

A SERVICE OF Word & TABLE

SUNDAY, MAY 5, 2024 CONFIRMATION SUNDAY 6TH SUNDAY OF EASTER SANCTUARY | 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

HOW FIRM A FOUNDATION | DALE WOOD

WORDS OF WELCOME

+ PROCESSIONAL HYMN

HOW FIRM A FOUNDATION | UMH 529

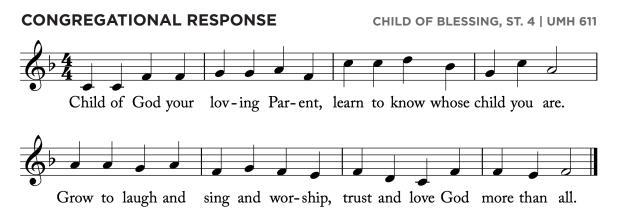
+ COLLECT

FOTW

Loving God, help us to love others as Christ has loved us. Bring us into the spiritual joy of living our lives as your friend, and teach us to abide in your love, that we may show that love to the world. Amen.

PROCLAMATION

PRAYER WITH CHILDREN



PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Pour out your Holy Spirit upon us, O God, in the reading of your Word, that we would hear what you have to say to us today. May your Holy Spirit be poured out upon us; through Jesus Christ. Amen.

NEW TESTAMENT LESSON

While Peter was still speaking, the Holy Spirit fell on everyone who heard the word. The circumcised believers who had come with Peter were astonished that the gift of the Holy Spirit had been poured out even on the Gentiles. They heard them speaking in other languages and praising God. Peter asked, "These people have received the Holy Spirit just as we have. Surely no one can stop them from being baptized with water, can they?" He directed that they be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ. Then they invited Peter to stay for several days.

ACTS 10:44-48 | CEB

FOTW

EPISTLE LESSON

Everyone who believes that Jesus is the Christ has been born from God. Whoever loves someone who is a parent loves the child born to the parent. This is how we know that we love the children of God: when we love God and keep God's commandments. This is the love of God: we keep God's commandments. God's commandments are not difficult, because everyone who is born from God defeats the world. And this is the victory that has defeated the world: our faith. Who defeats the world? Isn't it the one who believes that Jesus is God's Son? This is the one who came by water and blood: Jesus Christ. Not by water only but by water and blood. And the Spirit is the one who testifies, because the Spirit is the truth.

+ GOSPEL LESSON

"As the Father loved me, I too have loved you. Remain in my love. If you keep my commandments, you will remain in my love, just as I kept my Father's commandments and remain in his love. I have said these things to you so that my joy will be in you and your joy will be complete. This is my commandment: love each other just as I have loved you. No one has greater love than to give up one's life for one's friends. You are my friends if you do what I command you. I don't call you servants any longer, because servants don't know what their master is doing. Instead, I call you friends, because everything I heard from my Father I have made known to you. You didn't choose me, but I chose you and appointed you so that you could go and produce fruit and so that your fruit could last. As a result, whatever you ask the Father in my name, he will give you. I give you these commandments so that you can love each other.

SERMON

"I CALL YOU FRIENDS" | RUSH BEAM

JOHN 15:9-17 | CEB

RESPONSE

BAPTISM & CONFIRMATION

UMH 33



CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE

2024 Confirmands

BRADFORD BANKS BREWER EZEKIEL JAMES BRYANT COLSTON GRANT BRYANT MAX DANIEL CHAVEZ CAMILLE RUTH COX ELIZABETH KAY DALTON BERGEN RUBY DICKERSON RICHARD SEAN FRANKOWSKI WILLIAM SIDNEY GIBSON, III GEORGIA HUNT GRAHAM WILLIAM ARTHUR GREGORY, III HAYES BROCK GRIFFIN MARY CAMILLA HOUK TYLER SCOTT LITTKE LOGAN FLYNN MCKAY JACQUELINE CLARA MEDINA ROMERO CLAIRE ELIZABETH POWELL CAITLIN IRENE POWELL PRESLEY GRACE RIVERS JOSEPH BRITT TAYLOR

+ INVITATION & PEACE

OFFERING OUR GIFTS TO GOD

OFFERTORY ANTHEM

My hope is built on nothing less than Jesus' blood and righteousness; I dare not trust the sweetest frame, but wholly lean on Jesus' name. On Christ, the solid Rock, I stand; all other ground is sinking sand. When darkness seems to hide his face, I rest on his unchanging grace; in ev'ry high and stormy gale, my anchor holds within the veil. When he shall come with trumpet sound, O may I then in him be found, dressed in his righteousness alone, faultless to stand before the throne.

-Edward Mote

+ DOXOLOGY

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.

MY HOPE IS BUILT | TOM TRENNEY

UMH 94

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

And so, with your people on earth and all the company of heaven 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 the One who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.

+ MEMORIAL ACCLAMATION

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 risen, Christ will come again!

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.

UMH 18

UMH 17

+ AMEN

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

Amen.

+ THE LORD'S PRAYER

TRADITIONAL VERSION

MUSIC DURING COMMUNION 10,000 REASONS | JONAS MYRIN & MATT REDMAN

Refrain: Bless the Lord O my soul, O my soul, worship His holy name Sing like never before, O my soul, I'll worship Your holy name

The sun comes up it's a new day dawning, it's time to sing Your song again Whatever may pass and whatever lies before me, let me be singing when the evening comes

Refrain

You're rich in love and You're slow to anger, Your name is great and Your heart is kind For all Your goodness I will keep on singing, ten thousand reasons for my heart to find

Refrain

And on that day when my strength is failing, the end draws near and my time has come

Still my soul will sing Your praise unending, ten thousand years and then forevermore

Refrain

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

UMH 11

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

COME THOU FONT OF EVERY BLESSING | UMH 400

+ DISMISSAL WITH BLESSING

POSTLUDE TOCCATA ON "HOW FIRM A FOUNDATION" | CRAIG PHILLIPS

The flowers on the altar are given to the Glory of God, in honor of the 2024 Confirmation class by their parents, and in honor of the 2024 Confirmand small group leaders, Davis Roper, Laura Cox, and Suz Lauber.

UPCOMING EVENTS



2024 BUDGET	\$3,930,000.00
REVENUES AND EXPENSES	AS OF MAY 1, 2024
TITHES & OFFERINGS	\$ 941,839.00
OTHER REVENUES	\$ 401,531.00
TOTAL REVENUES	\$ 1,343,370.00
AS A % OF BUDGET	34%
TOTAL EXPENSES	\$ 1,514,420.00
AS A % OF BUDGET	39%

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

THE REV. NED HILL Interim Senior Pastor & Pastor Emeritus THE REV. ASHLEY GRIFFITH Pastor of Community Life THE REV. AMANDA RIGBY Pastor of Christian Education and Spiritual Formation RUSH BEAM Director of Youth Ministry DR. FILIPPA DUKE Director of Music and Worship Arts THE REV. MARK HOPPER Organist & Director of Youth Music and Worship Arts LEE ANDERSON Director of Gathering Worship LUCY HAM Associate of Youth Ministry CHANCEL CHOIR BRAD DAVIS Gathering Band Musician

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