



HIGHLANDS UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

THE SUNDAY OF THE RESURRECTION

EASTER SUNDAY

APRIL 9, 2023 – 9:00 A.M. SERVICE



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

EASTER SUNDAY FLOWERS

The flowers on the altar are given to the glory of God by Jeff, Celia & Broughton Davenport.

The flowers on the altar are given to the glory of God by Steve and PJ Ellis in honor of June Bryan and Jo Miner.

The lilies on the Paschal candle are given to the glory of God by Tate Forrester in honor of Kirk, Bess, Reed, Mack, and Sam Forrester.

The lilies on the processional crosses are given to the glory of God by Renee Peacock in honor of Richard C. Phillips and The Choir.

The lilies on the processional crosses are given to the glory of God by Renee Peacock and Steve Bair in honor of their grandchildren, Ben and Alice Thistle, and Marion and Roe Jacques.

The lilies on the processional torches are given to the glory of God by Suzanne Hoye.

The lilies on the processional torches are given to the glory of God by Mark Chambers & Joy McPherson.

The arrangement on the front lawn cross is given to the glory of God and in memory of Carol Lee Tate Forrester and in honor of Robert Forrester, Sr. & Jack and Lisa Reed.

A potted lily is given to the glory of God by Don and Kelley Neal in honor of Mary Elizabeth Neal & Lindsay Dawson.

A potted lily is given to the glory of God by Don and Kelley Neal in honor of Polly Dawson.

A potted lily is given to the glory of God by Bill McElwee in memory of Amos Hudson.

A potted lily is given to the glory of God by John Melton in memory of John & Mary Frances Greene.

A potted lily is given to the glory of God by John Melton in memory of Raymond & Eloise Melton

A potted lily is given to the glory of God by Phil and Sara Amthor in memory of their grandfathers.

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A potted lily is given to the glory of God by Alison Starnes in honor of Dan and Lucas Starnes.

A potted lily is given to the glory of God by Tyra Johnson Pirtle in memory of Thomas Neal Johnson.

A potted lily is given to the glory of God by Leslie and Tyler Williams in memory of Rachael Williams.

A potted lily is given to the glory of God by The Norris family in memory of Rowe & Carolyn Driver and Jack & Tommie Norris.

A potted lily is given to the glory of God by Leigh Delashaw in honor of the upcoming wedding of Lauren Delashaw and Alejandro Benavidas.

A potted lily is given to the glory of God in memory of Nan Tontz and Grace Ash, given by Kathi & Roger Ash; Lisa, Franklin & Clark McKinney; and Roxane and Mary Hannah Mackin.

ORDER FOR HOLY COMMUNION

PREACHING – REGGIE HOLDER

LITURGISTS – THE REVEREND MIKAH HUDSON, LESLIE WILLIAMS

CHOIRMASTER AND ORGANIST – RICHARD PHILLIPS

VERGERS – 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: Joe Hughes, Henry Lagman

PEALING OF THE TOWER BELLS

Kara Cargile, Chimer

PRELUDE

Easter Day

Clement Loret (1833-1909)

*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: Generous God, who gives us the light, we ask for help to use the light so that we can help others in need and teach the new generations. 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)

Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!

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***GOSPEL LESSON**

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

The Lesson

John 20, *selected verses*

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

***DOXOLOGY 94**

LAST UNS ERFREUEN WITH ALLELUIAS

***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. 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

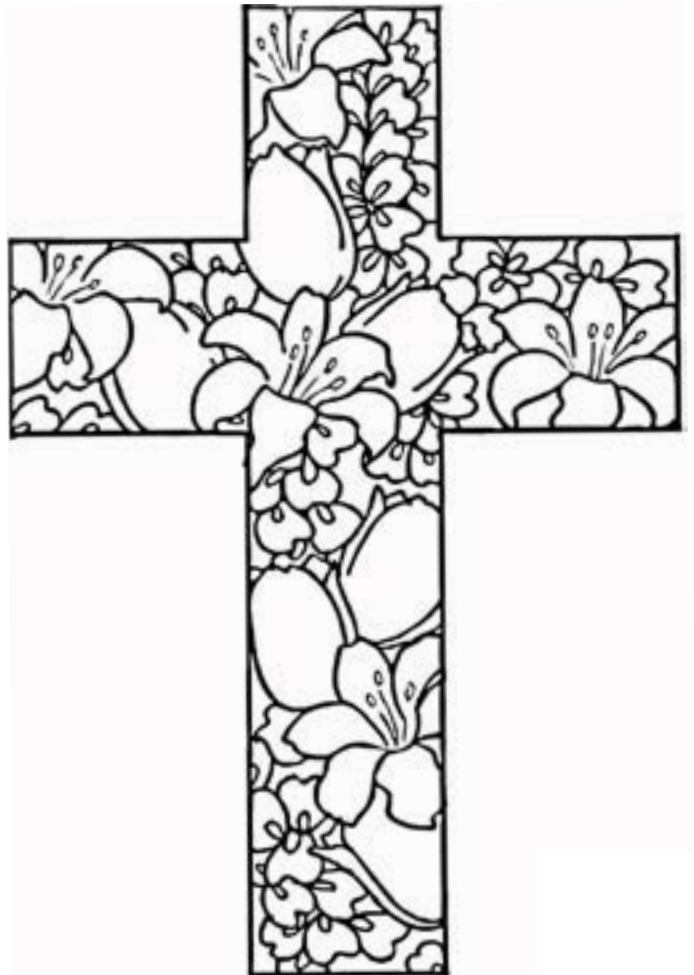
ORGAN IMPROVISATION ON A HYMN TUNE

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?





HE LIVES

JOY

HE IS BORN

OUR LIGHT HAS COME!

PRAISE God!

Mini story - to - children . com

Mandy Grace '11



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.

HEALTH AND 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.*
- Hand sanitizer is available throughout the Sanctuary and church building. Congregants are especially encouraged to sanitize hands prior to receiving Holy Communion.

If you have questions or concerns regarding in-person worship safety 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.

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