



A SERVICE OF WORD & TABLE

SUNDAY, APRIL 28, 2024
5TH SUNDAY OF EASTER
SANCTUARY | 8:30 + 10:30

Edenton Street
UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

LITURGY GUIDE

The service will begin on page 6 of the United Methodist Hymnal, which can be found in the back of the pew in front of you.

+ indicates to stand, where able

GTG Glory to God Hymnal

BOW Book of Worship

UMH United Methodist Hymnal

TFWS The Faith We Sing

CEB Common English Bible

GATHERING

VOLUNTARY

JESUS LOVES ME, THIS I KNOW | ARR. FRANCES L. CALLAHAN

JACOB'S LADDER | MARTHA LYNN THOMPSON

WORDS OF WELCOME

+ PROCESSIONAL HYMN

IMMORTAL, INVISIBLE, GOD ONLY WISE | UMH 103

+ COLLECT

FOTW

Loving God, you feed your people with love, joy, and peace. Lead us today and every day to the font of new beginnings. Teach us to love what you commanded in the name of the Creator, one God, now and forever. Amen.

PROCLAMATION

PRAYER WITH CHILDREN (10:30)

ALL GOD'S CHILDREN | BAKER LAWRIMORE

CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE (10:30)

CHILD OF BLESSING, ST. 4 | UMH 611



Child of God your lov-ing Par-ent, learn to know whose child you are.



Grow to laugh and sing and wor-ship, trust and love God more than all.

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

FOTW

Come, Holy Spirit, that through your word we may be guided into the love of God for all the world. Amen.

NEW TESTAMENT LESSON

ACTS 8:26-40 | CEB

An angel from the Lord spoke to Philip, “At noon, take the road that leads from Jerusalem to Gaza.” (This is a desert road.) So he did. Meanwhile, an Ethiopian man was on his way home from Jerusalem, where he had come to worship. He was a eunuch and an official responsible for the entire treasury of Candace. (Candace is the title given to the Ethiopian queen.) He was reading the prophet Isaiah while sitting in his carriage. The Spirit told Philip, “Approach this carriage and stay with it.” Running up to the carriage, Philip heard the man reading the prophet Isaiah. He asked, “Do you really understand what you are reading?” The man replied, “Without someone to guide me, how could I?” Then he invited Philip to climb up and sit with him. This was the passage of scripture he was reading: *Like a sheep he was led to the slaughter and like a lamb before its shearer is silent so he didn't open his mouth. In his humiliation justice was taken away from him. Who can tell the story of his descendants because his life was taken from the earth?* The eunuch asked Philip, “Tell me, about whom does the prophet say this? Is he talking about himself or someone else?” Starting with that passage, Philip proclaimed the good

news about Jesus to him. As they went down the road, they came to some water. The eunuch said, “Look! Water! What would keep me from being baptized?” He ordered that the carriage halt. Both Philip and the eunuch went down to the water, where Philip baptized him. When they came up out of the water, the Lord’s Spirit suddenly took Philip away. The eunuch never saw him again but went on his way rejoicing. Philip found himself in Azotus. He traveled through that area, preaching the good news in all the cities until he reached Caesarea.

PSALM

PSALM 22:25-31 | UMH 752 RESPONSE 2

EPISTLE LESSON

1 JOHN 4:7-21 | CEB

Dear friends, let’s love each other, because love is from God, and everyone who loves is born from God and knows God. The person who doesn’t love does not know God, because God is love. This is how the love of God is revealed to us: God has sent his only Son into the world so that we can live through him. This is love: it is not that we loved God but that he loved us and sent his Son as the sacrifice that deals with our sins. Dear friends, if God loved us this way, we also ought to love each other. No one has ever seen God. If we love each other, God remains in us and his love is made perfect in us. This is how we know we remain in him and he remains in us, because he has given us a measure of his Spirit. We have seen and testify that the Father has sent the Son to be the savior of the world. If any of us confess that Jesus is God’s Son, God remains in us and we remain in God. We have known and have believed the love that God has for us. God is love, and those who remain in love remain in God and God remains in them. This is how love has been perfected in us, so that we can have confidence on the Judgment Day, because we are exactly the same as God is in this world. There is no fear in love, but perfect love drives out fear, because fear expects punishment. The person who is afraid has not been made perfect in love. We love because God first loved us. Those who say, “I love God” and hate their brothers or sisters are liars. After all, those who don’t love their brothers or sisters whom they have seen can hardly love God whom they have not seen! This commandment we have from him: Those who claim to love God ought to love their brother and sister also.

+ GRADUAL HYMN (10:30)

JESUS' HANDS WERE KIND HANDS | UMH 273

The Children's Choir will sing stanza one in preparation for the Gospel reading; please join them in singing stanza two after the Gospel reading.

+ GOSPEL LESSON

JOHN 15:1-8 | CEB

“I am the true vine, and my Father is the vineyard keeper. He removes any of my branches that don’t produce fruit, and he trims any branch that produces fruit so that it will produce even more fruit. You are already trimmed because of the word I have spoken to you. Remain in me, and I will remain in you. A branch can’t produce fruit by itself, but must remain in the vine. Likewise, you can’t produce fruit unless you remain in me. I am the vine; you are the branches. If you remain in me and I in you, then you will produce much fruit. Without me, you can’t do anything. If you don’t remain in me, you will be like a branch that is thrown out and dries up. Those branches are gathered up, thrown into a fire, and burned. If you remain in me and my words remain in you, ask for whatever you want and it will be done for you. My Father is glorified when you produce much fruit and in this way prove that you are my disciples.

SERMON

THE REV. BETH HOOD

RESPONSE

+ AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

APOSTLES' CREED | UMH 881

I believe in God the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth; and 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, dead and buried; the third day he rose from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth at the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead. 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. Amen.

+ INVITATION, CONFESSION & PEACE

UMH 7

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.

OFFERING OUR GIFTS TO GOD

OFFERTORY ANTHEM (10:30)

FAMILY/FAMILÍA | MARK BURROWS

In your eyes I see peace, in your song I hear hope, in your heart I feel love. We are more than neighbors, we are family. Jesus loves the little children, all the children of the world: ev'ry nation, ev'ry race, all are held in his embrace. Jesus loves the little children of the world. *En tus ojos paz, en tu voz esperanza, en tu corazón amor. Somos más que vecinos, somos familia.*

—C. H. Woolston, alt. Burrows

+ DOXOLOGY

UMH 94

HOW TO GIVE:

You can make a virtual gift via Text To Give by texting **Give** to **(833) 892-7417** on your phone. Offerings left at the altar rail will go towards our Doorstep Ministry, which aims to help pay rent or utilities for people in desperate need.

THANKSGIVING & COMMUNION

+ THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

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 our God.

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

+ SANCTUS

UMH 17

And so, with your people on earth and all the company of heaven we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

Ho - ly, ho - ly ho - ly Lord, God of pow-er and might.

Heav-en and earth are full of your glo-ry. Ho-san-na in the high - est.

Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

+ MEMORIAL ACCLAMATION

UMH 17

And so, in remembrance of these your mighty acts in Jesus Christ, we offer ourselves in praise and thanksgiving as a holy and living sacrifice, in union with Christ's offering for us, as we proclaim the mystery of faith.



Christ has died, Christ is ris - en, Christ will come a - gain!

The musical notation is in 4/4 time, starting with a treble clef. The melody consists of quarter notes for 'Christ has died,' followed by eighth notes for 'Christ is ris - en,' and quarter notes for 'Christ will come a - gain!' with a fermata over the final note.

+ AMEN

UMH 17

All honor and glory is yours, almighty God, now and for ever.



A - men, a - men, a - - - men.

The musical notation is in 4/4 time, starting with a treble clef. The melody consists of quarter notes for 'A - men,' followed by quarter notes for 'a - men,' and a long note with a fermata for 'a - - - men.'

+ THE LORD'S PRAYER

TRADITIONAL VERSION

MUSIC DURING COMMUNION (10:30)

THE WELCOME SONG | TONI SULLIVAN

Come in, come in, you are welcome here. Come in, come in, you need not fear. Come in, come in, children of God, you are welcome, you are welcome here. Our doors are open to all, to the young and the old, big and small. We all are connected by God's loving care. This is the love that we share. We all are children of God. We're a fam'ly of people who care. One body, one spirit, one hope and one Lord: these are the things that we share.

—Toni Sullivan

RECEIVING COMMUNION

If you should need to be served in the pews, please let your usher know and our servers will come serve you there. We invite you to take the elements by intinction from the communion servers, by dipping a piece of bread into the cup. If you are more comfortable receiving individual communion elements from the trays, there is a station that is serving wafers and individual cups.

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

INVITATION TO CHRISTIAN DISCIPLESHIP

+ CLOSING HYMN

THEY'LL KNOW WE ARE CHRISTIANS BY OUR LOVE | TFSW 2223



1. We are one in the Spir-it, we are one in the Lord, we are
2. We will walk with each oth-er, we will walk hand in hand, We will
3. We will work with each oth-er, we will work side by side, We will
4. All praise to the Fa-ther, from whom all things come, and all



one in the Spir-it, we are one in the Lord, and we pray that all
walk with each oth-er, we will walk hand in hand, and to - geth - er we'll
work with each oth-er, we will work side by side and we'll guard hu-man
praise to Christ Je-sus, God's on - ly Son, and all praise to the



u - ni - ty may one day be re - stored:
spread the news that God is in our land: And they'll know we are
dig - ni - ty and save hu-man pride:
Spir - it, who makes us one:



Chris-tians by our love, by our love, yes, they'll know we are Chris-tians by our love.

+ DISMISSAL WITH BLESSING

POSTLUDE

IMMORTAL, INVISIBLE | ARNOLD SHERMAN

The flowers on the altar are given to the Glory of God and in loving memory of Teresa Little in her birthday month, from the Sunday evening women's Bible study group that Teresa led for many years.

Today, members of the Foundry Fellowship Sunday School class are serving communion. Foundry Fellowship is a member-facilitated Sunday School class that engages in Bible study each Sunday morning in addition to several social events throughout the year. Foundry welcomes and affirms all persons. For more information about this class, email Mary Susan Fulghum at drmarysusan@gmail.com.

UPCOMING EVENTS



2024 BUDGET	\$3,930,000.00
REVENUES AND EXPENSES	AS OF APRIL 24, 2024
TITHES & OFFERINGS	\$ 925,874.00
OTHER REVENUES	\$ 392,201.00
TOTAL REVENUES	\$ 1,318,075.00
AS A % OF BUDGET	34%
TOTAL EXPENSES	\$ 1,389,126.00
AS A % OF BUDGET	35%

RECYCLING

Recycling receptacles can be found in the narthex for disposal of bulletins and communion cups. Thank you for helping us with our creation care.

SERVING IN WORSHIP TODAY (8:30 SANCTUARY)

THE REV. BETH HOOD *Assistant to the Bishop for Clergy Life*

THE REV. ASHLEY GRIFFITH *Pastor of Community Life*

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ALDA BIDDELL *Lector*

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THE REV. MARK HOPPER *Organist & Director of Youth Music and Worship Arts*

ANDREW OTTO *Organ Scholar*

ESTREET KIDS MUSIC WORSHIP AND ARTS

ELLEN POWELL & GRACE SUGG *Soloists*

CHANCEL CHOIR

SERVING IN WORSHIP TODAY (10:30 GATHERING)

THE REV. AMANDA RIGBY *Pastor of Christian Education and Spiritual Formation*

LEE ANDERSON *Director of Gathering Worship*