

Epicenter Church OC 3/08/26

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Vision: We are a home for people who are making Jesus the epicenter of their lives.

Epicenter is an intentionally relational and impactful family of Jesus-loving and people-loving Christians committed to listening to God and to each other, helping each other heal and be free of sin's bondage, knowing and being known by each other, being equipped with God's Word to become who God designed us to be, and impacting others through love and good deeds to know Christ.

Mission: To help others make Jesus the epicenter of their lives

Repair broken lives

Prepare believers for spiritual maturity and leadership

Love People Everywhere through prayer, caring for others, and sharing the gospel

Values: 1 Life-giving Listening, 2 Healing Freedom, 3 Intentional Community, 4 Huge Spiritual Growth, 5 Impactful and Courageous Mission

Values

1. Life-Giving Listening

We believe that we will become the people God made us to be when we listen to Him and help each other listen to Him. We are committed to listening to what is happening in each others' lives so that we can be comforted and exhorted to be who God made us to be

2. Healing Freedom

We believe that God loves to set captives free from the pain of our pasts and the bondage of our sin. We help each other heal with compassion and words of truth that removes lies.

3. Intentional Community

We gather as a welcoming group in a safe environment to worship and connect, believing that this is the best way for us to experience God and experience fruitful relationships.

4. Significant Spiritual Growth

We grow through the faithful preaching and teaching of God's Word and by creating spaces for prayer and sharing to change lives. We provide not just content, but our lives and shepherding as well to shape people's hearts.

5. Courageous Mission

We endeavor to change people's lives with courage and boldness. We provide an opportunity for each member to serve and give to be a blessing with their spiritual gifts

Prayer for Epicenter During Life Groups and Bible Studies:

-that we wouldn't be bound by manmade rules of living but bound by love of Jesus

Giving: Thank you! Your donations enable us to shepherd God's people and reach those who don't know Him yet! You will now be able to contribute in advance of official approval of the 501(c)(3) application for tax credit.

Our expected annual operating budget is \$35,830

Annual expenses:

\$18,688 Facility rentals

\$1,230 Insurance and Licensing

\$1,670 Website, online services

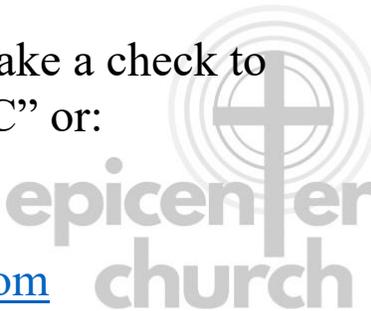
\$11,692 Sunday Gathering and Outreach resources

\$2,550 Children's ministry expenses

You can give cash, make a check to
“Epicenter Church OC” or:

1. Zelle to our email

epicenteroc@gmail.com



2. Online Breeze Giving (higher fees for credit cards)

<https://epicenterchurchoc.breezechms.com/give/online>

3. Text Breeze Giving: Text an amount to (616) 730-8308

LITurgy



Song: Indescribable

[Verse 1]

From the highest of heights to the depths of the sea
Creation's revealing Your majesty
From the colors of fall to the fragrance of spring
Every creature unique in the song that it sings
All exclaiming

[Chorus]

Indescribable, uncontainable
You placed the stars in the sky and You know them by name
You are amazing God
All powerful, untameable
Awestruck we fall to our knees as we humbly proclaim
You are amazing God

[Verse 2]

Who has told every lightning bolt where it should go
Or seen heavenly storehouses laden with snow?
Who imagined the sun and gives source to its light
Yet conceals it to bring us the coolness of night?
None can fathom

[Chorus]

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[Last Chorus]

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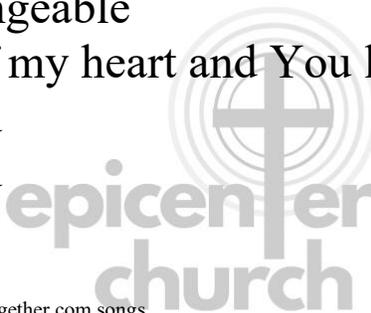
You are amazing God

Incomparable, unchangeable

You see the depths of my heart and You love me the same

You are amazing God

You are amazing God



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Individual Prayer: Take a moment to reflect on your walk with Christ. Does it reflect the easy yoke of Jesus or is it unnecessarily heavy?

Song: Closer

[Verse 1]

Like the rushing wind

Would You breathe within my heart, heart?

And through the raging storm

Would You hold me in Your arms, arms?

[Pre-Chorus]

'Cause I need You

How I need You

[Chorus]

I need Your love like I need water

I need Your love like I need breath

Inside of my lungs

Burn in my heart just like a fire

Come and take me over

Jesus, draw me closer

To Your heart

[Verse 2]

And through the wind and rain

I can hear You call my name, name

And when the nights get rough

I will still sing out Your praise

[Bridge]

Closer than my every breath

Closer than my every step

Closer than the song I sing

Closer than anything
Closer than my every breath
Closer than my every step
Closer than the song I sing
Closer than anything

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Song: Goodness Of God

[Verse 1]

I love you Lord
For Your mercy never fails me
All my days
I've been held in Your hand
From the moment that I wake up
Until I lay my head
Oh, I will sing of the goodness of God

[Chorus]

'Cause all my life You have been faithful
And all my life You have been so so good
With every breath that I am able
Oh, I will sing of the goodness of God

[Verse 2]

I love Your voice
You have led me through the fire
In darkest night
You are close like no other
I've known You as a father
I've known You as a friend
And I have lived in the goodness of God

[Bridge]

Your goodness is running after
It's running after me
Your goodness is running after
It's running after me

With my life laid down
I surrender now
I give You everything (Oh Lord)
Your goodness is running after
It's running after me

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Group Prayer: Get into groups of 3-4. Let's pray that our church wouldn't be bound by manmade rules of living but bound by love of Jesus.

Reminder of guidelines:

- 1) Keep the conversations confidential! ☺**
- 2) Listen with empathy and compassion. Don't give advice unless requested and continue to be gentle with someone who is sharing vulnerably.**
- 3) Share and pray freely but be considerate of others' time and opportunities to share and pray. Also let's hold off on sharing about crimes committed that haven't been prosecuted yet as well as intention to harm oneself or others.**
- 4) Continue to speak well of each other in the church, also being mindful to preserve unity by not using language that divides based on age, culture, gender, etc.**
- 5) If you have a personal story that is similar to someone, be careful as you're sharing to not minimize the other person's experience or to correct them.**

If you are willing to share and receive prayer: are there any habits or expectations you put on yourself that are too heavy or unnecessary?

LITURGY (David)

ANNOUNCEMENTS (Jenna):

WELCOME: Need a Bible? We have one for you, keep it! It's our gift to you for joining us today

Have and Needs: Have something to offer for free? Have a need? Fill out this form!

<https://docs.google.com/forms/d/1meuVO3Ca-NsmLkBNlcbPrBRUQuAgHSpeo18PiKxu2fg/edit>

COMMUNITY

- Lunch after church
- Omega Bible Study Friday Mar 27 6:30PM
- Life Group Wednesday 7:00PM
- Mar 21 Men's and Women's Ministries 6pm

MISSION

- Saturdays Homeless Outreach contact Griffin

Prayer ()

Sermon (David)

Exhortation (Hunter): Prayer, Care, and Share

Communion (Julian): If you haven't been baptized as a believer yet we ask you do this first before regularly taking communion

Benediction (Griffin)

Life Group

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This Week's Meditation Verse: Matthew 23:26

First clean the inside of the cup and dish, and then the outside also will be clean.