



EASTER

AT ESUMC

A SERVICE OF
WORD & TABLE

SUNDAY, MARCH 31, 2024

EASTER SUNDAY

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

VARIATIONS ON AN EASTER THEME FOR ORGAN DUET | JOHN RUTTER

WORDS OF WELCOME

+ PROCESSIONAL HYMN

CHRIST THE LORD IS RISEN TODAY (ST. 1-4) | UMH 302

+ COLLECT

FOTW

Lord of Life, submitting to death, you conquered the grave. By being lifted on a cross you draw all peoples to you. By being raised from the dead you restored to humanity all that we had lost through sin. Throughout these fifty days of Easter we proclaim the marvelous mystery of death and resurrection. For all praise is yours, now and throughout eternity. 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

BOW 394

Almighty God, by the power of your Spirit roll away the stone and reveal to us the Word of Life. Amen.

NEW TESTAMENT LESSON

ACTS 10:34-43 | CEB

Peter said, "I really am learning that God doesn't show partiality to one group of people over another. Rather, in every nation, whoever worships him and does what is right is acceptable to him. This is the message of peace he sent to the Israelites by proclaiming the good news through Jesus Christ: He is Lord of all! You know what happened throughout Judea, beginning in Galilee after the baptism John preached. You know about Jesus of Nazareth, whom God anointed with the Holy Spirit and endowed with power. Jesus traveled around doing good and healing everyone oppressed by the devil because God was with him. We are witnesses of everything he did, both in Judea and in Jerusalem. They killed him by hanging him on a tree, but God raised him up on the third day and allowed him to be seen, not by everyone but by us. We are witnesses whom God chose beforehand, who ate and drank with him after God raised him from the dead. He commanded us to preach to the people and to testify that he is the one whom God appointed as judge of the living and the dead. All the prophets testify about him that everyone who believes in him receives forgiveness of sins through his name."

Refrain

On this day the Lord has act - ed; we will re-joice and be glad in it.

The Lord is my strength and my power;

The Lord has become my salvation.

There are joyous songs of victory

In the tents of the righteous:

"The right hand of the Lord does valiantly,

The right hand of the Lord is exalted,

The right hand of the Lord does valiantly!"

I shall not die, but I shall live.

And recount the deeds of the Lord.

The Lord has chastened me sorely,

But has not given me over to death.

Open to me the gates of righteousness,

That I may enter through them

And give thanks to the Lord.

This is the gate of the Lord;

The righteous shall enter through it.

Refrain

EPISTLE LESSON

1 CORINTHIANS 15:1-11 | CEB

Brothers and sisters, I want to call your attention to the good news that I preached to you, which you also received and in which you stand. You are being saved through it if you hold on to the message I preached to you, unless somehow you believed it for nothing. I passed on to you as most important what I also received: Christ died for our sins in line with the scriptures, he was buried, and he rose on the third day in line with the scriptures. He appeared to Cephas, then to the Twelve, and then he appeared to more than five hundred brothers and sisters at once—most of them are still alive to this day, though some have died. Then he appeared to James, then to all the apostles, and last of all he appeared to me, as if I were born at the wrong time. I'm the least important of

the apostles. I don't deserve to be called an apostle, because I harassed God's church. I am what I am by God's grace, and God's grace hasn't been for nothing. In fact, I have worked harder than all the others—that is, it wasn't me but the grace of God that is with me. So then, whether you heard the message from me or them, this is what we preach and this is what you have believed.

+ GRADUAL HYMN

THE DAY OF RESURRECTION | UMH 303

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

+ GOSPEL LESSON

JOHN 20:1-18 | CEB

Early in the morning of the first day of the week, while it was still dark, Mary Magdalene came to the tomb and saw that the stone had been taken away from the tomb. She ran to Simon Peter and the other disciple, the one whom Jesus loved, and said, "They have taken the Lord from the tomb, and we don't know where they've put him." Peter and the other disciple left to go to the tomb. They were running together, but the other disciple ran faster than Peter and was the first to arrive at the tomb. Bending down to take a look, he saw the linen cloths lying there, but he didn't go in. Following him, Simon Peter entered the tomb and saw the linen cloths lying there. He also saw the face cloth that had been on Jesus' head. It wasn't with the other clothes but was folded up in its own place. Then the other disciple, the one who arrived at the tomb first, also went inside. He saw and believed. They didn't yet understand the scripture that Jesus must rise from the dead. Then the disciples returned to the place where they were staying. Mary stood outside near the tomb, crying. As she cried, she bent down to look into the tomb. She saw two angels dressed in white, seated where the body of Jesus had been, one at the head and one at the foot. The angels asked her, "Woman, why are you crying?" She replied, "They have taken away my Lord, and I don't know where they've put him." As soon as she had said this, she turned around and saw Jesus standing there, but she didn't know it was Jesus. Jesus said to her, "Woman, why are you crying? Who are you looking for?" Thinking he was the gardener, she replied, "Sir, if you have carried him away, tell me where you have put him and I will get him." Jesus said to her, "Mary." She turned and said to him in Aramaic, "Rabbouni" (which means Teacher). Jesus said to her, "Don't hold on to me, for I haven't yet gone up to my Father. Go to my brothers and sisters and tell them, 'I'm going up to my Father and your Father, to my God and

your God.” Mary Magdalene left and announced to the disciples, “I’ve seen the Lord.” Then she told them what he said to her.

SERMON

THE REV C. GREG MOORE

RESPONSE

RECEPTION OF NEW MEMBERS

UMH 33

Gary Harris, Hugh Grant, Sarah Schuetz, Cameron Moore

+ INVITATION & PEACE

UMH 7

OFFERING OUR GIFTS TO GOD

OFFERTORY ANTHEM

CHRIST THE LORD IS RISEN | JEREMY BANKSON

Christ the Lord is ris’n today, Alleluia! Earth and heav’n in chorus say, Alleluia! Raise your joys and triumph high, Alleluia! Sing, ye heav’ns and earth reply, Alleluia! Love’s redeeming work is done, Alleluia! Fought the fight, the battle won, Alleluia! Death in vain forbids him rise, Alleluia! Christ has opened paradise, Alleluia! Soar we now where Christ has led, Alleluia! Foll’wing our exalted Head, Alleluia! Made like him, like him we rise, Alleluia! Ours the cross, the grave, the skies, Alleluia!

—Charles Wesley

+ 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.

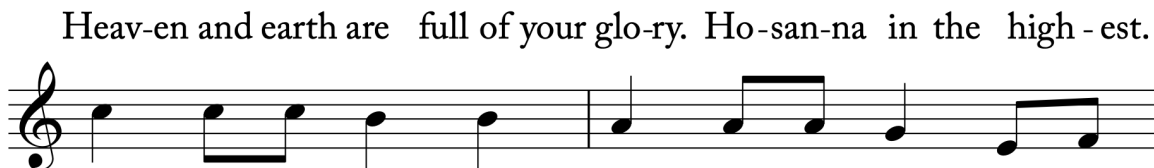
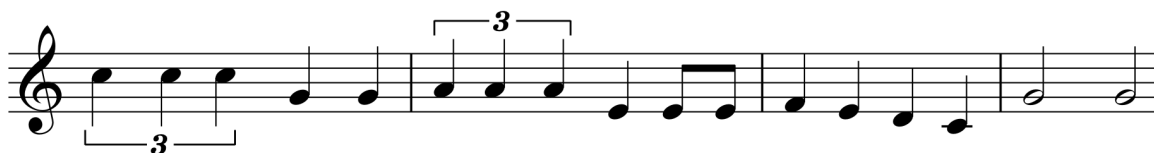
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

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:



+ MEMORIAL ACCLAMATION

UMH 17

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.



+ AMEN

UMH 17

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



+ THE LORD'S PRAYER

TRADITIONAL VERSION

MUSIC DURING COMMUNION

ALLELUIA | RANDALL THOMPSON

I KNOW THAT MY REDEEMER LIVETH FROM "MESSIAH" | G. F. HANDEL

I know that my Redeemer liveth, and that He shall stand at the later day upon the earth. And though worms destroy this body, yet in my flesh shall I see God. For now is Christ risen from the dead, the first fruits of them that sleep.

—Job 19:25, 26 and 1 Corinthians 15:20

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.

CONGREGATIONAL COMMUNION HYMNS

EASTER PEOPLE, RAISE YOUR VOICES | UMH 304

CHRIST IS RISEN | UMH 307

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

THINE BE THE GLORY | UMH 308

+ DISMISSAL WITH BLESSING

POSTLUDE

TOCCATA FROM SYMPHONIE V, OP. 42, NO. 1 | C. M. WIDOR

UPCOMING EVENTS



VISIONING UPDATE



UPCOMING EVENTS

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| 2024 BUDGET | \$3,930,000.00 |
| REVENUES AND EXPENSES | AS OF MARCH 27, 2024 |
| TITHES & OFFERINGS | \$ 802,749.00 |
| OTHER REVENUES | \$ 305,968.00 |
| TOTAL REVENUES | \$ 1,108,717.00 |
| AS A % OF BUDGET | 28% |
| TOTAL EXPENSES | \$ 1,028,429.00 |
| AS A % OF BUDGET | 26% |

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 (SANCTUARY)

THE REV. C. GREG MOORE *Senior Pastor*

THE REV. ASHLEY GRIFFITH *Pastor of Community Life*

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

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

CHANCEL CHOIR

KELLY COLLEGE *Soloist*

ROBERT HOPPER *Timpanist*

ANN DANIEL *Lector*

SERVING IN WORSHIP TODAY (GATHERING 10:30)

THE REV. KRYSHA JAMIS *Pastor of Worship and Care*

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

LEE ANDERSON *Director of Gathering Worship*