

Duke Memorial United Methodist Church

Service of Worship • Sixth Sunday of Easter

May 5, 2024 • 10:55 AM

TOWER BELLS

GATHERING

WELCOME

Rev. Heather Rodrigues

WELCOME STATEMENT

Melissa Fretwell

As our Lord Jesus Christ calls us to love and accept every person, Duke Memorial United Methodist Church welcomes into our life together those of every age, race, ethnic background, nationality, gender identity, sexual orientation, family or socioeconomic status, educational background, and physical or mental ability. In our commitment to the reconciliation of all persons as beloved children of God, we celebrate our diversity and recognize the sacred worth and dignity of all. We invite you to join us in our faith journey toward discipleship in Christ with mutual respect, understanding, and love.

PRELUDE

Harry Jansen, guest organist

Maestose & Andante from *Sonata No. 3*

Felix Mendelssohn

CALL TO WORSHIP

Rev. Mick Raynor

Easter people, Jesus chose you and calls you friend!

We abide in Christ because Christ abides in us.

Jesus made a home among us to show us how to love.

We abide in Love because Love abides in us.

Jesus invites us in and beckons us to come to the Table to know the joy that comes when we love one another the way God loves us.

We abide in Joy because Joy abides with us.

Easter people, Jesus welcomes you home!

We come to make our home with God and one another, bound together by Love and enlivened by Joy. Amen.

—Written by Dr. Lisa Hancock, Discipleship Ministries, January 2023.

*OPENING HYMN (SEE INSERT)

Gather Us In

GATHER US IN

* Please rise as you are comfortable

PRAYER OF CONFESSION & ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Rev. Mick Raynor

God Who Opens, we confess that we are often the ones to leave doors closed. We are often the ones who build up the walls and break down the bridges. We are the ones who want to define who people are as for us or against us, as worthy of love or not. But You continually have torn down the walls and built bridges. You have continually drawn the circle wider. You have continually erased the lines we define ourselves by. God, may we be open to Your spirit doing new things in our lives. May we be open to Your people, who may not define themselves by the labels of the past. May we remember that the most important identifier is our love, and if we love one another, we are living as You have commanded us. Call us deeper into Your ways of love that always open more doors, that lead us to inclusion over exclusion, and that center our thoughts and actions in the heart of Your love.

silence for personal confession

In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven.

In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven.

Glory to God. Amen.

PASSING THE PEACE

Greet one another with signs of reconciliation and love.

The peace of Christ be with you, **and also with you.**

PROCLAMATION

CHILDREN'S TIME

Rev. Jennifer Ingold Asbill

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Laura and Anne Crosskey

**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 LESSON | JOHN 15:9-17 The Inclusive Bible

This is the Gospel of our Lord. **Glory to God. Amen.**

SERMON

Rev. Heather Rodrigues

RESPONSE

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Rev. Mick Raynor
Rev. Heather Rodrigues

THE LORD'S PRAYER | UMH 895

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.

...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 he who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest.

...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.

... Through your Son Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit in your holy Church
All honor and glory is yours, almighty God, now and forever.

Amen.

—Liturgy written by church member Justis Mitchell

GIVING THE BREAD AND CUP

You are invited to come and receive the sacrament as you feel led.

Please use the available hand sanitizer before receiving the elements.

Gluten free and individually sealed elements are available on the chancel rail.

Give at dukememorial.org/give and select "Good Sam Fund"

MUSIC DURING COMMUNION

Choir Anthem | Laudate Dominum

W. Mozart

UMH 610 | We Know That Christ Is Raised

ENGELBERG

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Rev. Mick Raynor

SENDING FORTH

*CLOSING HYMN

UMH 428 | For the Healing of the Nations

CWM RHONDDA

*BENEDICTION

Rev. Heather Rodrigues

CHIMES OF THE TRINITY

POSTLUDE

Harry Jansen, guest organist

Improvisation on CWM RHONDDA

arr. Paul Manz

A Called Charge Conference, May 21, 7:00 pm: District Superintendent Mike Frese has authorized Rev. Heather Rodrigues to hold a Charge Conference on May 21 at 7:00 pm at the open of Duke Memorial's regular Church Council Meeting. The sole purpose of this Charge Conference is to vote to increase Pastor Mick Raynor's salary, beginning June 1st in his new role as Pastor of Pastoral Care and Witness. The Charge Conference will be held via zoom (<https://shorturl.at/blouC>).

Live Stream This worship service is being live streamed.

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Give online at dukememorial.org/give or in the designated offering boxes.

Fidget baskets are located on either side of the altar rail and in the narthex. Feel free to use a fidget or two at any point during worship and then return them to the basket at the end of service. Additionally, there is **"Pray Ground"** space in front of the pews on the right side of the sanctuary. This is space in the sanctuary for our worshippers of all ages and stages. Feel free to let your child play in this space as they participate in worship.

New? Tell Us More | We hope to connect with you and one another inside and outside the church building. We encourage you to take time to fill out the connect card, explore our Spiritual Formation groups, ministries for children and youth, and our ministries designed to connect the church to the world through service. *scan code or visit dukememorial.org/here*



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English



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