



March 31, 2024 ♦ 8:30 and 10:30 a.m. ♦ 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 pew pad or [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

“In the Garden”

C. Austin Miles
arr. by Andrew Berinson

*Call to Worship

Responsively

In emptiness of night,
we wait for dawn to break open.
In our grief and suffering,
we weep and look for something to hold on to.
In the finality of the tomb,
we wait for the dead to rise.
In the face of death,
we declare the Christ is risen!
Christ is risen indeed!

*Hymn 302

“Christ the Lord Is Risen Today”

Christ the Lord is risen today, Alleluia!
Earth and heaven in chorus say, Alleluia!
Raise your joys and triumphs high, Alleluia!
Sing, ye heavens, 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!

Lives again our glorious King, Alleluia!
Where, O death, is now thy sting? Alleluia!
Once he died our souls to save, Alleluia!
Where’s thy victory, boasting grave? Alleluia!

Soar we now where Christ has led, Alleluia!
Following our exalted Head, Alleluia!
Made like him, like him we rise, Alleluia!
Ours the cross, the grave, the skies, Alleluia!

*Opening Prayer

In Unison

God, we give thanks for the celebration of Easter, of the hope of resurrection, and the promise of new life found in Jesus Christ our Lord. May we remember that eternal life begins here and now and is not simply about life after death but a life that is transformed. We pray that you would strengthen our hearts and strengthen our faith, for we know that there will be grief and pain in our lives ahead, but there is also great joy and comfort with you, and with one another. Amen.

Anthem

“Gloria”

Antonio Vivaldi

Chancel Choir

Violins ~ Patricia Stone, Abi Stone,

Cello ~ Brent Wissick, Viola ~ Christopher Cooper

Sung in Latin

Glory to God in the highest.

PROCLAMATION

***Prayer for Illumination**

In Unison

Lord, open our hearts and minds by the power of your Holy Spirit, that, as the Scriptures are read and your Word proclaimed, we may hear with joy what you say to us today. Amen.

***Gospel Reading**

John 20:1-18

(NT, p. 1320)

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

Sermon

“From Darkness to Light” The Rev. Justin Coleman

RESPONSE

***Hymn 322**

“Up From the Grave He Arose”

Low in the grave he lay, Jesus my Savior,

waiting the coming day, Jesus my Lord!

Up from the grave he arose, with a mighty triumph o’er his foes;

he arose a victor from the dark domain,

and he lives forever, with his saints to reign.

He arose! He arose! Hallelujah! Christ arose!

Vainly they watch his bed, Jesus my Savior;

vainly they seal the dead, Jesus my Lord!

Up from the grave he arose, with a mighty triumph o’er his foes;

he arose a victor from the dark domain,

and he lives forever, with his saints to reign.

He arose! He arose! Hallelujah! Christ arose!

Death cannot keep its prey, Jesus my Savior;

he tore the bars away, Jesus my Lord!

Up from the grave he arose, with a mighty triumph o’er his foes;

he arose a victor from the dark domain,

and he lives forever, with his saints to reign.

He arose! He arose! Hallelujah! Christ arose!

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.

Offertory

"How Great Thou Art"

Stuart K. Hine

arr. by Ti Berinson, Andrew Berinson

*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!
Glory 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, amen, 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. We use bread from Great Harvest Bread Company and Welch's grape juice. [Visit our website for allergen information.](#)



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.

Communion Music

"In Christ Alone" Keith Getty, Stuart Townend

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 come forward during the closing hymn and meet the clergy in front of the chancel rail.

*Hymn 327

"Crown Him with Many Crowns"

Anyone who would like to sing "The Hallelujah Chorus" is welcome to come during the last two verses of this hymn and stand with the choir on the chancel steps. Sopranos and basses stand to the left of the pulpit; tenors and altos to the right.

**Crown him with many crowns, the Lamb upon his throne.
Hark! how the heavenly anthem drowns all music but its own.
Awake, my soul, and sing of him who died for thee,
and hail him as thy matchless King through all eternity.**

**Crown him the Lord of life, who triumphed o'er the grave,
and rose victorious in the strife for those he came to save.
His glories now we sing, who died, and rose on high,
who died, eternal life to bring, and lives that death may die.**

**Crown him the Lord of peace, whose power a scepter sways
from pole to pole, that wars may cease, and all be prayer and praise.
His reign shall know no end, and round his pierced feet
fair flowers of paradise extend their fragrance ever sweet.**

**Crown him the Lord of love; behold his hands and side,
those wounds, yet visible above, in beauty glorified.
All hail, Redeemer, hail! For thou hast died for me;
thy praise and glory shall not fail throughout eternity.**

***The Hallelujah Chorus** George Frideric Handel
Violins ~ Patricia Stone, Abi Stone, Cello ~ Brent Wissick, Viola ~ Christopher Cooper, Timpani ~ Ben LaVange, Organ ~ Meghan Cox, Oboe ~ Ernie Baker

Hallelujah! Hallelujah! Hallelujah! Hallelujah! Hallelujah!
For the Lord God Omnipotent reigneth.
Hallelujah! Hallelujah! Hallelujah! Hallelujah!
The kingdom of this world is become the kingdom of our Lord,
and of His Christ, and of His Christ;
And He shall reign for ever and ever, King of kings, and Lord of lords, Hallelujah! Hallelujah!

***Benediction**

***Postlude** “Ode to Joy” Ludwig van Beethoven
arr. by Andrew Berinson

**Please stand if you are able.*

MINISTERIAL STAFF & THOSE SERVING TODAY

Senior Pastor	The Reverend Justin Coleman
Executive Pastor.....	The Reverend Jamison Doehring
Pastor of Outreach.....	The Reverend Lindsay Ballance Collins
Pastor of Kindred Church.....	The Reverend Daniel Childs
Pastor to Senior Adults	The Reverend Denise Waters
Youth Minister	The Reverend Charlie Baber
Interim Director of the Ministry of Music.....	Ti Berinson
Director of Children and Family Ministries	Rebecca Dyck
Lead Keyboardist.....	Andrew Berinson
UNC Wesley Campus Minister	The Reverend Ryan Spurrier
Audio Visual	Davis Brown, Walker Brown
Lector	Sandi Painter-Edwards (8:30), Davenne Essif (10:30)
Generosity Moment.....	The Reverend Justin Coleman



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UNIVERSITY UNITED METHODIST CHURCH



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Jazz Vespers Service

An evening of sacred music and readings

Thursday, April 11
7 p.m.
University UMC Sanctuary

Visit universityumc.church for more information about upcoming events!

EASTER LILIES



GIVEN TO THE GLORY OF GOD AND

IN HONOR OF...

Our three sons and their families
by Beth and Joe Alexander

Our sons, Andrew and Matthew,
and their beautiful families
by John and Emily Cocowitch

Mrs. Calvin Wayne Dixon
*by Bart, Frances, and
Cal Ramsey*

Stuart Nelson
*by his children, Charles Nelson
and Lynnette and Jeff Mann*

Stuart Nelson
*by his grandchildren,
Meredith and Jason Mann*

Anne and Jan Sassaman
by Kristen, Kate, and Mason

IN LOVING MEMORY OF...

Bill and Mary Alexander
by Joe and Beth Alexander

Drew Ammons
by Dave and Cindy Ammons

Margaret and Ernest Ammons
and Dot and Brantly Hudson
by Dave and Cindy Ammons

Miles Mitchell and Jan Ammons
by Dave and Cindy Ammons

Our mothers, Delma Baker and
Henrietta Licklider
by Ernie and Debi Baker

Marvin and Dorys Beck
*by David Thomas and
Melinda Beck*

Victor Bowles
by Doris Bowles

Our Austrian friend,
Heinz Breschan
by Judy and Jim Wilson

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IN LOVING MEMORY OF...

Mr. and Mrs. Hugh Cole, Sr. and
The Reverend and Mrs. C. B. Barr
by Hugh and Von Cole

LCDR Dan DeWispelaere, USN
by Shirley DeWispelaere

CAPT Earl L. DeWispelaere, USN
(Ret.)
by Shirley DeWispelaere

David and Frances Giles
by Beth and Joe Alexander

Paul Hardin
by his family

Our parents
by Gray and Kay Kirby

Our parents
by Ralph and Mary Gray Leonard

Ron & Sue Link
*by the McGlone and Shivers
families*

The Reverend Charles Litzenberger
and our son Stephen Litzenberger
by Annette Litzenberger

Glenda Nelson
by Stuart Nelson

Glenda Nelson
*by her children, Charles Nelson
and Lynnette and Jeff Mann*

Glenda Nelson
*by her grandchildren,
Meredith and Jason Mann*

Lauren Patterson
*by Herb, Beth, Abigail, Matt, Eri,
Grant, and Emma Patterson*

Dr. Earle E. Peacock, Jr. and
The Reverend Mary L. Peacock
by Susan Peacock

My parents,
Helen and Bud Penwell
by Pat Penwell Lopp

Henry K. Perry
by Sylvia Perry and family

Anne's parents,
Bessie and Joe Phillips
by Jan and Anne Sassaman

Mr. Freddie William Ramsey
*by Bart, Frances, and
Cal Ramsey*

Jan's parents,
Jemma and Grant Sassaman
by Jan and Anne Sassaman

Martha Thomas
by Jean Carlton

Numa and Marguerite Thomas
*by David Thomas and
Melinda Beck*

Robah Thomas
*by David Thomas and
Melinda Beck*

Our beloved granddaughter,
Virginia Whitehurst
by Judy and Jim Wilson

