



*March 31, 2024 ♦ Sunrise 6:30 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.



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## GATHERING

### Call to Worship

*Responsively*

Grace and peace to you from Jesus Christ our Lord.

My brothers and sisters in Christ:

on this most holy morning in which Jesus Christ passed over from death to life,  
**we gather as the Church to watch and pray.**

This the Passover of Christ,

**in which we share in Christ's victory over death.**

### Words of Welcome

**Hymn 162**, st. 1, 2, 4                    "Alleluia, Alleluia!"

**Alleluia, alleluia! Give thanks to the risen Lord.**

**Alleluia, alleluia! Give praise to his name.**

Jesus is Lord of all the earth. He is the King of creation.

**Alleluia, alleluia! Give thanks to the risen Lord.**

**Alleluia, alleluia! Give praise to his name.**

Spread the good news o'er all the earth: Jesus has died and has risen.

**Alleluia, alleluia! Give thanks to the risen Lord.**

**Alleluia, alleluia! Give praise to his name.**

Come, let us praise the living God, joyfully sing to our Savior.

**Alleluia, alleluia! Give thanks to the risen Lord.**

**Alleluia, alleluia! Give praise to his name.**

### Opening Prayer

*In Unison*

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. This Easter we proclaim the marvelous mystery of death and resurrection. For all praise is yours, now and throughout eternity. Amen.

### Hymn

"This Is the Day"

**This is the day, this is the day, that the Lord has made, that the Lord has made.**

**Let us rejoice, let us rejoice and be glad in it, and be glad in it.**

**This is the day that the Lord has made; we will rejoice and be glad in it.**

**This is the day, this is the day that the Lord has made.** One License # A-726978

## PROCLAMATION

### Epistle Reading

1 Corinthians 15

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

### Homily

"The Butterfly Effect"

The Rev. Lindsay Ballance Collins

## RESPONSE

### Hymn 707

“Hymn of Promise”

In the bulb there is a flower; in the seed, an apple tree;  
in cocoons, a hidden promise: butterflies will soon be free!  
In the cold and snow of winter there's a spring that waits to be,  
unrevealed until its season, something God alone can see.

There's a song in every silence, seeking word and melody;  
there's a dawn in every darkness, bringing hope to you and me.  
From the past will come the future; what it holds, a mystery,  
unrevealed until its season, something God alone can see.

In our end is our beginning; in our time, infinity;  
in our doubt there is believing; in our life, eternity.  
In our death, a resurrection; at the last, a victory,  
unrevealed until its season, something God alone can see.

### Invitation to the Table

#### Confession and Pardon

*Responsively*

Gracious God, you have walked patiently with us throughout our Lenten journey. You have celebrated our successes and our growing understanding of your love; and you have mourned our failures and rejections of your healing mercies. This day, as we have gathered to celebrate the joy of Easter, let us remember that we are to become “Easter People,” people of the Resurrection; people who know that what was thought to be impossible has been conquered. Forgive our stubbornness and fears. Fill us with your healing love and help us to become the disciples that you need to serve in this world. For we ask this in the name of our Risen Lord, Jesus Christ. Amen.

*All confess before God in silence.*

We are loved. We are forgiven by the sacrifice of Christ Jesus. New life is ours! Accept God's forgiveness and offer peace to one another. 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.**

## 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." 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. Wafers are free of gluten, wheat, yeast, dairy, egg, soy, nut, and corn.*

### Prayer after Communion

*In Unison*

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

### Hymn

"Glory to God"

Gloria, gloria, in excelsis Deo!

Gloria, gloria, alleluia, alleluia!

Glory to God, glory to God, glory in the Highest!

Glory to God, glory to God, alleluia, alleluia!

### Benediction




# Easter Sunday Worship

8:30 a.m. & 10:30 a.m.

The 8:30 a.m. & 10:30 a.m. services will be identical with jubilant music led by the Chancel Choir, along with a string quartet, solo vocal selection, and closing with the singing of the “Hallelujah Chorus” from Handel’s Messiah.

On Easter Sunday, children and families are invited to join in a celebratory egg hunt on the church grounds after the 8:30 & 10:30 a.m. worship services.



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## 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
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