



# PLOT TWIST

*May 15, 2022 ♦ 9:00 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.



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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.

### \*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.

## PROCLAMATION

New Testament Reading      Revelation 21:1-6

The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

Sermon

“A God of New Beginnings”    The Rev. Justin Coleman

## RESPONSE

Sung Response

*Hymn 383, st. 4*

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.

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.”*

## 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](http://UniversityUMC.church).*

## Offertory

"I Want to Be Ready"  
*Soloist ~ Patricia Johnson*

Spiritual

## \*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!

\***Invitation to the Table**, Hymnal, p. 12

## \*Confession and Pardon

*Responsively*

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

*All pray in silence.*

Hear the good news:  
Christ died for us while we were yet sinners; that proves God's love toward us.  
In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven!  
**In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven!**  
**Glorify to God. Amen.**

\***The Great Thanksgiving**, Hymnal p. 17

*Responsively*

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

... 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 he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.**

... as we proclaim the mystery of faith.

**Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.**

... all honor and glory is yours, almighty Father, now and forever.  
**Amen.**

## \*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.

## \*The Breaking of the Bread and the Taking of the Cup

### The Giving

The body of Christ broken for you. **Amen.**

The blood of Christ shed for you. **Amen.**

*In the United Methodist tradition, the Table is open to all who desire the Sacrament, including children. If you wish to celebrate communion by intinction, dip the bread into the cup so as to receive both elements together. After you receive the elements, you are invited to respond, "Amen" or "Thanks be to God." You may stand or kneel at the chancel rail in prayer as long as you wish. We invite you to consider leaving an offering to support neighbors in need.*



Gluten-free wafers and a dedicated chalice are available upon request at the station just left of the center aisle. Wafers are free of gluten, wheat, yeast, dairy, egg, soy, nut, and corn.

## Prayer after Communion

### 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, st. 1, 4 "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.

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

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
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.