

The Second Sunday of Easter

April 7, 2024

9:30 and 11:00 a.m.

OPENING VOLUNTARY

Rev. Dr. Kevin Turner, organ

* **GREETING**

Rev. Dr. Brad Hinton

Pastor: The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ be with you.

People: And also with you.

Pastor: The risen Christ is with us.

People: Praise the Lord!

* **COLLECT**

Book of Common Prayer

Almighty and everlasting God, who in the Paschal mystery established the new covenant of reconciliation: Grant that all who have been reborn into the fellowship of Christ's Body may show forth in their lives what they profess by their faith; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

* **OPENING HYMN, NO. 2115** (*The Faith We Sing Hymnal*)

Christ Has Risen

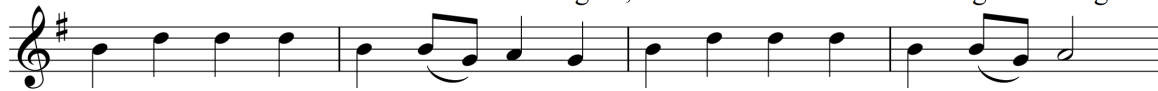
HOLY MANNA



Christ has ris - en while earth slum - bers, Christ has ris - en where hope died,
Christ has ris - en to com - pan - ion for - mer friends who fear the night,
Christ has ris - en and for - ev - er lives to chal - lenge and to change



as he said and as he promised, as we doubt ed and de - nied.
sens - ing loss and lim - i - ta - tion where their faith had once burned bright.
all whose lives are mess ed or man - gled, all who find re - li - gion strange.



Let the moon em - brace the bless - ing; let the sun sus - tain the cheer;
They be - moan what is no long - er, they ex - pect no hope - ful sign
Christ is ris - en, Christ is pres - ent mak - ing us what he has been



let the world con - firm the ru - mor: Christ is ris - en, God is here!
till Christ ends their con - ver - sa - tion, break - ing bread and shar - ing wine.
ev - i - dence of trans - for - ma - tion in which God is known and seen.

WORDS: John Bell
MUSIC: William Moore

* All who are able,
please stand.

WE WILL BE THE
BODY OF CHRIST
IN OUR COMMUNITY
THROUGH
WORSHIP,
EDUCATION,
FELLOWSHIP,
AND SERVICE.



When it was evening on that day, the first day of the week, and the doors of the house where the disciples had met were locked for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you." After he said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord. Jesus said to them again, "Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you." When he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, "Receive the Holy Spirit. If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained."

But Thomas (who was called the Twin), one of the twelve, was not with them when Jesus came. So the other disciples told him, "We have seen the Lord." But he said to them, "Unless I see the mark of the nails in his hands, and put my finger in the mark of the nails and my hand in his side, I will not believe."

A week later his disciples were again in the house, and Thomas was with them. Although the doors were shut, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you." Then he said to Thomas, "Put your finger here and see my hands. Reach out your hand and put it in my side. Do not doubt but believe." Thomas answered him, "My Lord and my God!" Jesus said to him, "Have you believed because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have come to believe."

Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of his disciples, which are not written in this book. But these are written so that you may come to believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, and that through believing you may have life in his name.

Lector: This is the Gospel of our Lord.

People: Praise to you, O Christ!

SERMON

Showing Is Believing

Rev. Jim Humphries

* AFFIRMATION OF FAITH,

A Modern Affirmation #885, United Methodist Hymnal

Pastor: Where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is the one true church, apostolic and universal, whose holy faith let us now declare:

Pastor and People:

We believe in God the Father,

infinite in wisdom, power, and love,

whose mercy is over all his works,

and whose will is ever directed to his children's good.

We believe in Jesus Christ,

Son of God and Son of man,

the gift of the Father's unfailing grace,

the ground of our hope,

and the promise of our deliverance from sin and death.

We believe in the Holy Spirit

as the divine presence in our lives,

whereby we are kept in perpetual remembrance

of the truth of Christ,

and find strength and help in time of need.

We believe that this faith should manifest itself
 in the service of love
 as set forth in the example of our blessed Lord,
 to the end
 that the kingdom of God may come upon the earth. Amen.

* **GLORIA PATRI**

MEINEKE

Glo - ry be to the Fa-ther and to the Son and to the Ho - ly
 Ghost; as it was in the be - gin-ning, is now, and ev - er
 shall be, world with - out end. A - men. A - men.

WORDS: Lesser Doxology, 3rd - 4th cent. MUSIC: Charles Meineke, 1844

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

The pastor will end each petition with: Lord, in your mercy,
 to which the congregation responds: **Hear our prayer.**

THE OFFERING OF OUR GIFTS

Thank you for your generous support of the ministries and mission of Davidson UMC. You may give to the church's General Fund by texting 704-457-5083 with the amount you would like to contribute, online at www.davidsonumc.org/finances or by placing your offering in the offering cabinets or plates.

OFFERTORY

I Know that My Redeemer Liveth

G.F. Handel

Stephanie Levi, soprano

* **DOXOLOGY**

LASST UNS ERFREUEN

Praise God, from whom all bless- ings flow; praise God, all crea-tures here be - low;
 Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Praise God, the source of all our gifts!
 Praise Je - sus Christ, whose power up - lifts! Praise the Spir - it,
 Ho - ly Spir - it! Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!

WORDS: Thomas Ken, 1674; adapt. by Gilbert H. Vieira, 1978 MUSIC: *Geistliche Kirchengesänge*, 1623; harm. by Ralph Vaughan Williams, 1906

THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

Christ our Lord invites to his table all who love him, who earnestly repent of their sin and seek to live in peace with one another. We will receive Holy Communion by intinction, dipping the bread in the cup, or you may simply receive the bread alone. Gluten free elements are available in the center aisle. The kneeling rail is open for prayer, or you may simply return to your seat as others come forward. All are welcome at Christ's table.

INVITATION AND PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**Merciful God,
we confess that we have sinned against you
in thought, word, and deed,
by what we have done,
and by what we have left undone.
We have not loved you with our whole heart;
we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.
We are truly sorry and we humbly repent.
Through your Son Jesus Christ,
have mercy on us and forgive us;
that we may delight in your will,
and walk in your ways,
to the glory of your name. Amen.**

Words of Assurance

Pastor: Hear the good news: Christ died for us while we were yet sinners;
that proves God's love toward us. In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven.

People: In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven.

All: Glory to God. Amen.

* 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.

...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.

* **The Lord's Prayer**

**Our Father, 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.**

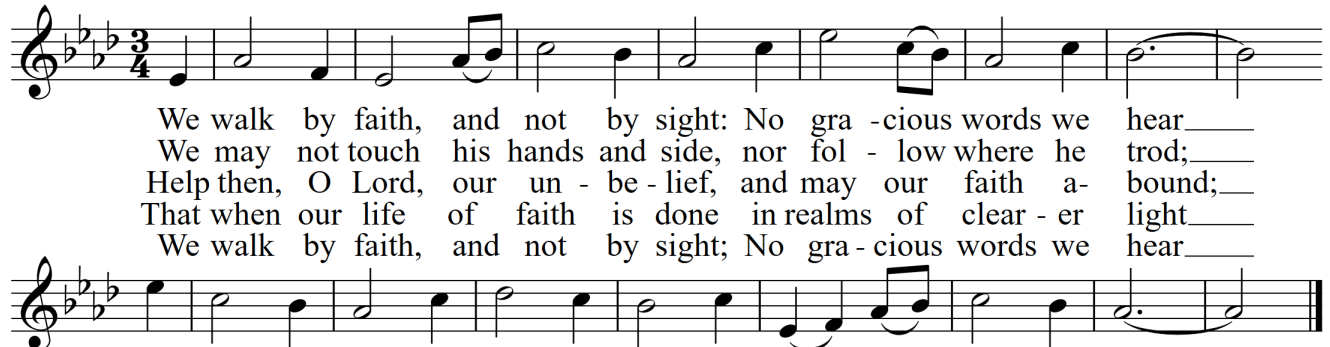
Prayer of Thanksgiving

**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.**

* **CLOSING HYMN, No. 2196** (*The Faith We Sing Hymnal*)

We Walk by Faith

MARTYRDOM



We walk by faith, and not by sight: No gra - cious words we hear____
We may not touch his hands and side, nor fol - low where he trod;____
Help then, O Lord, our un - be - lief, and may our faith a - bound;____
That when our life of faith is done in realms of clear - er light____
We walk by faith, and not by sight; No gra - cious words we hear____
of him who spoke as none e'er spoke, but we be - lieve him near.
yet in his prom - ise we re - joice, and cry, "My Lord and God!"____
to call on you when you are near, and seek where you are found:____
we may be - hold you as you are in full and end - less sight.____
of him who spoke as none e'er spoke, but we be - lieve him near.____

WORDS: Henry Alford
MUSIC: Attr. to Hugh Wilson

* **OUR MISSION**

**We will be the Body of Christ in our community
through worship, education, fellowship, and service.**

* **BENEDICTION AND RESPONSE**

CLOSING VOLUNTARY

WELCOME TO DAVIDSON UNITED METHODIST CHURCH!

If this is the first time you are worshipping with us, it is a joy to introduce you to our church; our doors are open to all. Let us welcome you. Whether you are a spiritual seeker who is just starting to ask questions about God or a committed Christian who wants to dig deeper, you will find a home here at Davidson United Methodist Church (DUMC). Check out our ministries, listen to a sermon, and read about the ways you can become involved at DUMC on our website, www.davidsonumc.org.

Thank you for being a part of worship today! The Peace of Christ be with you!

SCAN THE CODE and let us know you're in worship today
or drop by the Welcome Center after worship.



THE FLOWERS ARE PLACED IN THE SANCTUARY TODAY to the glory of God
by Marcia Adams in loving memory of her husband, Chuck Adams.

LECTORS

9:30 - Jeri Krentz 11:00 - Laurie Randolph

COMMUNION SERVERS

9:30 - Beckie Carter McCall, Michael Falcone, Mary T. Crowder-Paden,
Jason Owensby, Judy Ditto, Michael Ditto
11:00 - Ray Burrows, Melissa Fuerst, Nancy Tarte, Susan Eliason, Lisa Humphries

THE MISSIONAL PRAYER FOCUS for this week is DUMC Missions,
whose goal is to initiate and implement a culture that encourages this Body of Christ
to engage in missions that balance short-term relief with long-term sustainable transformation.
Core values are: doing all we can to encourage and support the choices and decisions
of the people and communities we serve; choosing approaches that can be implemented
by helpers and recipients together and continued independently for the long-term;
providing opportunities to build long-term relationships;
and ensuring that human dignity is preserved.
For more information, contact Associate Pastor for Missions,
Rev. Dr. Brad Hinton, at bhinton@davidsonumc.org,
or Missions Committee Chair, Amanda Chaney, at amandaschaney@gmail.com.

TODAY

Children's Sunday Morning Classes are each Sunday morning at 9:30 a.m. Children ages birth - Grade 5 are invited to meet in the Alexander Education Building classrooms for faith formation and fellowship. Please reach out to Brittany Viehmann at bviehmann@davidsonumc.org with questions about our Children's Ministry.

Youth Sunday Morning Small Groups – DUMC Youth Grades 6 - 12 meet at 9:30 a.m. in the upstairs Youth Center. We share in a snack breakfast together and then split into small groups. Please reach out to Meredith Hinton at mhinton@davidsonumc.org with questions about our Youth Ministry.

Sunday Night Youth is from 4:30 - 6:00 p.m. in the upstairs Youth Center. Please join us!

MISSIONAL IMPACT

Make-A-Difference (MAD) Collection for April is for the Hope House Foundation in Huntersville, which provides temporary housing and support services for women and children who are experiencing transitional homelessness. Please bring your donations of children's snacks, e.g., granola bars, fruit snacks, and popcorn as well as coffee K-cups for Keurig, Ziplock gallon bags, disinfectant wipes, and trash bags (tall kitchen and large lawn & leaf bags) to the bins in the Gathering Space or the Church Office. Thank you for your generosity! Visit hopehousefoundation.org to learn more.

Men's Shelter Meal – DUMC provides a meal for Roof Above the second Sunday of every month. The next date we serve is Sunday, April 14. Sign up on the church website under Registrations to volunteer to serve food, prepare a sausage or vegetarian casserole, or purchase fruit cocktail or green beans. Deliver food to Dale House on the DUMC Campus by 9:30 a.m. on Sunday, April 14. Dinner is served from 6:00 – 7:00 p.m. at the Howard Levine Men's Shelter in Charlotte. Servers, who must be over 18 years old, should arrive at Dale House by 4:30 p.m.

UNITED WOMEN IN FAITH

UWF Sunday Sundries Social – Join United Women in Faith on Sunday, April 21 in the Fellowship Hall after each worship service for our Sunday Sundries Social. We will have small baked goods for sale as we enjoy fellowship with one another or you can purchase to take home or both! You can also preorder our Carolina Caviar pimento cheese (\$8.00 for 1 tub/\$15.00 for 2) by contacting Patty Gruce at pattygruce@msn.com. All proceeds will be used to support area agencies and organizations working with women, children, and youth.

MUSIC MINISTRY

Choral Concert – The Youth and Chancel Choirs will present the Requiem of Maurice Duruflé at 7:00 p.m. on Sunday, April 14, in the Sanctuary. The DUMC choirs will be joined by Gardner-Webb University Concert Choir. The event is a special bon voyage concert, as the choirs have been invited to participate in this summer's 80th anniversary of D-Day in Normandy, France.

Music for General Conference – On Tuesday, April 30 at 8:00 a.m., our Youth and Chancel Choirs have the incredible honor of singing for a General Conference service in Charlotte. General Secretary of the World Council of Churches, Rev. Prof. Dr. Jerry Pillay, will be preaching on this theme: In the Relationship... Know that I am God. Come worship with us at the Charlotte Convention Center located at 501 S. College St., Charlotte.

OTHER OPPORTUNITIES

Unity in Community – The community is invited to Unity in Community North Mecklenburg’s quarterly large group meeting on Saturday, April 20 from 10:00 a.m. - noon in the Chapel. The theme is “Rally for Action: Be inspired! Feel empowered! Take action!” Guest speakers will be Rev. Lisa Garcia-Sampson, Executive Director of UU Justice NC, and Jennifer Roberts, NC co-leader for the Carter Center’s Strengthening Democracy Project. See www.uic-nmeck.org for more information.

Weekday Preschool Night for the Arts – All are invited on Wednesday, April 24 at 5:30 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall as the children of the preschool share their art with their family and DUMC friends! At 6:00 p.m. they will also showcase their performing art abilities! Artwork will be available for an optional donation. All funds collected will be donated to the DUMC Scholarship Fund.

College Care Packages – Help us send some DUMC love to our students in college! We have 22 DUMC members that are now students at various colleges and registered for the College Care program. Join us on Sunday, April 28, at noon as we pack exam care packages. We will add a love note from our church and mail them in time for the surprise packages to arrive by exam week. This is the new way our church is adopting college students, and we hope it will equalize the gifts to students and get all interested students adopted. Donated items may be dropped off in advance in the Church Office bins or bring your items to the Sunday, April 28 packing party in G1. With some help, we should have these gifts packed in less than an hour. Visit the church website under Registrations to sign up for the care package items.

Ushers Needed – Do you have a passion for worship? Do you believe worship should be meaningful for everyone? Consider becoming an usher at DUMC. Ushers play a large part to ensure sacred worship. Teams are already in place for each service. Indicate the service time you prefer, and you will join up with a group of seasoned ushers. Training is given prior to serving. Contact Martha Atwater at maath2o@msn.com to serve.

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