



*Living
Easter*



“Sharing Christ: Love, Hope, Joy”

ORDER OF WORSHIP
May 5, 2024—6th Sunday of Easter

GATHER IN THE PRESENCE OF GOD

PARISH INVOLVEMENT Pastor David Neuen
A Word on the General Conference of the UMC

GREETING FOR GOD'S PEOPLE

MOMENT OF QUIET MEDITATION

THE PRELUDE Charissa Garrigus

*CALL TO WORSHIP *by Dr. Lisa Hancock, Discipleship Ministries*

Liturgist: Easter people, we have been saved by the Risen Christ, the life-giving Vine.

People: We abide in Love, the life-giving Vine.

Liturgist: We are branches of the Vine—sustained, nurtured, and pruned in Love.

People: We have no life apart from Love, the life-giving Vine.

Liturgist: When we make our home in the Vine, and the Vine makes a home in us, we bear the fruit of Love.

People: We produce the fruit of Love, the life-giving Vine.

Liturgist: Easter people, how shall we bear the fruit of Love?

People: We will love and learn to love as we rest, play, work, and build community with God and one another. Amen.

*HYMN OF PRAISE No. 267
"O Love, How Deep"

*OPENING PRAYER

Our hearts are made full by the love you provide. God of compassion and care, we praise you for loving us even before we noticed your voice, even as we fail to reciprocate the gift, even when we are most unlovable. Sustain your love for us so that one day we will model our hearts off the work of your good grace. Amen.

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH #881

*GLORIA PATRI UM Hymnal #70

MINISTRY MOMENT Parish Care: Wings Luncheon

THE GIVING OF GIFTS TO GOD'S MISSION

The Offertory

The Doxology

The Prayer of Dedication

LISTEN TO GOD'S WORD

SCRIPTURE LESSON

1 John 4:7-21

THE CHILDREN'S MOMENT

Joanne Hannon

THE SERMON

"Living Easter: Abiding in God's Good Stuff"

Pastor David Neuen

RESPOND TO GOD'S GRACE

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Merciful One, you know when we are afraid to love; you know when we are too cowardly to show mercy. Remind us again that perfect love casts out such fears. Surround us and strengthen us with your perfect love, even in the face of our imperfections. Fill us with a love so strong, with such growth toward perfection, that we may cast aside our pride and embrace the power of your heart.

Time for Silent Prayer

WORDS OF ASSURANCE

Christ is the vine. We are simply branches. If we abide in Christ, Christ's words will abide in us. Ask for whatever you wish in Christ's name and it will be granted. In the Name of Christ, you who will seek forgiveness are forgiven.

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GREAT THANKSGIVING

A Service of Word and Table
The Lord's Prayer

FWS #2257

SHARING OF THE LOAF AND CUP

"What Wondrous Love Is This"

No. 292

GO OUT WITH THANKSGIVING

*THE HYMN OF COMPASSION

"How Can We Name a Love"

No. 111

*THE DISMISSAL WITH A BLESSING

Pastor David Neuen

*THE POSTLUDE

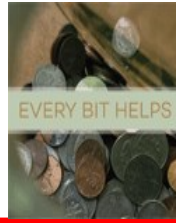
Charissa Garrigus

*Please stand as you are able.



During the month of May, we will collect new undergarments for children in our community who cannot afford them. It is called the “invisible sign

of poverty” – having inadequate or no undergarments to wear. This is a reality for many, including children and teens whose families cannot afford this purchase. Invisible, that is, until gym class, sports, or summer camp. Obviously, lack of these items is more than just a hygiene concern. Please help by contributing to the donation box that will be located in the Narthex during the month of May. Monetary donations are welcome as well.



May loose coins will benefit the UHUMC BIBs Program.



Community Lunch Saturday, May 18th



May 6, 2024 to May 10, 2024

University Heights UMC is blessed with wonderful Sunday School teachers and Children’s Center teachers. Please remember to say thank you to these great teachers who give of their time to help our children, youth, and adults.

Please join us in wishing our beloved custodian Laurie Davis best wishes on her retirement.



Come and celebrate with Laurie and others on **Sunday, May 19th** following the service as we gather together for a pitch-in luncheon. Bring whatever you would like to contribute to this meal and we will have fun telling fond stories of times spent with Laurie.

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