



PLOT TWIST

May 15, 2022 ♦ 11:00 a.m. ♦ Fifth Sunday of Easter

WELCOME TO UNIVERSITY UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

At University UMC, our mission is to live into radical kinship through loving God, serving others and building Christian community. We pray all will find encouragement and spiritual nourishment here as we praise God together this morning.



*Living into Radical Kinship through Loving God, Serving Others and
Building Christian Community*

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GATHERING

Words of Welcome

Please sign our [online attendance pad](#) and visit the [announcements page](#) for more information about upcoming events! If you are unfamiliar with accessing our announcements online, please call the church office to get connected.

Prelude

Meditation on “The Ash Grove”

*Call to Worship (from Revelation 21:5b-6a)

Responsively

God is making all things new,
for God’s words are trustworthy.
God is the Alpha and Omega,
the Beginning and the End.
We enter this new year with hope,
that we will draw closer to God;
for God has drawn near to us.
Together, we are Christ’s body.

*Hymn 2008

“Let All Things Now Living”

Let all things now living a song of thanksgiving to
God the Creator triumphantly raise, who fashioned and made us,
protected and stayed us, who guides us and leads to the end of our days.
God’s banners fly o’er us; God’s light goes before us,
a pillar of fire shining forth in the night, till shadows have vanished and
darkness is banished, as forward we travel from light into light.

The law God enforces, the stars in their courses and sun
in its orbit obediently shine; the hills and the mountains,
the rivers and fountains, the deeps of the ocean proclaim the Divine.
We, too, should be voicing our love and rejoicing; with glad adoration
a song let us raise, till all things now living unite in thanksgiving:
To God in the highest hosanna and praise!

*Opening Prayer

In Unison

Vision-Giving God, when you put bandages on skinned knees; when
you hold the hand of a teenager grieving unrequited love; when you
wipe away the tears of parents at graduation day: you show us your new
creation. When you hang out with the world’s outcasts; when you stay a
little longer with those we rush past; when you will not take sides in our
petty little games: you show us the new earth. When you turn on the ‘no
vacancy’ sign as death comes our way; when mourning becomes a distant
memory; when pain is found only in dusty history books: you show us the
new heaven. God in Community, Holy in One, make us new. Amen.

Anthem

“With a Voice of Singing”
Chancel Choir

Martin Shaw

PROCLAMATION

Prayer for Illumination

In Unison

O God of promise, your word made flesh in Jesus Christ is trustworthy
and true. By the power of your Holy Spirit, may it rise up in us this day
like a gift from the spring of the water of life to refresh our thirsty souls.
Amen

RESPONSE

*Hymn 383, st. 1-4 "This Is a Day of New Beginnings"

This is a day of new beginnings, time to remember and move on,
time to believe what love is bringing, laying to rest the pain that's gone.

For by the life and death of Jesus, God's mighty Spirit, now as then,
can make for us a world of difference, as faith and hope are born again.

Then let us, with the Spirit's daring, step from the past and leave behind
our disappointment, guilt, and grieving, seeking new paths, and sure to
find.

Christ is alive, and goes before us to show and share what love can do.
This is a day of new beginnings; our God is making all things new.

Sacrament of Baptism

Amber Ineza and Aldo Bigina
Parents: Tite Bigina and Grace Muneza

Renunciation of Sin and Profession of Faith *Responsively*

*...Do you, as Christ's body, the church, reaffirm both your rejection of sin and
your commitment to Christ?*

We do.

*Will you nurture one another in the Christian faith and life and include Amber
and Aldo now before you in your care?*

**With God's help we will proclaim the good news and live according to the
example of Christ.**

**We will surround Amber and Aldo with a community of love and
forgiveness, that they may grow in their trust of God, and be found
faithful in their service to others.**

**We will pray for them, that they may be true disciples who walk in the
way that leads to life.**

*Let us join together in professing the Christian faith as contained in the
Scriptures of the Old and New Testaments.*

Do you believe in God the Father?

I believe in God, the Father Almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

Do you believe in Jesus Christ?

**I believe 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, died, and was buried; he descended to the dead. On the third
day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, is seated at the right hand of
the Father, and will come again to judge the living and the dead.**

Do you believe in the Holy Spirit?

**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.**

Thanksgiving Over the Water

Responsively

The Lord be with you. And also with you.

Let us pray.

... Their children you brought through the Jordan to the land which you promised.

Sing to the Lord, all the earth. Tell of God's mercy each day.

... to make disciples of all nations.

Declare his works to the nations, his glory among all the people.

... with Christ, they may share in his final victory.

All praise to you, Eternal Father, through your Son Jesus Christ, who with you and the Holy Spirit lives and reigns forever. Amen.

Baptism with Laying on of Hands

Responsively

... Now it is our joy to welcome our new sister and brother in Christ.

Through baptism, you are incorporated by the Holy Spirit into God's new creation and made to share in Christ's royal priesthood. We are all one in Christ Jesus. With joy and thanksgiving we welcome you as a member of the family of Christ.

Prayers of the People

Responsively

The Lord be with you. And also with you. Let us pray . . .

The congregation responds to each petition, "Hear our prayer."

The Lord's Prayer

In Unison

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name.

Thy kingdom come, thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven.

Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us.

And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.

For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

Presentation of Our Gifts and God's Tithes

Responsively

God is Good. All the time.

And all the time. God is Good.

Generosity Moment: *You may designate your offering via mobile phone by texting "UniversityUMC" to 833-245-5259 and choosing the General Fund or specific missions, or through UniversityUMC.church.*

Offertory

"I Want to Be Ready"

Spiritual

Chancel Choir, Soloist ~ Patricia Johnson

*Doxology

Hymn 94

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;

Praise God, all creatures here below: Alleluia! Alleluia!

Praise God, the source of all our gifts!

Praise Jesus Christ, whose power uplifts!

Praise the Spirit, Holy Spirit! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

SENDING FORTH

Invitation to Christian Discipleship

If you wish to become a follower of Jesus Christ, a member of University United Methodist Church, or would like for someone to pray with you, we invite you to please come forward during the closing hymn and meet the clergy in front of the chancel rail.

***Hymn 731** “Glorious Things of Thee Are Spoken”
Glorious things of thee are spoken, Zion, city of our God;
God, whose word cannot be broken, formed thee for his own abode.
On the Rock of Ages founded, what can shake thy sure repose?
With salvation’s walls surrounded, thou mayst smile at all thy foes.

See, the streams of living waters, springing from eternal love,
well supply thy sons and daughters, and all fear of want remove.
Who can faint while such a river ever will their thirst assuage?
Grace which like the Lord, the giver, never fails from age to age.

Round each habitation hovering, see the cloud and fire appear
for a glory and a covering, showing that the Lord is near!
Thus deriving from our banner light by night and shade by day,
safe we feed upon the manna which God gives us when we pray.

Blest inhabitants of Zion, washed in our Redeemer’s blood;
Jesus, whom our souls rely on, make us monarchs, priests to God.
Us, by his great love, he raises, rulers over self to reign,
and as priests his solemn praises we for thankful offering bring.

***Benediction**

***Postlude** “Fugue in g minor” Johann Sebastian Bach

**Please stand if you are able.*



MINISTERIAL STAFF & THOSE SERVING TODAY

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| Senior Pastor | The Reverend Justin Coleman |
| Pastor of Outreach..... | The Reverend Tobi Nguyen |
| Pastor of Kindred Church..... | The Reverend Daniel Childs |
| Youth Minister..... | The Reverend Charlie Baber |
| Director of the Ministry of Music | Tim Baker |
| Director of Children and Family Ministries..... | Rebecca Dyck |
| Minister of Administration..... | Michael Saunders |
| UNC Wesley Campus Minister..... | The Reverend Ryan Spurrier |
| Audio Visual | Davis Brown, Walker Brown, Quyen Cobb |
| Lector | Eric Bigham |
| Generosity Moment | Tim Baker |

FLOWERS

The Chancel flowers are given to the glory of God and in honor of the dedicated staff and clergy at University UMC.

The rose and cradle cross on the altar are in honor of Brooks Ryal Harriett, born April 25 to parents Jennifer and Tyler Harriett and big sister Palmer, and to grandmother Nan Williams.