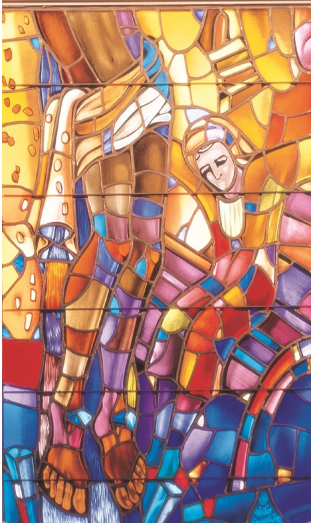


DAVIDSON
UNITED
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CHURCH

The Third Sunday of Easter

April 18, 2021



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

Thank you for covenanting to wear your face masks/coverings throughout the service. We are pleased to announce that, in accordance with new guidelines, you are now invited to sing quietly or hum along with the hymns and the sung responses as well as to recite the spoken responses, the prayers, the Affirmation of Faith, and the Mission Statement.

* All who are able, please stand.

OPENING VOLUNTARY

WORDS OF WELCOME

Rev. Dianne Lawhorn

* OPENING HYMN

We Have Come at Christ's Own Bidding

HYFRYDOL

We have come at Christ's own bidding to this high and holy place,
where we wait with hope and longing for some token of God's grace.

Here we pray for new assurance that our faith is not in vain,
searching like those first disciples for a sign both clear and plain.

Light breaks through our clouds and shadows,
splendor bathes the flesh-joined Word,
Moses and Elijah marvel as the heavenly voice is heard.
Eyes and hearts behold with wonder how the Law and Prophets meet:
Christ with garments drenched in brightness, stands transfigured and complete.

Strengthened by this glimpse of glory, fearful lest our faith decline,
we, like Peter, find it tempting to remain and build a shrine.
But true worship gives us courage to proclaim what we profess,
that our daily lives may prove us people of the God we bless.

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MUSIC: Rowland H. Prichard; arr. by Ralph Vaughan Williams

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.

Song of Forgiveness

O Lord, Have Mercy

Allen Pote

O Lord have mercy on us, have mercy, O Lord have mercy on us, we pray.
O Lord, forgive us, forgive us all our sins, as we walk in the light of your love.

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.

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Turn Your Eyes upon Jesus

LEMMEL

Turn your eyes upon Jesus, look full in his wonderful face,
and the things of earth will grow strangely dim in the light of his glory and grace.

WORDS AND MUSIC: Helen H. Lemmel, 1922

* GOSPEL READING

Mark 9:2-7; Philip Alexander, lector

Six days later, Jesus took with him Peter and James and John, and led them up a high mountain apart, by themselves. And he was transfigured before them, and his clothes became dazzling white, such as no one on earth could bleach them. And there appeared to them Elijah with Moses, who were talking with Jesus. Then Peter said to Jesus, "Rabbi, it is good for us to be here; let us make three dwellings, one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah." He did not know what to say, for they were terrified. Then a cloud overshadowed them, and from the cloud there came a voice, "This is my Son, the Beloved; listen to him!"

Lector: This is the Gospel of our Lord.

People: Praise to you, O Christ!

Listen

* **AFFIRMATION OF FAITH**

The Apostles' Creed

**I believe in God the Father Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth;
And in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord:
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the Virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, dead, and buried;
the third day he rose from the dead;
he ascended into heaven,
and sitteth at the right hand of God the Father Almighty;
from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead.
I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen.**

* **GLORIA PATRI**

MEINEKE

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. Amen.

WORDS: Lesser Doxology, 3rd - 4th cent.; MUSIC: Charles Meineke, 1844
MUSIC: Henry W. Greatorex, 1851

PASTORAL PRAYERS

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

THE OFFERING OF OUR GIFTS

*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 Collection Cabinets located at the doors.*

OFFERTORY

Light of Peace

Veronica Bigham and Derek K. Hakes

The Chancel Bells

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise God, all creatures here below:

Alleluia! Alleluia! Praise God, the source of all our gifts!

Praise Jesus Christ, whose power uplifts! Praise the Spirit, Holy Spirit!

Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

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

We will serve in a manner befitting our protocols, distanced with individual wafers and individual (and sealed) cups of juice, leaving it to the discretion of our in-person participants about whether to receive. Those receiving will do so at the altar rails, one pew section at a time.

* **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.**

Communion Music

Leaning on the Everlasting Arms

arr. Eric Nelson

Hanna Lampe, flute; Scott Peters, cello

*What a fellowship, what a joy divine, leaning on the everlasting arms;
What a blessedness, what a peace is mine, leaning on the everlasting arms.
Leaning, leaning, safe and secure from all alarms;
leaning, leaning, leaning on the everlasting arms.*

*Oh, how sweet to walk in this pilgrim way, leaning on the everlasting arms;
oh, how bright the path grows from day to day, leaning on the everlasting arms.*

*Through many dangers, toils, and snares, I have already come.
What have I to dread, what have I to fear, leaning on the everlasting arms?
I have blessed peace with my Lord so near, leaning on the everlasting,
leaning, leaning, safe and secure from all alarms;
leaning, leaning, leaning on the everlasting arms. Leaning.*

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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

I Come with Joy

DOVE OF PEACE

I come with joy to meet my Lord, forgiven, loved and free,
in awe and wonder to recall his life laid down for me, his life laid down for me.

I come with Christians far and near to find, as all are fed,
the new community of love in Christ's communion bread, in Christ's communion bread.

As Christ breaks bread and bids us share, each proud division ends.
The love that made us makes us one, and strangers now are friends, and strangers now are friends.

And thus with joy we meet our Lord. His presence, always near,
is in such friendship better known; we see and praise him here, we see and praise him here.

Together met, together bound, we'll go our different ways,
and as his people in the world, we'll live and speak his praise, we'll live and speak his praise.

WORDS: Brian Wren, 1968 © 1971 Hope Publishing Co.
MUSIC: The Southern Harmony, 1835; harm. by Charles H. Webb, 1987

* OUR MISSION

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

* BENEDICTION AND RESPONSE

CLOSING VOLUNTARY

WELCOME!

Welcome to Davidson United Methodist Church! Thank you for choosing to worship with us today. If it 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. Wherever you are on your spiritual journey, we'd love to walk alongside you. Our mission statement captures our desire "to be the Body of Christ in our community through worship, education, fellowship, and service." It is our commitment to live out our Christian faith in fresh and relevant ways.

Let us hear from you; we would like to encourage you on your faith journey. Whether you are a spiritual seeker who's 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 what's going on at DUMC on our website at: www.davidsonumc.org.

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

THE FLOWERS ARE PLACED IN THE SANCTUARY today to the glory of God and with thanksgiving for Rev. David Hockett, Kim, Salem, McCann, Abbey, and Eli. We welcome you to Davidson United Methodist Church!

THE MISSIONAL PRAYER FOCUS for this week is the YMCA After-School Program. This program provides a safe place for children to learn, play, and grow and gives working parents peace of mind that their children are receiving quality after-school care. The educational programs provide help with school work and encourage the children to explore the ways they can achieve success. \$5000.00 of the DUMC Missions budget supports this ministry.

WELCOME TO REV. DAVID HOCKETT who has joined the DUMC pastoral staff! If you are attending in-person worship in the upcoming weeks, please remember to wear your name tag and introduce yourself. If you would like to send cards welcoming the Hockett family, you may send them to:
Davidson United Methodist Church
Attention: Rev. David Hockett
P.O. Box 718, Davidson, NC 28036

LIVESTREAM NOTE

This worship service is recorded and shared via the Internet on our church website (www.davidsonumc.org) and Facebook page (www.facebook.com/DavidsonUMC). Audio or video of any congregant may appear in the webcast.

PASTORAL CARE NOTE

A DUMC pastor remains on call after hours to be of assistance during emergency situations (death, sudden hospitalizations, etc.). Please call 704-770-1264 (or the Church Office -704-892-8277- which provides this number as well) and a pastor will respond as soon as possible.

MISSIONAL IMPACT OPPORTUNITIES

MAKE-A-DIFFERENCE (MAD) COLLECTION FOR APRIL is for the UMAR of WNC Residential Services. They are asking for donations of toilet paper, paper towels, paper plates, and cleaning supplies. Place your donations in the black containers located outside the Church Office.

MEN'S SHELTER DUMC provides a meal for the Men's Shelter the first Sunday of every month. Our next date is Sunday, May 2. Sign up at www.davidsonumc.org under Registrations to serve a meal, make a sausage or vegetarian casserole, or purchase fruit cocktail or green beans. You may notice that the amount of food required has been adjusted due to the increase in their needs. Thanks to all of you that have so faithfully provided to this ministry; your passion for it is a gift.

PACK YOUR BAGS FOR A VIRTUAL TRIP TO RWANDA, KENYA, AND INDIA! Glimpse the kingdom of God with orphaned and vulnerable children around the world lifting themselves out of poverty through one of our long-time mission partners, Zoe Empowers. Each tour day is from 9:30 - 10:00 a.m. via Zoom.

Day 1 on April 20: Visit Rwanda with Epiphany Mujawimana, Founder of Zoe's Empowerment Program and Manager of Zoe Rwanda. Listen in wonder as Epiphany describes Zoe's genesis out of tragedy and how this movement of God began. You will be amazed by what orphaned children in Rwanda are capable of with just a little support.

Day 2 on April 21: Explore a Kenyan village with Reegan Kaberia, Zoe's Chief Program Officer and Manager of Zoe Kenya. Hear directly from the incredible boys and girls in Zoe's program. Be inspired by the triumph of the human spirit in God's hands.

Day 3 on April 22: Travel to the exotic location of India and speak with Nani Chintala, Manager for Zoe Vizag, India. See God at work in urban slums on a new continent. Also learn how your gifts and skills can be used by God to change the world for these young people. Register on the DUMC website under Registrations. A Zoom link will be sent to all registered.

CHILDREN AND FAMILY MINISTRY OPPORTUNITIES

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL REGISTRATION VBS Elementary sessions on June 15 -17 and July 13 -15 are FULL for participants and the VBS Preschool session on August 3 -5 is also FULL. Please email Susan at scavasinni@davidsonumc.org to be placed on a waitlist. To volunteer for the Preschool session, please email Tabitha at tlindsay@davidsonumc.org.

THE SACRAMENTS MILESTONE will be held in the Sanctuary on Sunday, April 25 from 11:00 - 11:45 a.m. Rev. Dianne Lawhorn and Menita Mercuri will teach second and third graders and their parents about the Sacraments. Register on the website under Registrations.

FX: A FAMILY EXPERIENCE for parents and children in kindergarten through fifth grade will be held on May 2 from 11:00 a.m. - noon in the Chapel. Register on the church website under Registrations.

PRESCHOOL REGISTRATION IS OPEN Detailed information about 2021-22 class options and tuition is now available on the church website at davidsonumc.org/weekdaypreschool. Questions? Contact Tara Condon at tcondon@davidsonumc.org.

SAVE THE DATE! Camp Tekoa, located in Hendersonville, NC, is a churchwide family camp. Come join other DUMC families September 24 - 26, 2021 for a weekend of fun and fellowship.

FAITH AND SPIRITUAL FORMATION OPPORTUNITIES

MARY MAGDALENE: THE APOSTLE TO THE APOSTLES Join Rev. Dianne Lawhorn and Ann Starrette for a 2-Night Retreat at Ignatius House in Atlanta August 13 - 15. Rest, and renew heart, mind, and soul. Your retreat will draw from a nearly 500-year-old tradition called Ignatian spirituality that invites us into a life-giving relationship with God and neighbor through prayer and contemplation. You'll be presented with suggestions to help you silently, prayerfully discern big or small stirrings in your life —whether you are a busy parent, a young adult, a caregiver, a widow, a community or workplace leader, or someone who simply wants to grow closer to your creator. You will experience guided presentations, topics to contemplate and pray upon, and plenty of unscripted time for rest. Come. Rediscover not just your best self but your truest self —as God created you to be. **Space is limited to 15 participants.** Cost is \$295 for retreat leadership, accommodations, and six healthy, delicious, fresh chef-prepared meals with snacks. Register now to reserve your space at: <https://www.ignatiushouse.org/registration/2-night-retreat-mary-magdalene-the-apostle-to-the-apostles-2/>. ****This is a silent retreat.*** Guests are expected to maintain a sacred silence at the retreat, including at meals unless otherwise noted. Email Ann for questions at astarrette@davidsonumc.org.

LYDIA'S CONTEMPLATIVE CHAPEL Join us for a simple ecumenical worship experience at Starrette Farm Retreat, Statesville, NC, from 6:30 - 8:30 p.m. on Thursdays May 6, June 3, July 1, August 5, September 2, October 7, November 4, and December 2. Reverends Ashley Thomas, Craig Sefa, and Betty B. Brown will preside. Leave your serving behind and join other thirsty water-givers to be refreshed and renewed to return powerful in the Spirit. We will begin with a centering time of contemplative music before entering into the ancient prayer form of Lectio Divina. This method of reading and reflecting upon a Scripture passage in silence, prayer, and conversation leads us to notice how God is inviting us individually to respond with holy action. Having feasted on God's Word, we will come to Jesus' table using an ecumenical Holy Communion liturgy. This worship experience is a free offering currently limited to 20 people, with COVID protocol. Registration is required. Please register in advance to receive directions and details with Nancy Bellamy at nancy@StarretteFarmRetreat.com. See www.thelydiagroup.com to learn more.

2021 SANCTUARY FLOWERS SCHEDULE

A Signup Genius schedule is available on the church website under Registrations.
Contact Jonna at jeichorn@davidsonumc.org with any questions.

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