

GATHERING AND PRAISE

WELCOME

PRELUDE Meditation Craig Phillips

*GREETING Ella Paige Breeding

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. We, who so often take the wonders of creation for granted, welcome the opportunity to make a joyful noise before you, O God. We come here this morning to worship and to praise you, glad that we live in this country filled with such diverse and beautiful examples of your creation. Yet, joyful noises are not easy for everyone to make, as we come from differing situations and lifestyles. Some are burdened down with the stresses of daily living and all that involves; some wearied from tasks of serving others; some worried over the state of the world and where that is all leading. Speak to us all, O God, in the stillness of this time and remind us of Jesus' willingness to take our burdens upon himself and to learn from him - to experience his gentleness and steadfast love for all. Jesus also offers us his joy so that our joy might be complete. Confident in these promises, we offer this time of worship to you, O God, praying that it may reflect our praise and thanksgiving for the gifts of creation and for all that Jesus has done for us. This we pray in his name.

Amen.

PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

FIRST READING Psalm 98 Oliver Doyle

O sing to the Lord a new song, for he has done marvelous things. His right hand and his holy arm have gotten him victory. The Lord has made known his victory; he has revealed his vindication in the sight of the nations. He has remembered his steadfast love and faithfulness to the house of Israel. All the ends of the earth have seen the victory of our God. Make a joyful noise to the Lord, all the earth; break forth into joyous song and sing praises. Sing praises to the Lord with the lyre, with the lyre and the sound of melody. With trumpets and the sound of the horn make a joyful noise before the King, the Lord. Let the sea roar and all that fills it, the world and those who live in it. Let the floods clap their hands; let the hills sing together for joy at the presence of the Lord, for he is coming to judge the earth. He will judge the world with righteousness and the peoples with equity.

TIME WITH YOUNG DISCIPLES

Miles Kirby and Edwin Ledford

*GOSPEL READING

John 15:9-17

Andrew Rostick

As the Father has loved me, so I have loved you; abide in my love. If you keep my commandments, you will abide in my love, just as I have kept my Father's commandments and abide in his love. I have said these things to you so that my joy may be in you and that your joy may be complete. "This is my commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you. No one has greater love than this, to lay down one's life for one's friends. You are my friends if you do what I command you. I do not call you servants any longer, because the servant does not know what the master is doing, but I have called you friends, because I have made known to you everything that I have heard from my Father. You did not choose me, but I chose you. And I appointed you to go and bear fruit, fruit that will last, so that the Father will give you whatever you ask him in my name. I am giving you these commands so that you may love one another.

RESPONSE TO THE WORD

RESPONSE HYMN Blest Be the Tie that Binds Hymn #557

INVITATION, CONFESSION, PARDON, PASSING OF THE PEACE

PRAYERS FOR THE CHURCH AND FOR THE WORLD

To submit a confidential or shared prayer request to the clergy, please email prayer@hbumc.org.

PRESENTATION OF GOD'S TITHES AND OUR OFFERINGS

Please pass the attendance register. Visitors, please share your contact information.

To offer your tithes and offerings, visit **hbumc.org/give**or mail checks to: HBUMC, 2209 Fairview Rd, Raleigh NC 27608.

OFFERTORY Goodness of God Olivia Skaggs

*DOXOLOGY Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow Hymn #94

HOLY COMMUNION

*THE GREAT THANKSGIVING Page 15

*RECEIVING THE BREAD AND THE CUP

(gluten-free elements are available)

*PRAYER FOLLOWING COMMUNION

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

*CLOSING HYMN Easter People, Raise Your Voices Hymn #304

*BENEDICTION AND CHIMES UMYF Benediction Olivia Skaggs

Now may the Lord bless you and keep you, May the Lord make His face to shine upon you, and be gracious unto you. May the Lord lift up His countenance upon you, and give you peace.

Lord, prepare me to be a sanctuary.
Pure and holy, tried and true.
With thanksgiving, I'll be a living
Sanctuary for You.

Two Hugs Before You Go!

*POSTLUDE When in Our Music God Is Glorified arr. Robert Hobby

BIRTHS

Walker Hays McLaughlin Son of Sarah and Brendan McLaughlin May 2, 2024

PRAYER CONCERNS

Phyllis Agner Zack Anstett Kermit Braswell Caroline Carter Doug Gill Mary Lou Goodrich Gilbert Hav Phil Templeton Gladys Rose Nancy Stamey Dick & Theresa Stevens Pat Wiles

Our Government Leaders

Those Affected by Natural Disasters Our In-Crowd Members Peace in Palestine, Israel, and Ukraine

OUR CHURCH LEADERS

Pastors David, Molly, Laura, and Sarah; D.S. Brady: Bishop Shelton

THE CHANCEL FLOWERS

are given to the glory of God andin loving memory of Mac Newsom by Kate and Lindsay Newsom

FLOWER SPONSORS NEEDED

for Sundays in June (2, 9, 16, 23, & 30) Contact alison@awordweaver.com

USHERS & GREETERS

Owen Combs, Thomas Tripp, Ryan Knox, Hunter Potter

COMMUNION SERVERS

Grant Trexler, Caroline Barlow, Bailey Breeding, Vance Queen, Hannah Vance, Allison Barzola, Iameson Piland

CRUCIFER

Addy Beam

STUDENT MINISTRIES STAFF

Olivia Skaggs, Chris Varnson

MUSICIANS

Olivia Skaggs, guitar Elizabeth Goldstein-Epstein, **Guest Organist**

Spiritual Formation Reading 1 Peter

Join Pastor Molly in reading the Epistle 1 Peter on Sunday evenings from 6:30-7:30pm from April 7you need is a study bible.

Learn more at hbumc.org/signups





DONATE

Contribute items to our church-wide Diaper Train collection this summer. Diapers and wipes can be dropped off directly in the Bucket.

VOLUNTEER

Join us on June 8, July 13, and August 10 for a UMM pancake breakfast and a community service project.

Pastor Molly and Lindsey Nugent will lead a one-and-done book study on Poverty, By America by Matthew Desmond in August.

We are continuing to collect for **Diaper Train!**

After our success of filling the van last month, we will be continuing to collect supplies for Diaper Train:

- Diapers Sizes 4, 5, 6, and Pull-Ups
- Wipes Any size or style

Please bring donations directly to the Bucket!

To financially support, visit diapertrain.org/donate/ and please mark HBUMC as the affiliate in the drop-down menu.



For more info, please reach out to Ellen O'Connor at ellen.b.mann@gmail.com





Farm & Faith Partnership Spring CSA 2024

To help support regenerative farming practices and do our part to care for the garden, we are partnering with CSA (Community Supported Agriculture) farmers

and enjoy fresh, organic produce as a

SIGNUPS TO JOIN THE CSA WILL START ON MARCH 6TH AT HBUMC.ORG/SIGNUPS





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VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

· Shepards, center support, kitchen helpers, and more!

