

WORSHIP RESOURCES

Welcome to University Heights United Methodist Church. If this is your first time with us, we have a package for you at the Welcome Center, located behind the sanctuary in the lounge. It contains information about our church, along with a special gift for you. Please fill out one of the information cards that can be found in the envelope rack on the back of the pew. Handicap-accessible restrooms are located on the sanctuary level by the elevator and on the first floor of the education wing. Other restrooms are located on every floor. Nursery service is provided during worship (located on the first floor of the education wing). Ask an usher for directions or assistance. A telephone for calling 911 is located in the narthex under the cabinets.

A Modern Affirmation

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

People: **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.

HAPPENINGS AT THE HEIGHTS

MAY LOOSE COIN - During the month of May, the loose change offering will go to support the summer mission trips. Please remember it is only the change that is in the offering plate that helps with each month's focused group. If you would like to make an additional gift, please place it in an envelope marked Loose Coin.

Mark Your Calendars:

May 24: Church Conference Vote (7 pm in the Sanctuary). Note that to cast a vote on the proposal, you need to be a member of UHUMC and you must be present at the Church Conference.

THIS WEEK AT UHUMC

Today - Happy Mother's Day!

9:00 am Traditional Worship, Sanctuary
10:10 am Sunday School for all ages
11:05 am Celebration Service, Sanctuary

Monday, May 15

6:15 pm Bell Choir, Music Room

Tuesday, May 16

1:00 pm BIBs Pantry, BIBs Room
6:30 pm Bible Study, Asbury Room

Wednesday, May 17

7:00 pm Taizé Service, Sanctuary

Thursday, May 18

1:00 pm BIBs Pantry, BIBs Room
7:00 pm Chancel Choir Rehearsal, All

Today's Scripture

Luke 1:26 - 38

In the sixth month the angel Gabriel was sent by God to a town in Galilee called Nazareth, ²⁷to a virgin engaged to a man whose name was Joseph, of the house of David. The virgin's name was Mary. ²⁸And he came to her and said, "Greetings, favored one! The Lord is with you." ²⁹But she was much perplexed by his words and pondered what sort of greeting this might be. ³⁰The angel said to her, "Do not be afraid, Mary, for you have found favor with God. ³¹And now, you will conceive in your womb and bear a son, and you will name him Jesus. ³²He will be great, and will be called the Son of the Most High, and the Lord God will give to him the throne of his ancestor David. ³³He will reign over the house of Jacob forever, and of his kingdom there will be no end." ³⁴Mary said to the angel, "How can this be, since I am a virgin?" ³⁵The angel said to her, "The Holy Spirit will come upon you, and the power of the Most High will overshadow you; therefore the child to be born will be holy; he will be called Son of God. ³⁶And now, your relative Elizabeth in her old age has also conceived a son; and this is the sixth month for her who was said to be barren. ³⁷For nothing will be impossible with God." ³⁸Then Mary said, "Here am I, the servant of the Lord; let it be with me according to your word." Then the angel departed from her.

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"Sharing Christ: Love, Hope, Joy"



Today's Sermon
Portrait of A Mother

UNIVERSITY HEIGHTS UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
May 14, 2017 • 9:00 am Worship Service
Email: uhumc@att.net • Web Page: universityheightsumc.us

*The Mission of University Heights United Methodist Church
is to make disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world.*

THE ORDER OF WORSHIP
Fifth Sunday of Easter, Mother's Day

THE PARISH INVOLVEMENT

THE MOMENT OF QUIET MEDITATION

Gracious God, on this day of the festival of the Christian Home, the celebration of Mother's Day, the witness to the eternal love of Christ, remind us that we are responsible for caring for each other. We are called to lift up rather than tear down; to support rather than abandon, to reach out when others have turned away. Give us hearts of love that, in all places and times, we may be a witness to hope that is found in Jesus Christ. Amen.

THE PRELUDE Mona Curts

"In Thee Is Gladness" Bach/Bish
The Lighting of the Altar Candles

***THE GREETING**

Liturgist: The Lord is our refuge.

People: We can find peace in God's abiding love.

Liturgist: When troubles assail us, we call upon the Lord.

People: When joys abound, we call upon the Lord.

Liturgist: Welcome this day to God's house, one of many dwellings of the Almighty One.

People: We thank you and praise God for his refuge and sanctuary.

***THE HYMN OF PRAISE** No. 170

"O How I Love Jesus"

***THE AFFIRMATION OF FAITH** No. 885

"A Modern Affirmation"

THE SPECIAL MUSIC Voices of Children

"He's Got The Whole World in His Hands" - Spiritual

"Great Big Beautiful World" - Fettke

"Stand up and Shout" - Andrews

THE SCRIPTURE LESSONS

Luke 1:26 - 38 Bible N.T. Pgs. 56, 57

THE PRAYERS

The Time of Concerns and Celebrations

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

The Pastoral Prayer

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 sins as we forgive those who have

sinned 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.

THE GIVING OF GIFTS TO GOD'S MISSION

The Offertory Chancel Choir
"Come Down, Emmanuel" - Choplin

*The Doxology No. 94

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!

*The Prayer of Dedication

THE MOMENTS WITH THE CHILDREN

The Message Myrna Crosby

THE SERMON Rev. C. Archibald Hawkins

Portrait of A Mother

***THE HYMN OF COMPASSION** No. 219

"What Child Is This"

***THE DISMISSAL WITH A BLESSING**

***THE CHORAL BENEDICTION** No. 177

"He Is Lord"

"He is Lord, he is Lord,

He is risen from the dead and he is Lord;

Ev'ry knee shall bow, ev'ry tongue confess

That Jesus Christ is Lord."

***THE TAKING OF GOD'S LIGHT INTO THE WORLD**

***THE POSTLUDE** Mona Curts

LITURGIST: Wanda Hampton

ACOLYTES FOR TODAY - Lilly & Gabby Bravad

REFRESHMENTS - Myrna Crosby

INFANT/TODDLER ROOM: Brian & Wendy Bravard

TODAY'S FLOWERS: Today's altar flowers are in honor of Karen Duvall for her birthday - a gift of Dick Duvall. Today's chancel flowers are in honor of all mothers, especially Wanda Hampton and Karen Duvall - a gift of Loren Hampton.

VOICES Of Children: Wendy Mattson, Barbie McCrary and Starla Hilgert.

Portrait Of A Mother

Luke 1:26 - 38 *The Angel Gabriel salutes the virgin Mary and announces that the promises of God will be fulfilled by the child she will bear.*

Big Idea: It has never been easy to be a mother or father. The responsibility has always been awesome but there are some senses in which it is more difficult today than ever.

1. All motherhood begins in awe and, perhaps, more than a little _____.
2. Wise parents will accept the fact that there is always a gap between the _____.
3. One of the great things about the Bible is its quality of stark _____.

If you are new to our congregation or would like prayers, please fill out one of the information cards that can be found in the envelope rack on the back of the pew.

*Indicates when the congregation shall stand. Feel at ease to remain seated during worship.