



A SERVICE OF WORD & TABLE

SUNDAY, MAY 12, 2024
ASCENSION SUNDAY
SANCTUARY | 8:30 + 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

INTERMEZZO: ALLEGRETTO VIVACE | CARL REINCKE

WORDS OF WELCOME

+ PROCESSIONAL HYMN

HAIL THE DAY THAT SEES HIM RISE | UMH 312

MOTHER'S DAY PRAYER

BOW

For our mothers, who have given us life and love, that we may show them reverence and love, we pray to the Lord... For mothers who have lost a child through death, that their faith may give them hope, and their family and friends support and console them, we pray to the Lord... For women, though without children of their own, who like mothers have nurtured and cared for us, we pray to the Lord... For mothers, who have been unable to be a source of strength, who have not responded to their children and have not sustained their families, we pray to the Lord... Loving God, as a mother gives life and nourishment to her children, so you watch over your Church. Bless these women, that they may be strengthened as Christian mothers. Let the example of their faith and love shine forth. Grant that we, their sons and daughters, may honor them always with a spirit of profound respect. Grant this through Christ our Lord. Amen.

PROCLAMATION

PRAYER WITH CHILDREN (10:30)

CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE (10:30)

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

May the reading of your Word sanctify us in the truth and bring us to perfect joy.
Amen.

NEW TESTAMENT LESSON

ACTS 1:1-11 | CEB

Theophilus, the first scroll I wrote concerned everything Jesus did and taught from the beginning, right up to the day when he was taken up into heaven. Before he was taken up, working in the power of the Holy Spirit, Jesus instructed the apostles he had chosen. After his suffering, he showed them that he was alive with many convincing proofs. He appeared to them over a period of forty days, speaking to them about God's kingdom. While they were eating together, he ordered them not to leave Jerusalem but to wait for what the Father had promised. He said, "This is what you heard from me: John baptized with water, but in only a few days you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit." As a result, those who had gathered together asked Jesus, "Lord, are you going to restore the kingdom to Israel now?" Jesus replied, "It isn't for you to know the times or seasons that the Father has set by his own authority. Rather, you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you, and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, in all Judea and Samaria, and to the end of the earth." After Jesus said these things, as they were watching, he was lifted up and a cloud took him out of their sight. While he was going

away and as they were staring toward heaven, suddenly two men in white robes stood next to them. They said, “Galileans, why are you standing here, looking toward heaven? This Jesus, who was taken up from you into heaven, will come in the same way that you saw him go into heaven.”

PSALM (10:30)

PSALM 47 | UMH 781

+ GOSPEL LESSON

LUKE 24:44-53 | CEB

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 witnessing of these things. Look, I'm sending to you what my Father promised, but you are to stay in the city until you have been furnished with heavenly power." He led them out as far as Bethany, where he lifted his hands and blessed them. As he blessed them, he left them and was taken up to heaven. They worshipped him and returned to Jerusalem overwhelmed with joy. And they were continuously in the temple praising God.

SERMON

THE REV. NED HILL

RESPONSE

SACRAMENT OF HOLY BAPTISM (10:30)

UMH 33

Arthur Joseph Raggi, son of Caroline Raggi and Joseph Raggi, Jr.

CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE (10:30)



Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!

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+ AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (8:30)

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 (8:30)

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

Thanks to your generosity, we are able to support many local and global nonprofits doing incredible work. This includes \$10,000 annually to the Methodist Home for Children.

OFFERTORY ANTHEM (10:30)

JESUS LOVES ME | JOHN FERGUSON

Jesus loves me, this I know, for the Bible tells me so; little ones to him belong, they are weak, but he is strong. Yes, Jesus loves me, the Bible tells me so. Jesus loves me, he who died heaven's gate to open wide; He will wash away my sin, let his little child come in. Jesus loves me, he will stay close beside me all the way. He calls children to his side, saying, "Come with me abide."

—Anna B. Warner, adapt. John A. Ferguson

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.

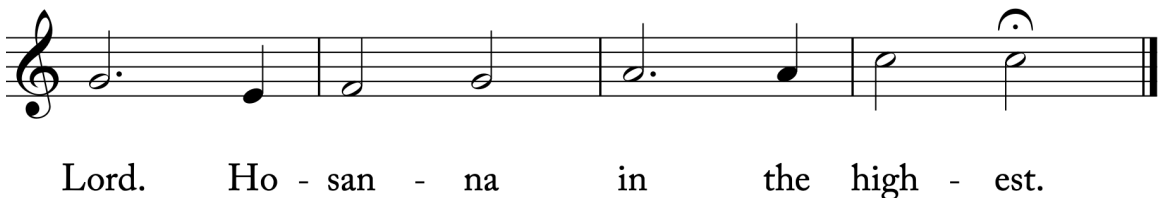
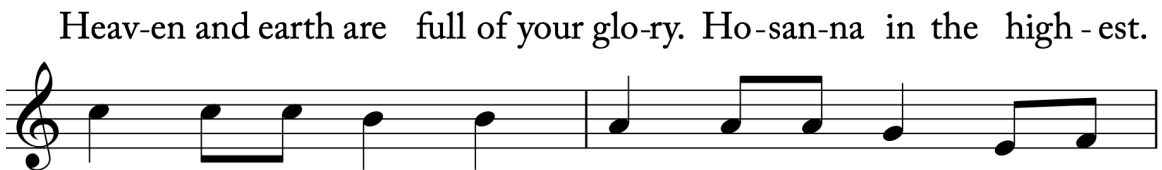
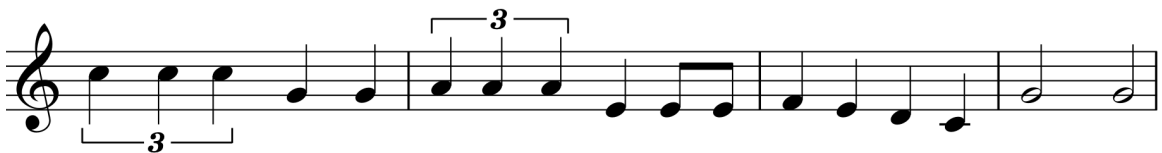
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

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

THE WATER IS WIDE | ARR. JIMMY CALIRE

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.

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.

SENDING FORTH

INVITATION TO CHRISTIAN DISCIPLESHIP

To learn more about the Methodist Home for Children, scan the QR code below.



+ CLOSING HYMN

LORD, DISMISS US WITH THY BLESSING | UMH 671

+ DISMISSAL WITH BLESSING

POSTLUDE

PRAELUDIUM IN E MINOR | NICOLAS BRUHNS

The flowers on the altar are given to the Glory of God, in memory of George and Emma Crawford, and in memory of Lloyd Stanley and David Stanley by their families.

UPCOMING EVENTS



2024 BUDGET	\$3,930,000.00
REVENUES AND EXPENSES	AS OF MAY 7, 2024
TITHES & OFFERINGS	\$ 968,548.00
OTHER REVENUES	\$ 441,451.00
TOTAL REVENUES	\$ 1,409,999.00
AS A % OF BUDGET	36%
TOTAL EXPENSES	\$ 1,678,852.00
AS A % OF BUDGET	43%

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 (8:30 SANCTUARY)

THE REV. NED HILL *Interim Senior Pastor & Pastor Emeritus*

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

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

ANDREW OTTO *Organ Scholar*

MICHAEL ARICHEA *Flutist*

CECIL HARRISON *Lector*

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CHANCEL CHOIR

LAURA COX *Lector*

SERVING IN WORSHIP TODAY (10:30 GATHERING)

THE REV. BRUCE STANLEY *President & CEO of the Methodist Home for Children*

THE REV. ASHLEY GRIFFITH *Pastor of Community Life*

LEE ANDERSON *Director of Gathering Worship*