



Faith United Methodist Church

6810 Montrose Road, Rockville, Maryland 20852

THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER

April 15, 2018

10:00 a.m.

**Those Who Are Able, Please Stand The People's Responses Are in Bold Print*

UMH=United Methodist Hymnal PB=Pew Bible

WE GATHER IN THE NAME OF THE LORD

GATHERING AND MEDITATION

As you enter and take your seat, please respect those around you who use this time to quietly center themselves and prepare their hearts for worship.

PRELUDE

Arioso

G. F. Handel

(As the Prelude begins, please observe silence)

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Friendship Books – Please record your attendance and pass the book to those next to you.

First Time Visitors – *Please complete the yellow card & place it in the offering plate later in the service.*

*HYMN

Thine Be the Glory

UMH #308

*CALL TO WORSHIP

The Risen One has come alongside us on our journey from the empty tomb.

He speaks to us with love and encouragement the word that frees us from our sorrows.

A guest among us, he becomes the Host.

He makes himself known still today in the breaking of bread.

Let us celebrate the promise of life, for Christ is risen.

Christ is risen, indeed. Alleluia!

***OPENING PRAYER**

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Let us pray.

**Life-giving God, as we continue to celebrate the resurrection of Christ,
we pray that we may be bound together in Christian love.**

**May our faith and fellowship may be a witness through which your Spirit
will bring others into your church.**

We humbly thank you for your many blessings you have given us.

**We ask that we may learn how to truly be Easter people and always remember
that we are celebrating resurrection day every day.**

We pray in the name of Jesus Christ, our risen Savior. Amen.

***SHARING THE PEACE OF CHRIST**

May the peace of Christ be with you always!

And also with you!

WE HEAR GOD'S WORD AND FAITHFULLY RESPOND

TIME WITH THE CHILDREN

Pastor Kathryn

Children in Preschool through Grade 5 may go to Sunday School afterwards.

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Let us pray.

**Lord, open our hearts and minds by the power of your Holy Spirit that,
as the Scriptures are read and your Word proclaimed,
we may hear with joy what you have to say to us today. Amen.**

EPISTLE LESSON

1 John 3:1-7

PB, NT p. 240

This is the Word of God for the people of God.

Thanks be to God.

ANTHEM

Hear My Prayer
Chancel Choir

Moses Hogan

GOSPEL LESSON

Luke 24:36b-48

PB, NT p. 91

This is the Gospel of our Lord.

Thanks be to God.

SERMON

“God in the Flesh---Again”

Rev. Dr. Woodrow

*HYMN

We Meet You, O Christ

UMH #257

JOYS AND CONCERNS OF THE CHURCH AND THE WORLD

PASTORAL PRAYER

THE LORD’S PRAYER

UMH #895

GIVING OF OUR TITHES AND GIFTS

OFFERTORY

For the Beauty of the Earth
Bells of Faith

arr. Brian Childers

*DOXOLOGY

Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow

UMH #94

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

Let us pray.

With hearts of praise, O Lord,

we dedicate to you these gifts as tokens of our lives and work.

Use them, as you use us, to the fulfilling of your purposes for creation,

that we might give glory to you not only in the hearing,

but in the doing of your word. Amen.

WE ARE SENT FORTH TO SERVE GOD IN THE WORLD

*HYMN

Christ Is Alive

UMH #318

*BENEDICTION

*BENEDICTION RESPONSE

Grant us thy peace along our homeward way.

With thee began with thee will end the day.

Guard thou our lips from sin our hearts from shame.

That in this house have called upon thy name.

POSTLUDE

Grand Chorus

Theodore Dubois

(You are encouraged to be seated and enjoy the Postlude).



The flowers at the front of the chancel are given by Howard Wickham in memory of Barbara ("Boots") Wickham.



Thanks to Bob Holder and Nancy Kuhn for leading Chancel Choir during last Thursday's rehearsal and this morning's worship. Music Director Michael Wu is traveling with his Landon choirs to Orlando. He will be back in time to contribute to the benefit concert for Community Ministries of Rockville (CMR) this Friday, April 20, at 7:30 p.m. in the Sanctuary.

Pastor Kathryn and our Director of Congregational Care, Scott Roby, will be attending the Congregational Care Ministry Seminar at the United Methodist Church of the Resurrection in Leawood, Kansas, from Wednesday, April 18 – Monday, April 23. If you need pastoral assistance during their absence, please begin by contacting the church office at 301-881-1881 or office@faithworkshere.com

Next Sunday, April 22, at 8:45 and 10:00 a.m., our guest preacher will be JD Garris, Faith's Director of Youth Ministries. We will also have several of our Senior High youth participating in worship next Sunday.

