



# HIGHLANDS UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

## THE SUNDAY OF THE RESURRECTION EASTER SUNDAY

MARCH 31, 2024 – 9:00 A.M. SERVICE

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Jyoti Sahi (b. 1944), *Resurrection*, 2007. Oil on canvas.

## EASTER SUNDAY FLOWERS

*The flowers adoring our sanctuary today are given to the glory of God:*

*In honor of Jane Neill by Phil, Sara, Anna, and Ben Amthor*

*In honor of Rebecca Amthor by Phil, Sara, Anna, and Ben Amthor*

*In honor of Mary Hannah and Grant Robinson, given by Kathi and Roger Ash*

*In honor of Highlands United Methodist Church, given by CB and Alice Cook*

*In memory of Rev. Dr. John & Edna Massimilla and William & Alice Cook, given by CB and Alice Massimilla Cook*

*In honor of Mary Elizabeth Neal, Lindsay Dawson, and Polly Dawson, given by Don and Kelley Clegg Neal*

*In memory of James S. & Margie B. Neal and Sylvia & Wayne Maltbie, given by Don and Kelley Clegg Neal*

*In memory of George M. & Edith K. Clegg and James Morgan Clegg, given by Don and Kelley Clegg Neal*

*In honor of Richard C. Phillips and The Choir, given by Renee Peacock*

*In honor of Anne Rand, Reggie Holder, and the members of the EFM class, given by Renee Peacock*

*In honor of Ondene W. Johnson, given by Tyra Johnson-Pirtle*

*In memory Thomas Neal Johnson, given by Tyra Johnson-Pirtle*

*In honor of Anne Spence Fox and Reagan Spence, given by Benjie Spence*

*In honor of Ben and Carol Padgett, given by Dan, Alison, and Lucas Starnes*

*In honor of Highlands' Community Ministries and all who make it happen, given by Scott and Laura Williams*

*In grateful appreciation for the people of Highlands UMC, given by Scott and Laura Williams*

*Given by Mark Chambers and Joy McPherson*

*Given by Denise Williams*

# ORDER FOR HOLY COMMUNION

PREACHING – REGGIE HOLDER

LITURGISTS – THE REVEREND MIKAH HUDSON, LESLIE WILLIAMS

CHOIRMASTER AND ORGANIST – RICHARD PHILLIPS

VERGER – BRIAN BELLENGER

\*Congregation please stand. Words in bold are spoken or sung by the congregation.

*Serving for Altar Guild: Nancy Hill, Donna Sibley*

*Serving as Ushers: Todd Edmondson, Kirk Smith*

*Serving as Acolytes: Adelia Arnold, Polly Dawson*

PEALING OF THE TOWER BELLS

*Kara Cargile, Chimer*

PRELUDE

Élévation in A Flat Major

*Alexandré Guilmant (1837-1911)*

\*EASTER PROCLAMATION

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

\*HYMN 302

Christ the Lord Is Risen Today

EASTER HYMN

*Verses 1-4*

## THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

\*COLLECT FOR EASTER

WRITTEN BY ADELIA ARNOLD

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

*Let us pray: Loving God, thank you for new life in the springtime, for flowers and birds, for bright green new leaves. Thank you God, for new life at Easter, for Jesus who is with us right now and every day. Amen.*

FIRST LESSON

Acts 10:34-43

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

\*GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

*Fintan O'Carroll (1922-1981) and Christopher Walker (b. 1947)*



**\*GOSPEL LESSON**

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

The Lesson

Mark 16:1-8

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

**THE HOMILY**

Reggie Holder

**\*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH**

WRITTEN BY THE YOUTH OF HIGHLANDS UMC

We believe in God, the Creator,  
all powerful and all knowing, who formed us in God's own image,  
and calls us to justice; leading us, guiding us, loving us.

We believe in God the Son, the Redeemer,  
God among us in the form of a selfless human,  
who teaches, forgives, and accepts us,  
calling us to liberation and to liberate others.

We believe in God the Holy Spirit,  
ever present, guiding us and encouraging us,  
motivating us and enabling us, sustaining us and comforting us.

**THE HOLY COMMUNION**

**\*INVITATION TO HOLY COMMUNION & THE PEACE**

*God in Christ breaks down the walls that make us strangers to ourselves and divide us from one another. We are the body of Christ. Around this table, we enact our faith. The Communion Table is open to all who are in love with God and their neighbor and seek forgiveness and healing in this broken world.*

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

**GREETINGS AND PARISH NOTICES**

Leslie Williams

**OFFERTORY ANTHEM**

**Christ is Now Arisen**

*The Chamber Choir*

*Now the song is begun, for the battle is done, and the victory won;  
Now the foe is scattered; Death's dark prison shattered:  
Sing of joy; and today raise the lay, Christ is now arisen!*

*They that followed in pain shall now follow to reign, and the crown shall obtain;  
They were sore assaulted; They shall be exalted:  
Sing of joy; Earth and skies bid it rise, Christ is now arisen!*

*Lo, the vict'ry is won, now the foe is scattered, Death's dark prison shattered!  
Hallelujah! Earth and skies bid it rise, Christ is now arisen!*

*Arranged by K. Lee Scott (b. 1950)*

*Text, 14th Century, Personent Hodie*

\*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.*

*...Through Christ, with Christ, in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all honor and glory is yours, almighty God, now and forever. Amen.*

THE LORD'S PRAYER 895

BREAKING OF THE BREAD

RECEIVING THE BREAD AND CUP

Reflecting our conviction that God's grace is for all people, everyone is invited to the Lord's table. Please come forward as directed by the ushers to receive the sacrament. Holy Communion will be served by intinction; clergy will dip the bread into the cup and place in congregants' hands. Gluten-free communion wafers available upon request. Congregants are welcome to kneel at the chancel rail for prayer before returning to their seats.

COMMUNION HYMN 307

**Christ is Risen**  
*The Choir and Congregation*

W ZLOBIE LEZY

\*BLESSING AND SENDING FORTH

\*HYMN 707

**Hymn of Promise**

PROMISE

VOLUNTARY

**Sortie in C Major**

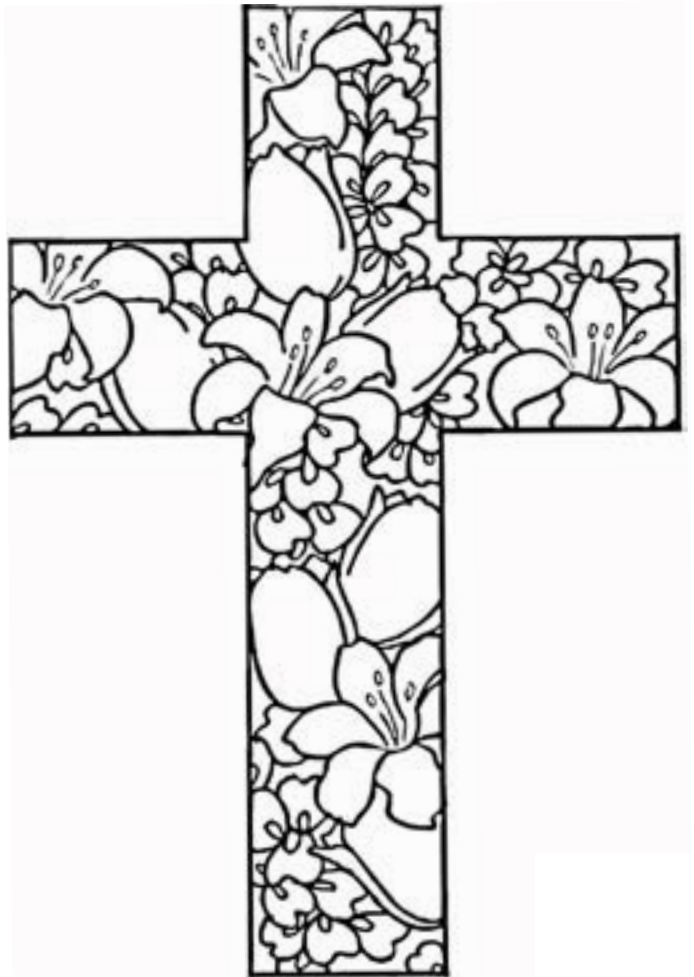
*Alexandré Guilmant (1837-1911)*

### Hidden Pictures

The wonderful abstract painting on the front of the bulletin by Indian artist Jyoti Sahi is full of rich symbols. Can you find these things in the painting?

- Jesus with arms outstretched
- Two women kneeling
- The face of a man
- A tree
- A mandorla shape (an oval like the church crest on the front of the bulletin, used in religious art)
- An eye
- An ichthus—Christian fish shape
- A shell
- A red rooster
- Triangles

What other symbols do you see?





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Mandy Grace '11



# 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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HAPPENING AT HIGHLANDS!

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