



# Who will be saved?

*April 27, 2025 ♦ 10:30 a.m. ♦ Second 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 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

“All Creatures of Our God and King”

Hymn Tune ~  
LASST UNS ERFREUEN

### \*Call to Worship

*Responsively*

How wondrous! A new heaven and a new earth!

**The old, bruised and angered, fearful and alienated, will pass away.**

In its place God will offer new hope and peace.

**God will dwell with God's people forevermore.**

Worship the Lord who is about to do a new thing.

**Praise God who establishes God's reign in the heart of God's people.**

**Amen!**

### \*Hymn 144

“This Is My Father's World”

This is my Father's world, and to my listening ears

all nature sings, and round me rings the music of the spheres.

This is my Father's world: I rest me in the thought

of rocks and trees, of skies and seas; his hand the wonders wrought.

This is my Mother's world, the birds their carols raise,

the morning light, the lily white, declare their maker's praise.

This is my Mother's world: she shines in all that's fair;

in the rustling grass I hear her pass; she speaks to me everywhere.

This is my Father's world. O let me ne'er forget

that though the wrong seems oft so strong, God is the ruler yet.

This is my Mother's world: why should my heart be sad?

The Lord is King; let the heavens ring! God reigns; let the earth be glad!

### \*Opening Prayer

*In Unison*

Gracious and Loving God, we are grateful that you have called us together this day, drawing us from darkness to the glory of your light.

May our spirits rejoice at the good news you have for us today. Open our hearts to your healing love, for we ask this in Christ's name, Amen.

### Anthem

“The Call”

Ralph Vaughan Williams

*Soloist ~ Von Cole*

## 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.

### New Testament Reading

Revelation 21:1-6

(NT, p. 1509)

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

### Sermon

“All Things New”

The Rev. Asya Coles

## RESPONSE

### \*Hymn 383

"This is the 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

Helena Hope Thomas

Parents: Jared and Leah Thomas

Siblings: Seth, Ivy and Maggie Thomas

#### 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 Helena  
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 Helena with a community of love and forgiveness, that  
she may grow in her trust of God, and be found faithful in her service to  
others.**

**We will pray for her, that she may be a true disciple who walks 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 sibling 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.**

**Sung Response**

"Jesus Loves Me"

Hymn 191

**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! Yes, Jesus loves me!**

**Yes, Jesus loves me! The Bible tells me so.**

**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.**

**Generosity Moment**

*Responsively*

God is Good. **All the time.**

And all the time. **God is Good.**

**Presentation of Our Gifts and God's Tithes:** *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**

"Alleluia IV"

James Richardson

*Chancel Choir*

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

### \*Hymn 158 “Come, Christians Join to Sing”

**Come, Christians, join to sing: Alleluia! Amen!**  
**loud praise to Christ our King: Alleluia! Amen!**  
**Let all, with heart and voice, before his throne rejoice;**  
**praise is his gracious choice. Alleluia! Amen!**

**Come, lift your hearts on high: Alleluia! Amen!**  
**Let praises fill the sky: Alleluia! Amen!**  
**He is our guide and friend; to us he'll condescend;**  
**his love shall never end: Alleluia! Amen!**

**Praise yet the Lord again: Alleluia! Amen!**  
**Life shall not end the strain: Alleluia! Amen!**  
**On heaven's blissful shore his goodness we'll adore,**  
**singing forevermore: Alleluia! Amen!**

### \*Benediction

### Postlude

### Improvisation

### ***How to Participate:***

*We are all held by this liturgy, together as one community.*

*You may speak the words in **bold**, if speaking is available to you.*

*You may sing the words of the hymns, if singing is available to you.*

*When you see an asterisk (\*), you may stand, if standing is available to you.*

## CLERGY & MINISTERS

Ministers.....	All the People of University United Methodist Church
Senior Pastor .....	The Reverend Justin Coleman
Executive Pastor.....	The Reverend Jamison Doehring
Pastor of Outreach .....	The Reverend Asya Coles
Pastor to Kindred Church.....	The Reverend Daniel Childs
Pastor to Senior Adults .....	The Reverend Denise Waters
Pastor to Youth.....	The Reverend Charlie Baber
Director of the Ministry of Music .....	Ti Berinson
Director of Children and Family Ministries .....	Rebecca Dyck
Organist and Pianist.....	Andrew Berinson
UNC Wesley Campus Minister .....	The Reverend Ryan Spurrier
Lector .....	Jeff Foarde
Generosity Moment.....	Environmental Stewardship Team

## FLOWERS

The rose and cradle cross on the altar are in honor of Lucy-Ellen Harriet Ramsey, born March 19 to parents Frances and Bart, and to big brother Cal.

The Chancel flowers are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Rita Bigham by her family.

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