

Duke Memorial United Methodist Church

Service of Worship • Fifth Sunday of Easter

April 28, 2024 • 10:55 AM

TOWER BELLS

GATHERING

WELCOME

Rev. Jennifer Ingold Asbill

WELCOME STATEMENT

Rick Larson

As our Lord Jesus Christ calls us to love and accept every person, Duke Memorial United Methodist Church welcomes into our life together those of every age, race, ethnic background, nationality, gender identity, sexual orientation, family or socioeconomic status, educational background, and physical or mental ability. In our commitment to the reconciliation of all persons as beloved children of God, we celebrate our diversity and recognize the sacred worth and dignity of all. We invite you to join us in our faith journey toward discipleship in Christ with mutual respect, understanding, and love.

PRELUDE

Bethany Bells; Murray Simpson, director

Towers

Cathy Moklebust

CALL TO WORSHIP

Rev. Heather Rodrigues

Good morning!

Whether you have come by livestream, by foot, or by four-wheeled vehicle, we welcome you!

**We come through city neighborhoods;
across iron rails, bridges, overpasses;
past rural crossroads, suburban hubs;**

We come together to worship God in this sacred place.

**We give ourselves over to new understandings
and insight into the Holy Spirit.**

—Written by Church Member Lynda Rush Myers

*OPENING HYMN

UMH (red) 64 | Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty

NICAEA

* Please rise as you are comfortable

PRAYER OF CONFESSION & ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Rev. Heather Rodrigues

Again, I offer up my frailties to you, Oh Lord. Sometimes, I do not open my eyes to see your truths. I've grown comfortable with my skewed lens, my comfortable dwelling place where no one asks much of me. I wonder if I have what it takes. I forget that you have given me a heart of courage, not one of fear, to do your works, share your truths, walk where you would walk—in places where we are the stranger, where we can speak your truths into places of deep division, hostility, violence. Forgive my failure to recognize that your Grace is sufficient, that my strength is made perfect in weakness. You are there to equip and to strengthen me with your Holy Spirit, word, and witness. Please do.

—Lynda Rush Myers

silence for personal confession

In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven.

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Glory to God. Amen.

PASSING THE PEACE

Greet one another with signs of reconciliation and love.

The peace of Christ be with you, **and also with you.**

PROCLAMATION

CHILDREN'S TIME

Minister of Youth Steve Anstett

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Stuart Harrell

Spirit of the Living God,

Fall afresh on me.

Melt me, mold me, fill me, use me.

Spirit of the living God,

Fall afresh on me.

—Rev. Daniel Iverson, Tarrboro, NC, 1927

NEW TESTAMENT LESSON | ACTS 8:26-40 NRSVUE

This is the word of God for the people of God. **Thanks be to God.**

SERMON

Rev. Jennifer Ingold Asbill

RESPONSE

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Rev. Heather Rodrigues

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 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.**

OFFERING OURSELVES | DURHAM CAN; WHY DO CHURCHES ORGANIZE?

Rick Larson

OFFERING OUR TITHES AND GIFTS

Rev. Heather Rodrigues

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OFFERTORY

Bethany Bells; Murray Simpson, director

Trumpet Tune

arr. Karen Roth

*DOXOLOGY

UMH 94 | Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow

LASST UNS ERFREUEN

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

Rev. Heather Rodrigues

SENDING FORTH

*CLOSING HYMN

UMH 571 | Go, Make of All Disciples

LANCASHIRE

*BENEDICTION

Rev. Heather Rodrigues
Rev. Jennifer Ingold Asbill

CHIMES OF THE TRINITY

POSTLUDE

Fred Mason Jr., Organist Emeritus

Festive Trumpet Tune

David German

This morning's worship liturgy was written and provided by church member, Lynda Rush Myers.

Flowers | The flowers on each side of the altar this morning are given by John and Rhonda Allen in honor of their wedding last evening and in thanks to God's grace and love that goes with them into their marriage.

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New? Tell Us More | We value building relationships across lines of difference, shared hobbies, passions, talents, and seasons of life. We hope to connect with you and one another inside and outside the church building. We encourage you to take time to fill out the connect card, explore our Spiritual Formation groups, ministries for children and youth, and our ministries designed to connect the church to the world through service.

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