

United Methodist leaders are inviting 30,000 congregations and their pastors worldwide into a God-led, Holy Spirit-empowered emphasis, to Love Boldly, Serve Joyfully, and Lead Courageously. We extend the vision of the church by also receiving a special offering to help support 500 students annually in preparation for pastoral ministry across Africa, Europe, and the Philippines.



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