

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.

Monday Morning Out is tomorrow 5/13 in the Family Life Center.

**Combined Worship Service** 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.

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.

Ushers: Charles Crenshaw, Lester Cozart, Bill Steed, Charles Woodruff Greeter: Kathy Slye

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

ASCENSION OF THE LORD  
MAY 12, 2024

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WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

REV. HANNAH HOWELL

PRELUDE

*AS THE DEER*

PRESENTING THE LIGHT OF CHRIST

ACOLYTE

CHORAL INTROIT

*SING, MAKE A JOYFUL SOUND*

\* 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 312

*HAIL THE DAY THAT SEES HIM RISE*

RECOGNITION OF MOTHERS

CHILDREN'S MOMENT

BARBARA LAYMON

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

*MAJESTY*

CHANCEL CHOIR

OFFERTORY PRAYER AND TIME OF GIVING

JESUS LOVES ME

\* THE DOXOLOGY UMH 94

ALL

\* HYMN UMH 163

ASK YE WHAT GREAT THING I KNOW

\* SCRIPTURE

ACTS 1:1-11

Theophilus, the first scroll I wrote concerned everything Jesus did and taught from the beginning, <sup>2</sup>right up to the day when he was taken up into heaven. Before he was taken up, working in the power of the Holy Spirit, Jesus instructed the apostles he had chosen. <sup>3</sup>After his suffering, he showed them that he was alive with many convincing proofs. He appeared to them over a period of forty days, speaking to them about God's kingdom. <sup>4</sup>While they were eating together, he ordered them not to leave Jerusalem but to wait for what the Father had promised. He said, "This is what you heard from me: <sup>5</sup>John baptized with water, but in only a few days you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit." <sup>6</sup>As a result, those who had gathered together asked Jesus, "Lord, are you going to restore the kingdom to Israel now?" <sup>7</sup>Jesus replied, "It isn't for you to know the times or seasons that the Father has set by his own authority. <sup>8</sup>Rather, you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you, and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, in all Judea and Samaria, and to the end of the earth." <sup>9</sup>After Jesus said these things, as they were watching, he was lifted up and a cloud took him out of their sight. <sup>10</sup>While he was going away and as they were staring toward heaven, suddenly two men in white robes stood next to them. <sup>11</sup>They said, "Galileans, why are you standing here, looking toward heaven? This Jesus, who was taken up from you into heaven, will come in the same way that you saw him go into heaven."

SERMON

WHY ARE YOU STANDING HERE?

REV. LORI ANNE BOWEN

\* A MODERN AFFIRMATION UMH 885

Where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is the one true church, apostolic and universal, whose Holy faith let us now declare:

**We believe in God the Father, infinite in wisdom, power, and love, whose mercy is over all His works, and whose will is ever directed to His children's good. We believe in Jesus Christ, Son of God and Son of man, the gift of the Father's unfailing grace, the ground of our hope, and the promise of our deliverance from sin and death. We believe in the Holy Spirit as the divine presence in our lives, whereby we are kept in perpetual remembrance of the truth of Christ, and find strength and help in time of need. We believe that this faith should manifest itself in the service of love as set forth in the example of our blessed Lord, to the end that the kingdom of God may come upon the earth. Amen.**

\* GLORIA PATRI UMH 70

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THE BAPTISMAL COVENANT II FOR GARET BREWER UMH 39

SPECIAL MUSIC

WHAT A WONDERFUL WORLD

MUSIC MAKERS & CHANCE CHOIR

\* HYMN UMH 173

CHRIST, WHOSE GLORY FILLS THE SKIES

*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

THE SPIRIT SENDS US FORTH TO SERVE

\* CHIMING THE TRINITY

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

\* POSTLUDE

JESUS SHALL REIGN

PRAYER CONCERNS

Bermuda Commons

Molly Jo McClamrock

Davie Rehab

Christine Woodruff

Brookdale Salisbury

Billie Bean

Mocksville Senior Living

Karen Marks

At Home

Ann Stayer