



A SERVICE OF WORD & TABLE

SUNDAY, APRIL 14, 2024
3RD SUNDAY OF EASTER
SANCTUARY | 10:30

Edenton Street
UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

LITURGY GUIDE

The service will begin on page 6 of the United Methodist Hymnal, which can be found in the back of the pew in front of you.

+ indicates to stand, where able

GTG Glory to God Hymnal

BOW Book of Worship

UMH United Methodist Hymnal

TFWS The Faith We Sing

CEB Common English Bible

GATHERING

VOLUNTARY

BE THOU MY VISION | DALE WOOD

WORDS OF WELCOME

+ PROCESSIONAL HYMN

GREAT IS THY FAITHFULNESS | UMH 140

+ COLLECT

FOTW

Almighty God, your power makes the lame walk and the dead rise to new life. We give you thanks for the love poured into our world through Christ Jesus, who opened our minds to understand what you have made, whose appearance among his followers brings peace, and who creates faith through touch and taste. Show us Jesus, even now, through the mystery of your threefold presence, one God, abiding now and forever. Amen.

PROCLAMATION

PRAYER WITH CHILDREN

CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE

CHILD OF BLESSING, ST. 4 | UMH 611



Child of God your lov-ing Par-ent, learn to know whose child you are.



Grow to laugh and sing and wor-ship, trust and love God more than all.

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

FOTW

Holy God, by your Spirit reveal your radical, surprising love; come to us through your holy word, and let us hear what you are saying. Amen.

NEW TESTAMENT LESSON

ACTS 3:11-19 | CEB

While the healed man clung to Peter and John, all the people rushed toward them at Solomon's Porch, completely amazed. Seeing this, Peter addressed the people: "You Israelites, why are you amazed at this? Why are you staring at us as if we made him walk by our own power or piety? The God of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob—the God of our ancestors—has glorified his servant Jesus. This is the one you handed over and denied in Pilate's presence, even though he had already decided to release him. You rejected the holy and righteous one, and asked that a murderer be released to you instead. You killed the author of life, the very one whom God raised from the dead. We are witnesses of this. His name itself has made this man strong. That is, because of faith in Jesus' name, God has strengthened this man whom you see and know. The faith that comes through Jesus gave him complete health right before your eyes. "Brothers and sisters, I know you acted in ignorance. So did your rulers. But this is how God fulfilled what he foretold through all the prophets: that his Christ would suffer. Change your hearts and lives! Turn back to God so that your sins may be wiped away.

EPISTLE LESSON**1 JOHN 3:1-7 | CEB**

See what kind of love the Father has given to us in that we should be called God's children, and that is what we are! Because the world didn't recognize him, it doesn't recognize us. Dear friends, now we are God's children, and it hasn't yet appeared what we will be. We know that when he appears we will be like him because we'll see him as he is. And all who have this hope in him purify themselves even as he is pure. Every person who practices sin commits an act of rebellion, and sin is rebellion. You know that he appeared to take away sins, and there is no sin in him. Every person who remains in relationship to him does not sin. Any person who sins has not seen him or known him. Little children, make sure no one deceives you. The person who practices righteousness is righteous, in the same way that Jesus is righteous.

+ GRADUAL HYMN**CHRIST IS RISEN | UMH 307**

Sing stanza one in preparation for the Gospel reading and stanza three as a response.

+ GOSPEL LESSON**LUKE 24:36B-48 | CEB**

While they were saying these things, Jesus himself stood among them and said, "Peace be with you!" They were terrified and afraid. They thought they were seeing a ghost. He said to them, "Why are you startled? Why are doubts arising in your hearts? Look at my hands and my feet. It's really me! Touch me and see, for a ghost doesn't have flesh and bones like you see I have." As he said this, he showed them his hands and feet. Because they were wondering and questioning in the midst of their happiness, he said to them, "Do you have anything to eat?" They gave him a piece of baked fish. Taking it, he ate it in front of them. Jesus said to them, "These are my words that I spoke to you while I was still with you—that everything written about me in the Law from Moses, the Prophets, and the Psalms must be fulfilled." Then he opened their minds to understand the scriptures. He said to them, "This is what is written: the Christ will suffer and rise from the dead on the third day, and a change of heart and life for the forgiveness of sins must be preached in his name to all nations, beginning from Jerusalem. You are witnesses of these things.

SERMON**THE REV. NED HILL**

RESPONSE

+ AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

APOSTLES' CREED | UMH 881

I believe in God the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth; and in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord: who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead and buried; the third day he rose from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth at the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

+ INVITATION, CONFESSION & PEACE

UMH 7

Merciful God, we confess that we have not loved you with our whole heart. We have failed to be an obedient church. We have not done your will, we have broken your law, we have rebelled against your love, we have not loved our neighbors, and we have not heard the cry of the needy. Forgive us, we pray. Free us for joyful obedience, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

OFFERING OUR GIFTS TO GOD

+ DOXOLOGY

UMH 94

HOW TO GIVE:

You can make a virtual gift via Text To Give by texting **Give** to (833) 892-7417 on your phone. Offerings left at the altar rail will go towards our Doorstep Ministry, which aims to help pay rent or utilities for people in desperate need.

THANKSGIVING & COMMUNION

+ THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them up to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise...

+ SANCTUS

UMH 17

And so, with your people on earth and all the company of heaven we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might. Heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is the One who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.

+ MEMORIAL ACCLAMATION

UMH 18

And so, in remembrance of these your mighty acts in Jesus Christ, we offer ourselves in praise and thanksgiving as a holy and living sacrifice, in union with Christ's offering for us, as we proclaim the mystery of faith.

Christ has died, Christ is risen, Christ will come again!

RECEIVING COMMUNION

If you should need to be served in the pews, please let your usher know and our servers will come serve you there. We invite you to take the elements by intinction from the communion servers, by dipping a piece of bread into the cup. If you are more comfortable receiving individual communion elements from the trays, there is a station that is serving wafers and individual cups.

+ AMEN

UMH 18

All honor and glory is yours, almighty God, now and for ever.

Amen.

+ THE LORD'S PRAYER

TRADITIONAL VERSION

MUSIC DURING COMMUNION

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

UMH 11

Eternal God, we give you thanks for this holy mystery in which you have given yourself to us. Grant that we may go into the world in the strength of your Spirit, to give ourselves for others, in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord, Amen.

SENDING FORTH

INVITATION TO CHRISTIAN DISCIPLESHIP

+ CLOSING HYMN

BE THOU MY VISION | UMH 451

+ DISMISSAL WITH BLESSING

The flowers on the altar are given to the Glory of God by Gary and Gretchen Hull.

UPCOMING EVENTS



VISIONING UPDATE



UPCOMING EVENTS

2024 BUDGET	\$3,930,000.00
REVENUES AND EXPENSES	AS OF APRIL 10, 2024
TITHES & OFFERINGS	\$ 873,026.00
OTHER REVENUES	\$ 357,294.00
TOTAL REVENUES	\$ 1,230,320.00
AS A % OF BUDGET	31%
TOTAL EXPENSES	\$ 1,244,761.00
AS A % OF BUDGET	32%

RECYCLING

Recycling receptacles can be found in the narthex for disposal of bulletins and communion cups. Thank you for helping us with our creation care.

SERVING IN WORSHIP TODAY

THE REV. ASHLEY GRIFFITH *Pastor of Community Life*

THE REV. AMANDA RIGBY *Pastor of Christian Education and Spiritual Formation*

THE REV. NED HILL *Pastor Emeritus*

DR. FILIPPA DUKE *Director of Music and Worship Arts*

THE REV. MARK HOPPER *Organist & Director of Youth Music and Worship Arts*

LEE ANDERSON *Director of Gathering Worship*

SHANNON MONTAGUE *Director of Children and Family Ministries*

KATHRYN HOLDING *Lector*

COLLEEN LEE *Lector*