

Duke Memorial United Methodist Church

Service of Worship • Fifth Sunday of Easter

May 3, 2026 • 10:55 AM

GATHERING

WELCOME

Rev. Heather Rodrigues

WELCOME STATEMENT

Laura Knapp

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

David Stuntz, grand piano

Serenade

F. Schubert

CALL TO WORSHIP

Rev. Mick Raynor

We are people longing for comfort.

Longing for the stones of anxiety to be cleared from our hearts.

We don't know when or how,

God's comfort is patient with our uneasiness.

So today, we listen to the words of our Savior:

Do not be troubled. Trust in God. Trust also in me.

So we wait with this promise,

God's glory revealed for all creation.

*OPENING HYMN (SEE INSERT)

When Jesus Set His Table

Amanda Udis-Kessler

PRAYER OF CONFESSION & ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Rev. Mick Raynor

God, I offer myself to Thee - to build with me and to do with me as Thou wilt. Relieve me of the bondage of self, that I may better do Thy will. Take away my difficulties, that victory over them may bear witness to those I would help of Thy Power, Thy Love, and Thy Way of life. May I do Thy will always!

—The Third Step Prayer- Alcoholics Anonymous

** Please rise as you are comfortable*

silence for personal confession

In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven.

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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. Justis Mitchell

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Mark Miller

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 14:1-14 CEB

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

SERMON

Rev. Heather Rodrigues

RESPONSE

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

Sung Communion Responses Written by Mark Miller from The Faith We Sing

God of mercy and justice, be with us.

We lift our hearts to you, not because we have to, not because we are supposed to, but because it's how we respond to your unconditional love.

As long as there have been people to tell them, our ancestors in faith have shared stories of your mercy.

Of how you gave food to the poor, clothes to the naked, and shelter to the lost.

Of how you gave freedom to the enslaved, opportunity to the outcast, and peace to the war-torn.

You acted with both mercy and justice, rescuing the Israelites from slavery in Egypt, providing them with manna when they were hungry.

You have shared your mercy and justice with us, not only as gifts to be received from you, but as gifts that we are to share with the world.

We see this gift most clearly in the gift of your Son, Jesus Christ.

In mercy, he gave food to the hungry. In justice, he broke social custom and shared tables with the powerful and the lowly at once.

In mercy, he had compassion for the poor. In justice, he spoke out against the Empire that held them in poverty.

In mercy, he washed his disciples' feet. In justice, he died without protest to expose a corrupt system.

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. Hosanna in the highest. Hosanna in the highest. Blest is the one who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest. Hosanna in the highest. Hosanna in the highest.

On the night he was handed over to the unjust system that killed him, Jesus took bread, gave thanks to you, broke the bread, gave it to his disciples, and said:

“Take, eat; this is my body which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me.”

When the supper was over he took the cup, gave thanks to you, gave it to his disciples, and said:

“Drink from this, all of you; this is my blood of the new covenant, poured out for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins.

Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me.”

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. Hosanna in the highest. Hosanna in the highest. Hosanna in the highest.

Pour out your Holy Spirit on us gathered here and on this meal of mercy and justice, that these gifts of bread and cup may become for us the body and blood of Christ, so that we may show mercy and do justice, not just for ourselves, but for the transformation of the world.

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

Amen. Amen. Amen. Hosanna in the highest. Hosanna in the highest. Hosanna in the highest.

—Adapted from a liturgy written by Rev. Chelsey Hillyer, Sr. Pastor of Union United Methodist Church, St. Louis.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Our Father (Mother/Parent), 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.

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GIVING OF 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.*

MUSIC DURING COMMUNION

When Memory Fades
UMH (red) 707 | Hymn of Promise

Sanctuary Choir

Text by Mary Louise Bringle
Music by Eric Nelson

PROMISE

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Rev. Mick Raynor

SENDING FORTH

*CLOSING HYMN

UMH (red) 140 | Great is Thy Faithfulness

FAITHFULNESS

*BENEDICTION

CHIMES OF THE TRINITY

POSTLUDE

Improvisation on All Creatures of Our God and King

David Stuntz, grand piano

D. Stuntz

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