

FUMC welcomes all who worship with us this morning. Please fill out the pew pads at the end of the row so that we may have a record of all our participants.

Flowers are placed in the Sanctuary today by Anita and Julie Long in memory of Wayne Long.

The Prayer Chain E-mail list was updated earlier this year. Some people either did not receive or did not read the email asking if they wanted to remain on the prayer chain prayer list. If you would like to remain on the email prayer chain list OR be added to the email prayer chain list, please email the church office ([tommy@firstumcmocksville.org](mailto:tommy@firstumcmocksville.org)) and let him know your preferred e-mail so that you can be added to the prayer list. Please let us know by May 8, 2024 if you want to be added so that we can get an updated list to Linda Barnette who is sending out the prayer requests by e-mail. Linda has been using the list given to her when we updated the prayer chain email list earlier this year.

**Combined Worship Services in May.** We will combine for One Worship Service twice in May. On May 5, 2024 we will have one service in the Family Life Center at 10:30 with Sunday School at 9:30. The Iglesia De Dios Jehova Nissi will join us for worship and their praise band will play. This is the church that meets in the Family Life Center on Saturday evenings. On May 19, 2024 we will have one service in the Sanctuary at 10:30 with Sunday School at 9:30 for Confirmation Sunday. We have five confirmands who have completed the confirmation class and we will gather as one body to celebrate their Confirmation. Please make plans to attend both services. They will be Spirit-filled.

Ushers: Chris Hendrix, David Hunter, Johnny Miller      Greeters: Buddy & Tara Lowery

Warmer weather means that Vacation Bible School is quickly approaching!  
Save the Date for Compassion Camp: Changing the World with Lovingkindness  
Monday, July 8 - Thursday, July 11 5:30-7:45pm in the Family Life Center  
Rising Kindergarten through rising 6th grade

Registration link: <https://tinyurl.com/FirstUMCVBS2024>  
Or scan for the registration QR code.



# FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

APRIL 28, 2024

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WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

REV. HANNAH HOWELL

PRELUDE

*HYMN TO JOY*

BELLS OF PRAISE & ORGAN

PRESENTING THE LIGHT OF CHRIST

SUZANNE ROBINSON, ACOLYTE

\* MISSION STATEMENT

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The mission of First United Methodist Church is to **believe** in Jesus Christ as Lord,  
to **receive** the power of the Holy Spirit,  
and to **respond** to the needs of others with the love of God the Father.

\* HYMN UMH 384

*LOVE DIVINE, ALL LOVES EXCELLING*

CHILDREN'S MOMENT

JULIE CARTNER

JOYS AND CONCERNS

REV. HANNAH HOWELL

MORNING PRAYER

REV. HANNAH HOWELL

THE LORD'S PRAYER

ALL

**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.**

ANTHEM

*FOUNT OF EVERY BLESSING*

BELLS OF PRAISE

OFFERTORY PRAYER AND TIME OF GIVING

*A PLACE AT THE TABLE*

\* PLEASE STAND AS YOU ARE ABLE

\* THE DOXOLOGY UMH 94

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\* HYMN UMH 165

*HALLELUJAH! WHAT A SAVIOR*

\* SCRIPTURE

ACTS 8:26-40

<sup>26</sup> An angel from the Lord spoke to Philip, "At noon, take the road that leads from Jerusalem to Gaza." (This is a desert road.) <sup>27</sup> So he did. Meanwhile, an Ethiopian man was on his way home from Jerusalem, where he had come to worship. He was a eunuch and an official responsible for the entire treasury of Candace. (Candace is the title given to the Ethiopian queen.) <sup>28</sup> He was reading the prophet Isaiah while sitting in his carriage. <sup>29</sup> The Spirit told Philip, "Approach this carriage and stay with it." <sup>30</sup> Running up to the carriage, Philip heard the man reading the prophet Isaiah. He asked, "Do you really understand what you are reading?" <sup>31</sup> The man replied, "Without someone to guide me, how could I?" Then he invited Philip to climb up and sit with him. <sup>32</sup> This was the passage of scripture he was reading: *Like a sheep he was led to the slaughter and like a lamb before its shearer is silent so he didn't open his mouth.* <sup>33</sup> *In his humiliation justice was taken away from him. Who can tell the story of his descendants because his life was taken from the earth?* <sup>34</sup> The eunuch asked Philip, "Tell me, about whom does the prophet say this? Is he talking about himself or someone else?" <sup>35</sup> Starting with that passage, Philip proclaimed the good news about Jesus to him. <sup>36</sup> As they went down the road, they came to some water. The eunuch said, "Look! Water! What would keep me from being baptized?" <sup>38</sup> He ordered that the carriage halt. Both Philip and the eunuch went down to the water, where Philip baptized him. <sup>39</sup> When they came up out of the water, the Lord's Spirit suddenly took Philip away. The eunuch never saw him again but went on his way rejoicing. <sup>40</sup> Philip found himself in Azotus. He traveled through that area, preaching the good news in all the cities until he reached Caesarea.

SERMON

**CAN I BE INCLUDED?**

REV. LORI ANNE BOWEN

\* AFFIRMATION FROM 1 TIMOTHY UMH 889

There is one God and there is one mediator, Christ Jesus, who came as a ransom for all, to whom we testify.

**This saying is sure and worthy of full acceptance; that Jesus Christ came into the world to save sinners, and was manifested in the flesh, vindicated in the Spirit, seen by angels, proclaimed among the nations, believed in throughout the world taken up in glory. Great indeed is the mystery of the gospel. Amen.**

\* GLORIA PATRI UMH 70

MEINEKE

\* HYMN UMH 571

*GO MAKE OF ALL DISCIPLES*

*The altar is open to those who wish to pray,  
to make a commitment of your life, or to reaffirm your faith.*

\* BENEDICTION

REV. LORI ANNE BOWEN

\* RESPONSE

*HE IS LORD*

\* CHIMING THE TRINITY

IN THE NAME OF THE FATHER, SON, AND HOLY GHOST.

\* POSTLUDE

*CHRIST IS ALIVE*

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#### PRAYER CONCERNS

**Bermuda Commons**

Molly Jo McClamrock

**Davie Rehab**

Christine Woodruff

**Brookdale Salisbury**

Billie Bean

**Mocksville Senior Living**

Karen Marks

**At Home**

Ann Stayer

CHILI COOK OFF is this Wednesday, 5/1 at 5:30 PM in the Family Life Center. Contact Beth Edwards for more information. 704.437.6282

Teacher Appreciation Week is coming soon! We will celebrate the faculty and staff of Mocksville Elementary and Central Davie on Tuesday, May 7, and the faculty/staff of South Davie Middle on Wednesday, June 5.

Please mark your calendars and help by writing notes of appreciation and providing a sweet or salty snack. The teachers appreciate what we do for them so much; thank you in advance for showing them how much we appreciate what they do every day for their students.

Baskets for the notes will be in the FLC. Please let Barbara Laymon know if you plan to provide a snack.