



CHRISTUNITED  
Methodist Church

# TRADITIONAL WORSHIP

Fourth Sunday of Easter | Sunday, April 21, 2024 | 8:45 AM | 9:45 AM | 11 AM

## THE CHURCH GATHERS AND PROFESSES ITS FAITH

### Greeting

#### \*Call to Worship

Leader: O God, with gratitude in our hearts and in our souls.

People: Let us enter into this time of worship.

Leader: Let us seek the guidance of the Holy Spirit to empower us in our journey of faith.

People: As we lift our voices in praise, let us offer ourselves to your glory and honor!

All: Amen!

#### \*Opening Hymn | UMH 73

*O Worship the King* | verses 1, 2, 4, 5  
(LYONS)

#### \*The Apostles' Creed, Traditional Version UMH 881

#### Sacrament of Holy Baptism | 11 AM

*Ainsley Faith Isbell*  
Garrett & Brittany Isbell, parents

## THE CHURCH LISTENS FOR GOD'S WORD

### Children's Time | 11 AM

#### Hymn of Preparation | UMH 601

*Thy Word*  
(THY WORD)

#### Scripture Lesson

Deuteronomy 30:11-20  
NRSV NT p. 186 | SPARK p. 225

#### Sermon

*Holding Fast*  
Rev. Chris Dowd

#### Anthem

*Order My Steps* arr. Jack Schrader  
Men's Chorus

## THE CHURCH RESPONDS

### Prayers of the People

### The Lord's Prayer

### Meet the Covins (Video)

### Offertory

*Dies sind die heiligen zehen Gebot*  
(These are the holy Ten Commandments), BWV 678  
by J.S. Bach

### \*Doxology | UMH 94

*Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow*  
(LASST UNS ERFREUEN)

### \*Prayer of Thanksgiving

O God, most merciful and gracious, of whose bounty we have all received, accept this offering of your people. Remember in your love those who have brought it and those for whom it is given, and so follow it with your blessing that it may promote peace and goodwill among all peoples, and advance the kingdom of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. Amen.

## THE CHURCH GOES FORTH

### \*Closing Hymn | UMH 600

*Wonderful Words of Life*  
(WORDS OF LIFE)

### Benediction

### Benediction Response | TFWS 2280

*The Lord Bless and Keep You* by Jim Strathdee

### Postlude | 9:45 + 11 AM

*Toccata in Seven* by John Rutter

Today's flowers are given in honor of Ainsley Isbell's baptism by her big sister, Tenley.

*The United Methodist Hymnal* (UMH)

*The Faith We Sing* (TFWS)

\*Please stand as you are able.

# UPCOMING EVENTS

MARK YOUR CALENDARS

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## GET CONNECTED

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## MINISTRY HIGHLIGHTS

### CHILDREN'S MINISTRIES

**Vacation Bible School | June 10-13**

Experience the joy of faith and fun at Camp Firelight's Vacation Bible School! \$20 early bird registration through May 1st.

**Contact:** [kristin@cumc.com](mailto:kristin@cumc.com) | [cumc.com/vbs](http://cumc.com/vbs)

### ADULT MINISTRIES

**Being United Methodist | Wednesdays | 12 + 7 PM**

Join Rev. Raegan Gilliland for a 6-week book study on United Methodist beliefs.

**We've Got Issues | Sundays | 4-5 PM**

Join Rev. Chris Dowd for a class about wrestling with today's tough questions through a United Methodist lens.

**Register at [cumc.com/connect](http://cumc.com/connect)**

### YOUTH MINISTRIES

**Mission Trip Team Building | Today | 5:15-7 PM**

We are excited to get to know our mission trip teams better over these next two weeks! Join us as we do some team building in preparation for this summer!

**Contact:** [kenzie@cumc.com](mailto:kenzie@cumc.com)

### CARE MINISTRIES

We are looking for individuals who can help care for our families at memorial services by greeting, setting up, or serving at receptions. Contact Mike for details.

**Contact:** [mike@cumc.com](mailto:mike@cumc.com)

### OFF SCRIPT PODCAST

A weekly podcast with Rev. Chris Dowd that digs deeper into Sunday's sermon, discusses the theology behind it, and goes beyond the pulpit.

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### SERVING OTHERS MINISTRIES

**Pet Care Drive | Apr 21-28**

Homeless neighbors rely on their loyal dogs for support and comfort. Please help by donating pet care items in bins at the north/south entrances.

**Learn More + Amazon Wish List:** [cumc.com/connect](http://cumc.com/connect)

### ZOO TRIP

**Apr 27 | 9:30 AM | Tickets:** [dallaszoo.com](http://dallaszoo.com)

Join other Christ United members and friends for a morning meet-up at the zoo! Registration required!  
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## MEET OUR STAFF

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### CLERGY:

**Rev. Chris Dowd** | *Senior Pastor*

**Rev. Raegan Gilliland** | *Pastor of Outreach & Engagement*

**Rev. Mike Flynn** | *Pastor of Care Ministries*

**Rev. Julie Henson** | *Pastor of Modern Worship & Adult Discipleship*

**Rev. Don Underwood** | *Pastor Emeritus & Director of Donor Relations*

### MUSIC & WORSHIP:

**Ben Turner** | *Director of Music Ministries & Youth Choir*

**Scott Scheetz** | *Associate Director of Music & Organist*

**Angie Hawkins** | *Children's Music Coordinator*

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**Kristin Steed** | *Director of Children's Ministries*

**Kenzie Ericson** | *Director of Youth Ministries*

**Betsy Crawford** | *Director of Serving Others Ministries*

**Denise Stavely** | *Director of Children's Discovery Center*

**Josh Beasley** | *Director of Sports & Recreation*

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