



# HIGHLANDS UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

## THE SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER

APRIL 7, 2024 – 10:30 A.M.

PREACHING – REGGIE HOLDER

CHOIRMASTER AND ORGANIST – RICHARD PHILLIPS

VERGER – BRIAN BELLENGER

### ORDER FOR MORNING WORSHIP

*\*Those who are able, please stand. Words in bold are spoken or sung by the congregation.*

*Serving for Altar Guild: Leslie Davis, Lynn L'Eplattenier • Serving as Ushers: Joe Hughes, Ethan White*

*Serving as Lay Reader: Nancy Barkemeyer • Serving as Acolytes: Reed Forrester, Mack Forrester*

PEALING OF THE TOWER BELLS

*Kara Cargile, chimer*

WELCOME AND CALL TO WORSHIP

PRELUDE

*Chorale Prelude on O filii et filiae  
Opus 49, No. 2 | Text, UMH page 317*

*Alexandr  Guilmant (1837-1911)*

\*HYMN IN PROCESSION 304

**Easter People, Raise Your Voices**

REGENT SQUARE

\*THE INVITATORY & GLORIA PATRI 70

MEINEKE

*Alleluia! Christ is risen. The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia!*

*O Lord, open our lips. And we shall declare your praise.*

*We praise you, Lord. Your holy name be praised.*

**Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost.**

**As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.**

\*THE PEACE

*The peace of the Lord Jesus Christ be with you. And also with you.*

\*VENITE

**Psalm 95: Come, Sing With Joy to God**

DARWALL'S 148TH



Come, sing with joy to God, our Rock and Sa-  
vior praise; come en-ter in with shouts of joy, your  
The heights and depths of earth are cra-  
dled in God's hand; the same al-might-y power made moun-tains,



voic-es raise. O might-y God, You are the Lord, the God of gods by all a-dored.  
sea, and land. Come wor-ship God, come kneel and bow be-fore the Lord our Mak-er now.

PSALTER

Psalm 133

Anglican Chant: Henry Smart (1813-1879)

The Choir

*Ecce, quam bonum*

<sup>1</sup>Oh, how good and pleasant it is, when brethren live together in unity!

<sup>2</sup>It is like fine oil upon the head that runs down upon the beard,

<sup>3</sup>Upon the beard of Aaron, and runs down upon the collar of his robe.

<sup>4</sup>It is like the dew of Hermon that falls upon the hills of Zion.

<sup>5</sup>For there the Lord has ordained the blessing: life for evermore.

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost.

As it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.

EPISTLE LESSON

1 John 1:1-2:2

May these words reveal Christ to us. **Thanks be to God.**

\*CANTICLE (See facing page)

Glory to You

John Rutter (b. 1945)

\*GOSPEL LESSON

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John. **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

The Lesson

John 20:19-31

The Gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

THE HOMILY

Reggie Holder

THE PRAYERS

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**

Let us pray: Faithful God, the strength of all who believe and the hope of those who doubt; may we, who have not seen, have faith and receive the fullness of Christ's blessing; who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

Silent Prayer

Prayers of the People & The Lord's Prayer 895

GREETING AND PARISH NOTICES

OFFERTORY ANTHEM

This Joyful Eastertide

The Choir

*This joyful Eastertide away with sin and sorrow! My love, the Crucified, has sprung to life this morrow.*

REFRAIN: *Had Christ, that once was slain, ne'er burst his three-day prison, our faith had been in vain: but now hath Christ arisen.*

*My flesh in hope shall rest and for a season slumber, till trump from east to west shall wake the dead in number.* REFRAIN

*Death's flood has lost its chill since Jesus crossed the river. Lover of souls, from ill my passing soul deliver.* REFRAIN

17th Century Dutch, Arr. Philip Ledger (b. 1937-2012)

Text, George Ratcliffe Woodward

\*DOXOLOGY 94

LAST UNS ERFREUEN WITH ALLELUIAS

\*BLESSING AND SENDING FORTH

\*RETIRING VOLUNTARY

Toccatà  
from Symphony for Organ No. 5  
Opus 42, No. 1

Charles Marie Widor (1844-1937)

Glory to You

John Rutter (b. 1945)

Glo-ry to you, Lord God of our fa-thers; you are wor-thy of praise;  
 glo-ry to you. Glo-ry to you for the ra-di-ance of your  
 ho-ly name; we will praise you and high-ly ex-alt you for-ev-er.  
 Glo-ry to you, in the splen-dor of your tem-ple; on the throne of your ma-jes-ty,  
 glo-ry to you. Glo-ry to you seat-ed be-tween the Che-ru-  
 bim; we will praise you and high-ly ex-alt you for-ev-er.  
 Glo-ry to you, be-hold-ing the depths; in the high vault of hea-ven,  
 glo-ry to you. Glo-ry to you Fa-ther, Son and Ho-ly  
 Spi-rit; we will praise you and high-ly ex-alt you for-ev-er.



# WELCOME TO HIGHLANDS!

## ALL ARE WELCOME



A Reconciling Congregation with the Reconciling Ministries Network – [rmnetwork.org](http://rmnetwork.org)

*Highlands United Methodist Church is a community of disciples of Christ; a beacon of hope, inviting all to become new persons in Christ to be sent into the world to share the Gospel and to serve our neighbors; and a sanctuary for those in need of God's love and grace.*

*Highlands United Methodist Church affirms that nothing can separate anyone from the love of God. We invite all to worship, wonder, and discover God's grace as we aspire to create a safe space for all to participate fully in the life of this community of faith. We are called to shine as a beacon of hope, grace, belonging, and respect for all people. Regardless of age, gender identity, ethnicity, sexual orientation, family, financial status, nationality, physical or mental ability, past or future, there is room for you at Highlands.*

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### INVITATION TO CHRISTIAN DISCIPLESHIP

The message of the Hebrew prophets, Jesus, Paul, and the early church was always a message of welcome and inclusion for all. The image of God's kingdom is of something small and insignificant growing into something larger and of great significance. The oppressed, the alien, and the outcast were all welcomed, included, and cared for. In this sense, our faith is built upon the idea of gracious hospitality. Followers of Jesus are not about walls of exclusion but bridges of grace and acceptance. Ours is a faith of invitation, for all to come to know Jesus as the living Christ who overcomes all brokenness, sin, and even death, offering a way to make all things new. This invitation extends to you. If you desire to explore what this means for you, please speak to a member of the clergy after the service or sometime this week. We welcome the opportunity to visit with you.

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### OFFERING

#### *Cash or Check Giving:*

- Giving envelopes are available in the pew racks.  
Checks may be made payable to HUMC.

#### *Electronic Giving:*

- Text GIVE to 205-900-3040. A link will be provided for a simple, quick way to give with one click.
- Visit [www.highlandsumc.net/giving](http://www.highlandsumc.net/giving) to give using a debit card, credit card, or bank account.

#### *Sustainable Giving:*

- To set up automatic monthly bank drafts, contact financial manager Tyra Johnson-Pirtle at [finance@highlandsumc.net](mailto:finance@highlandsumc.net).



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