

# DUKE MEMORIAL UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

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Service of Worship  
Fifth Sunday of Easter  
Sunday, May 2, 2021  
10:55 AM

TOWER BELLS

## GATHERING

WELCOME

Rev. Heather Rodrigues

WELCOME STATEMENT

Pete Rodrigues

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

Fred Mason

My Faith Looks Up to Thee

arr. Dale Wood

CALL TO WORSHIP

Garrett Rocha

Thanks be to you, O God, that we have risen this day,

**To the rising of this life itself.**

Be the purpose of God between us and each purpose,

**The hand of God between us and each hand,**

The pain of Christ between us and each pain,

**The love of Christ between us and each love.**

O God, who brought us to the bright light of this new day

**Bring us to the guiding light of eternity.**

OPENING HYMN

Cyril Murphy

UMH (red) 616 | Come, Sinners, to the Gospel Feast

HURSLEY

## PRAYER OF CONFESSION & ASSURANCE OF PARDON

...To the adventure of sharing the hospitality of others as we reach out to them.

**For we confess that we have often missed Christ in the stranger's guise  
And the impoverished possibilities of new friendship and new journeys in our lives.  
Let us forget the fears that make us collude with racism and exclusion and build  
together a more free and just society.**

**Amen.**

*Moment 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

## PROCLAMATION

## CHILDREN'S TIME

## PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Eliza Stewart

**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 LESSON | 1 JOHN 4:16-21

This is the Word of God for the people of God. **Thanks be to God.**

## NEW TESTAMENT LESSON | ACTS 8:26-40

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## SERMON

Rev. Heather Rodrigues

## RESPONSE HYMN

They'll Know We Are Christians by Our Love

ST. BRENDAN'S

## OFFERING OURSELVES

Eliza Stewart

## OFFERING OUR TITHES AND GIFTS

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## 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:

*(sung)* **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.**

When the time was right, You sent the Son.

**Sent him and nourished him,**

**Reared him and risked him;**

Filled him with laughter and tears and compassion,

Filled him with anger and love and devotion.

Unwelcomed child, refugee, and runaway,

**Christ is God's own son**

Skilled carpenter and homeless wayfarer,

Feeder and teacher, healer and antagonist,

Lover of the unlovable, toucher of the untouchable,

Forgiver of the unforgivable,

**Christ is God's own Son**

Loved by the least, feared by the leaders;

Befriended by the weak and despised by the strong;

Deserted by his listeners, denied by his friends.

The Word became flesh.

**He lived among us, he was one of us.**

When the world could wait no longer,

The carpenters took up their tools,

They made a cross for God's own son,

Fashioned from wood and skill of human hands,

Fashioned from hate and the will of human hands.

He was summoned to the augment hall and enemy of the state, a danger to religion.

He was lashed with tongues and courged with thongs.

He was nailed to the cross by human hands.

**For us he grieved, by us he was judged, by his stripes we are healed.**

He died, declaring God's forgiveness.

He rose on the third day, transforming death.

He ascended into heaven,

That he might be everywhere on earth.

Yes, for God sent the Son into the world not to condemn the world,

**but that the world through him might be saved.**

Jesus calls us to each other:

To be one with each other,

Race and class and sex and language,

Such are barriers he derides.

Join the hands of friend and stranger,

Join the faithful and the doubter

In the common search for truth,

as we proclaim the mystery of faith.

*(sung)* **Christ has died; Christ is risen; Christ will come again.**

...Jesus calls us to his table,

To share the bread and wine, his body

Share the love of which we sing

Share the feast for saints and sinners,

Hosted by our Lord and King.

*(sung)* **Amen. Amen. Amen.**

## THE LORD'S PRAYER | UMH 895

### GIVING THE BREAD AND CUP

### SENDING FORTH

### CLOSING HYMN

UMH 98 | To God Be the Glory

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### BENEDICTION

### CHIMES OF THE TRINITY

### POSTLUDE

Fred Mason

Festive Trumpet Tune

David German

*Please remain seated through the postlude to be dismissed by a host.*