



HIGHLANDS UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

THE SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER

APRIL 24, 2022 – 10:30 A.M. SERVICE

PREACHING – REGGIE HOLDER

LITURGIST – THE REVEREND MIKAH HUDSON

CHOIRMASTER & ORGANIST – RICHARD PHILLIPS

VERGER – BRIAN BELLENGER

ORDER FOR MORNING WORSHIP

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

Serving for Altar Guild: Beth Crane, Dinah Hughes

Serving as Ushers: Joe Hughes, Todd Edmondson

Serving as Lay Reader: Kathleen Bynum Lalor

PEALING OF THE TOWER BELLS

Kara Cargile, chimer

WELCOME AND CALL TO WORSHIP

The Reverend Mikah Hudson

PRELUDE

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

Alexandr  Guilmant (1837-1911)

*HYMN IN PROCESSION 308

Thine Be the Glory

JUDAS MACCABEUS
Organ Improvisation: Noel Rawsthorne

*THE INVITATORY & GLORIA PATRI 70

MEINEKE

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 (*Sung by The Choir*)

Psalm 150 Anglican Chant: Sir Charles Villiers Stanford (1852-1924)
Laudate Dominum

- ¹ O praise God in his holiness; praise him in the firmament of his power.
² Praise him in his noble acts; praise him according to his excellent greatness.
³ Praise him in the sound of the trumpet; praise him upon the lute and harp.
⁴ Praise him in the cymbals and dances; praise him upon the strings and pipe.
⁵ Praise him upon the well-tuned cymbals; praise him upon the loud cymbals.
⁶ Let every thing that hath breath praise the Lord.
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

Acts 5:27-32
May these words reveal Christ to us. **Thanks be to God.**

ANTHEM

O Sons and Daughters
The Choir

O sons and daughters let us sing! The King of Heav'n, the glorious King,
O'er death today rose triumphing. Alleluia! Alleluia!
When Thomas first the tidings heard, how they had seen the risen Lord.
He doubted the disciples' word. Alleluia! Alleluia!
"My pierced side, O Thomas, see: My hands, my feet, I show to thee;
Not faithless but believing be." Alleluia! Alleluia!
No longer Thomas then denied; he saw the feet, the hands, the side:
"Thou art my Lord and God," he cried. Alleluia! Alleluia!

15th Century French, Arr. Robert Shaw (1916-1999) and Alice Parker (b. 1925)

Text, Jean Tisserand (1494)

*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 SERMON

Reggie Holder

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH 883

THE UNITED CHURCH OF CANADA

We are not alone, we live in God's world.

We believe in God: who has created and is creating, who has come in Jesus, the Word made flesh,
to reconcile and make new, who works in us and others by the Spirit. We trust in God.

We are called to be the Church: to celebrate God's presence, to live with respect in Creation,
to love and serve others, to seek justice and resist evil,

to proclaim Jesus, crucified and risen, our judge and our hope.

In life, in death, in life beyond death, God is with us. We are not alone. Thanks be to God.

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

***HYMN 304**

Easter People, Raise Your Voices

REGENT SQUARE
Organ Improvisation: Noel Rawsthorne

***BLESSING AND SENDING FORTH**

Following the retiring procession, please be seated until the conclusion of the voluntary or exit quietly.

***RETIRING VOLUNTARY**

Toccata
*from Symphony for Organ No. 5
Opus 42, No. 1*

Charles Marie Widor (1844-1937)



WELCOME TO HIGHLANDS!

ALL ARE WELCOME



A Reconciling Congregation with the Reconciling Ministries Network (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.

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.

COVID-19 SAFETY PROTOCOLS

- If you have been exposed to COVID-19 or exhibit symptoms of illness, please join us for online worship. *Worship services are livestreamed on Facebook, Youtube, and Vimeo. Visit www.highlandsumc.net for more information.*
- Face masks are encouraged but not required throughout the building.
- Hand sanitizer is available throughout the Sanctuary and church building. Congregants are especially encouraged to sanitize hands prior to receiving Holy Communion.
- Please be mindful of social distancing, especially in narrow hallways and in restroom facilities.

If you have questions or concerns regarding in-person worship COVID protocols, please contact the church office at 205-933-8751.

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 to give using a debit/credit card or bank account.*

Sustainable Giving:

- *To set up automatic monthly bank drafts, contact financial manager Tyra Johnson-Pirtle at finance@highlandsumc.net.*