



Forest Hill United Methodist Church

Easter Sunday

April 16, 2107

11:00 a.m.

PRELUDE

"Toccata on 'Christ the Lord is Risen Today'"

Diane Bish

WELCOME

***PASSING OF THE PEACE**

***CALL TO WORSHIP** "Alleluia"

Chancel Choir

Cristo ha resucitado!

Resucitó de hecho. ¡Aleluya!

Christ is risen!

He is risen indeed. Alleluia!

OPENING HYMN (Spanish and English sung simultaneously)

"Christ the Lord Is Risen Today"

Christ the Lord is risen today, Alleluia!

Earth and heaven in chorus say, Alleluia!

Raise your joys and triumphs high, Alleluia!

Sing, ye heavens, and earth reply, Alleluia!

Love's redeeming work is done, Alleluia!

Fought the fight, the battle won, Alleluia!

Death in vain forbids him rise, Alleluia!

Christ has opened paradise, Alleluia!

Lives again our glorious King, Alleluia!

Where, O death, is now thy sting? Alleluia!

Once he died our souls to save, Alleluia!

Where's thy victory, boasting grave? Alleluia!

"Cristo ya resucitó, Aleluya!"

Cristo ya resucitó, Aleluya!

y la muerte Él venció. Aleluya!

Su poder y Su virtud Aleluya!

cautivó la esclavitud. Aleluya!

El que al polvo se humillo, Aleluya!

vencedor se levantó Aleluya!

y cantamos en verdad Aleluya!

Su gloriosa majestad. Aleluya!

El que a muerte se entregó, Aleluya!

El que así nos redimió, Aleluya!

Hoy en gloria celestial, Aleluya!

Reina en vida triunfal, Aleluya!

Soar we now where Christ has led, Alleluia!
Following our exalted Head, Alleluia!
Made like him, like him we rise, Alleluia!
Ours the cross, the grave, the skies, Alleluia!

Cristo nuestro Salvador, Aleluya!
De la muerte vencedor, Aleluya!
Pronto vamos sin cesar, Aleluya!
Tus loores a cantar, Aleluya!

SHARING OF PRAYER JOYS AND CONCERNS

CALL TO PRAYER

ALLELUIA NO. 1

Alleluia, alleluia! Give thanks to the risen Lord. Alleluia, alleluia! Give praise to his name.
Jesus is Lord of all the earth: He is the King of creation.
Alleluia, alleluia! Give thanks to the risen Lord. Alleluia, alleluia! Give praise to his name.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Padre nuestro que estás en los cielos. Santificado sea tu Nombre. Venga tu reino. Hágase tu voluntad. En la tierra como en el cielo. Danos hoy el pan de este día y perdona nuestras deudas como nosotros perdonamos nuestros deudores y no nos dejes caer en la tentación sino que líbranos del malo. Porque tuyo es el reino, y el poder, y la gloria, por todos los siglos. Amén.

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 OUR GIFTS AND TITHES

OFFERTORY

"I Know that My Redeemer Liveth"

G. F. Handel

*RESPONSE NO. 94

"Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow"

LASST UNS ERFREUEN

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!

*PRAISE SONG

"How Great Is Our God"

The splendor of the King, clothed in majesty
Let all the earth rejoice, All the earth rejoice

Cubierto esta de luz, Vencio la oscuridad
Y tiembla a su voz, Tiembla a su voz

Cuan Grande es Dios, Cantale cuan grande es Dios
Y todos lo verán cuan grande es Dios

Día a día Él está, Y el tiempo está en Él
Principio y el fin, Principio y el fin

The Godhead three in one, Father Spirit Son
The Lion and the Lamb, The Lion and the Lamb

How great is our God, Sing with me
How great is our God, And all will see how great, How great is our God

Name above all names, Worthy of all praise
My heart will sing, How great is our God

Tu nombre sobre todo es, Tu eres digno de alabar
Y mi ser dira, Cuan Grande es Dios

Cuan Grande es Dios, Cantale cuan grande es Dios
Y todos lo verán, Cuan grande es Dios

How great is our God, How great is our God
How great, How great is our God

***GOSPEL LESSON** John 20:1-18 (Read in Spanish and English)

El primer día de la semana, María Magdalena fue de mañana, siendo aún oscuro, al sepulcro; y vio quitada la piedra del sepulcro. ²Entonces corrió, y fue a Simón Pedro y al otro discípulo, aquel al que amaba Jesús, y les dijo: Se han llevado del sepulcro al Señor, y no sabemos dónde le han puesto. ³Y salieron Pedro y el otro discípulo, y fueron al sepulcro. ⁴Corrían los dos juntos; pero el otro discípulo corrió más aprisa que Pedro, y llegó primero al sepulcro. ⁵Y bajándose a mirar, vio los lienzos puestos allí, pero no entró. ⁶Luego llegó Simón Pedro tras él, y entró en el sepulcro, y vio los lienzos puestos allí, ⁷y el sudario, que había estado sobre la cabeza de Jesús, no puesto con los lienzos, sino enrollado en un lugar aparte. ⁸Entonces entró también el otro discípulo, que había venido primero al sepulcro; y vio, y creyó. ⁹Porque aún no habían entendido la Escritura, que era necesario que él resucitase de los muertos. ¹⁰Y volvieron los discípulos a los suyos.

¹¹Pero María estaba fuera llorando junto al sepulcro; y mientras lloraba, se inclinó para mirar dentro del sepulcro; ¹²y vio a dos ángeles con vestiduras blancas, que estaban sentados el uno a la cabecera, y el otro a los pies, donde el cuerpo de Jesús había sido puesto.

¹³Y le dijeron: Mujer, ¿por qué lloras? Les dijo: Porque se han llevado a mi Señor, y no sé dónde le han puesto.

¹⁴Cuando había dicho esto, se volvió, y vio a Jesús que estaba allí; mas no sabía que era Jesús.

¹⁵Jesús le dijo: Mujer, ¿por qué lloras? ¿A quién buscas? Ella, pensando que era el hortelano, le dijo: Señor, si tú lo has llevado, dime dónde lo has puesto, y yo lo llevaré.

¹⁶Jesús le dijo: ¡María! Volviéndose ella, le dijo: ¡Raboni! (que quiere decir, Maestro).

¹⁷Jesús le dijo: No me toques, porque aún no he subido a mi Padre; mas ve a mis hermanos, y diles: Subo a mi Padre y a vuestro Padre, a mi Dios y a vuestro Dios.

¹⁸Fue entonces María Magdalena para dar a los discípulos las nuevas de que había visto al Señor, y que él le había dicho estas cosas.

¹Early in the morning of the first day of the week, while it was still dark, Mary Magdalene came to the tomb and saw that the stone had been taken away from the tomb. ²She ran to Simon Peter and the other disciple, the one whom Jesus loved, and said, "They have taken the Lord from the tomb, and we don't know where they've put him." ³Peter and the other disciple left to go to the tomb. ⁴They were running together, but the other disciple ran faster than Peter and was the first to arrive at the tomb. ⁵Bending down to take a look, he saw the linen cloths lying there, but he didn't go in. ⁶Following him, Simon Peter entered the tomb and saw the linen cloths lying there. ⁷He also saw the face cloth that had been on Jesus' head. It wasn't with the other clothes but was folded up in its own place. ⁸Then the other disciple, the one who arrived at the tomb first, also went inside. He saw and believed. ⁹They didn't yet understand the scripture that Jesus must rise from the dead. ¹⁰Then the disciples returned to the place where they were staying.

¹¹Mary stood outside near the tomb, crying. As she cried, she bent down to look into the tomb. ¹²She saw two angels dressed in white, seated where the body of Jesus had been, one at the head and one at the foot. ¹³The angels asked her, "Woman, why are you crying?"

She replied, "They have taken away my Lord, and I don't know where they've put him." ¹⁴As soon as she had said this, she turned around and saw Jesus standing there, but she didn't know it was Jesus.

¹⁵Jesus said to her, "Woman, why are you crying? Who are you looking for?"

Thinking he was the gardener, she replied, "Sir, if you have carried him away, tell me where you have put him and I will get him."

¹⁶Jesus said to her, "Mary."

She turned and said to him in Aramaic, “Rabbouni” (which means *Teacher*).

¹⁷ Jesus said to her, “Don’t hold on to me, for I haven’t yet gone up to my Father. Go to my brothers and sisters and tell them, ‘I’m going up to my Father and your Father, to my God and your God.’”

¹⁸ Mary Magdalene left and announced to the disciples, “I’ve seen the Lord.” Then she told them what he said to her.

SERMON

“Finding Jesus”

Rev. Mandy Jones

BAPTISMAL HYMN

“Wash, O God, Your Sons and Daughters”

BEACH SPRING

Wash, O God, your sons and daughters, where your cleansing waters flow.

Number them among your people; bless as Christ blessed long ago.

We your people stand before you, water-washed and Spirit-born.

By your grace, our lives we offer. Recreate us; God transform.

SERVICE OF BAPTISM AND CONFIRMATION

INTRODUCTION

PRESENTATION OF THE CANDIDATES & STOLING BY MENTORS

Sadie Grace Fullerton

Caroline Ruth Garnett

Elizabeth Riley Hughes

Franco Manuel Ramirez-Tello

Lauriel Ramirez-Tello

RENUNCIATION OF SIN AND PROFESSION OF FAITH

QUESTIONS TO THE CONFIRMANDS

QUESTIONS TO THE CONGREGATION

Do you as Christ’s body, the church, reaffirm both your rejection of sin and your commitment to Christ?

We do. (Lo hacemos.)

Will you nurture one another in the Christian life, proclaim the good news, live according to the example of Christ and include these persons in your care?

We will. (Lo haremos.)

Will you surround these young people with a community of love and forgiveness, that they may grow in their trust of God, and be found faithful in their service to others?

We will. (Lo haremos.)

Will you pray for them, that they may be true disciples who walk in the way that leads to life?

We will. (Lo haremos.)

Let us join together in professing the Christian faith as contained in the Scriptures of the Old and New Testaments.

Do you believe in God the Father?

I believe in God, the Father Almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

Creo en Dios, Padre todopoderoso, creador del Cielo y de la Tierra.

Do you believe in Jesus Christ?

I believe in Jesus Christ his only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended to the dead the third day he rose from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth at the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead.

Creo en Jesucristo su único Hijo, Nuestro Señor, que fue concebido por obra y gracia del Espíritu Santo; nació de la Virgen María; padeció bajo el poder de Poncio Pilato; fue crucificado, muerto y sepultado; descendió a los infiernos; al tercer día resucitó de entre los muertos; subió a los cielos y está a la diestra del Dios Padre; desde allí ha de venir a juzgar a los vivos y a los muertos.

Do you believe in the Holy Spirit?

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

Creo en el Espíritu Santo, en la santa iglesia católica, la comunión de los santos, en el perdón de los pecados, la resurrección de los muertos y la vida eterna. Amén.

THANKSGIVING OVER THE WATER

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Eternal Father, your mighty acts of salvation have been made known through water – from the moving of your Spirit upon the waters of creation, to the deliverance of your people from the flood and through the Red Sea. In the fullness of time you sent Jesus, nurtured in the water of a womb, baptized by John in the Jordan River, and anointed by your Spirit. He called his disciples to share in the baptism of his death and resurrection, and to make disciples of all nations.

Pour out your Holy Spirit, to bless this gift of water and Caroline who will receive it, to wash away her sin and clothe her in righteousness throughout her life, that dying and being raised with Christ, she may share in Christ's final victory.

All praise to you, Eternal Father, through your Son Jesus Christ, who with you and the Holy Spirit lives and reigns forever. Amen.

BAPTISM WITH LAYING ON OF HANDS

CONFIRMATION WITH LAYING ON OF HANDS

The Lord defend you with his heavenly grace and by his Spirit confirm you in the faith and fellowship of all true disciples of Jesus Christ.

El Señor te defiende con Su gracia y por Su Espíritu confirma tu fe y el compartir de todos los verdaderos discípulos de Jesucristo.

RECEPTION INTO THE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH & FOREST HILL UMC

As members of Christ's universal church, will you be loyal to the United Methodist Church, and do all in your power to strengthen its ministries? Will you?

I will.

As members of Forest Hill United Methodist Church, will you faithfully participate in its ministries by your prayers, presence, gifts, service, and witness? Will you?

I will.

Members of the household of God, I commend these persons to your love and care. Do all in your power to increase their faith, confirm their hope, and perfect them in love.

We give thanks to God and welcome you in Christian love. With you, we renew our covenant faithfully to participate in the ministries of the church by our prayers, our presence, our gifts, our service, and our witness, that in everything God may be glorified through Jesus Christ.

PRESENTATION OF CONFIRMATION GIFTS BY PARENTS

BLESSING OF THE EASTER BASKETS

*CLOSING HYMN (Spanish and English sung simultaneously)

"Amazing Grace"

Amazing grace! How sweet the sound
that saved a wretch like me!
I once was lost, but now am found;
was blind, but now I see.

'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear,
and grace my fears relieved;
how precious did that grace appear
the hour I first believed.

The Lord has promised good to me,
his word my hope secures;
He will my shield and portion be,
as long as life endures.

When we've been there ten thousand years,
bright shining as the sun,
we've no less days to sing God's praise
than when we'd first begun.

"Sublime Gracia"

Sublime gracia del Señor
que a un pecador salvó
Fuí ciego mas hoy veo yo,
perdido y El me halló

Su gracia me enseñó a temer,
mis dudas ahuyentó
oh cuán precioso fue a mi ser,
al dar mi corazón

En los peligros o aflicción
que he tenido aquí
Su gracia siempre me
libró y me guiará feliz

Jesús ha prometido el bien,
en El puedo yo confiar
Habrà de ser mi escudo fiel,
en mi peregrinar

*BENEDICTION

*RESPONSE

"Hallelujah Chorus"

G. F. Handel

Anyone is invited to join the choir in the choir loft to sing the Hallelujah Chorus.

*CHIMING OF THE TRINITY

*POSTLUDE

"Crown Him With Many Crowns"

Anna Laura Page

* Please stand as you are able.

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There is NO KIDSWORSHIP TODAY!! Coloring pages and clipboards available in the narthex.

SERVING TODAY

All who Gather for Worship

9:00 Greeters: Trish & Lillie Rogers, Laura & Annalee Tolbert
11:00 Greeters: Dawn Gustafson, Mike & Nancy Mills, Neal & Emily Price
Acolytes: Noah Ballard & James Cloutier
Crucifer: Jason Ellisor
Nursery: No nursery today. Room 24 is available if needed.
Bread Ministry: Anne Scarboro

ANNOUNCEMENTS – SUNDAY, APRIL 16, 2017

Thank you...Thank you...Thank you....Thank you

2017 Spring Consignment Sale Results – Thank you to all the sale volunteers, and especially the sale committee members, for making our spring consignment sale a success. We could not do it without you. This sale is sponsored by the UMW, but is truly a church-wide project benefiting our church and community.

Total sales: \$12,618

Total volunteer hours: 650

Total of 82 Consignors from our community received \$8515 for the sale of their items.

Estimated money raised for Missions : Over \$4500

The money raised for missions will support 19 ministries at Forest Hill and many more community & global ministries. Some of the community benefactors include Cabarrus County Bible Teaching Association, CVAN, CCM, UMAR, Meals on Wheels, Scouts, Salvation Army, and more.

In addition to the mission money raised, donations from our consignors have stocked our clothing closet with racks of wonderful clothing, coats, shoes, toys and household items.

Mothers from Opportunity House and My Father's house received \$199 in gift certificates to shop for their children.

None of this would have been possible without the support of our church family – thank you again.

This Week – The Church Office will be closed on Monday and Tuesday. There will be no Musical Chairs Chair Aerobics this Tuesday; the Clothing Closet will be closed on Thursday.

The next **UMW Book Club** will meet on Saturday, April 22nd at 8:45 a.m. in the Administration Building. We will be reading "*Remember Dippy*" by Shirley Reva Vernick. This is a novel about a teen who reluctantly spends his summer vacation helping out with his autistic cousin. It is a story about friendship, loyalty, differences, resilience and tolerance. You do not have to be a UMW member to join us. Bring your favorite breakfast food to share. If you have questions, contact Sara Osborne at 704-782-5980 or saramosborne@aol.com.

SAVE THE DATE – April 29 – Southern Gospel vocalist Ivan Parker will be in concert at 6:30 p.m. in the main sanctuary. Doors open at 5:30 p.m. There is no charge for this concert; however, a love offering will be received.

New Acolyte Training/Pizza Party: Friday, May 5, 2017, 5:30-7:30 p.m. – *Acolytes are an important part of the worship service at Forest Hill United Methodist Church. If you would like to learn about becoming an acolyte and are 3rd grade or older, please mark your calendars for an Acolyte Pizza Party and Training, 5:30 – 7:30p.m. Friday, May 5. We'll meet in the Parlor, have pizza, then learn and practice all the acolyte duties. Acolytes are needed for the 11:00 service. For more information contact Kathy Murphy or e-mail kamurphymail@gmail.com.*

POSITIVE PROVISIONS – our next packing date is Thursday, May 4 at 5:00 p.m. in the Youth Center. If you'd like to come early and help set up, come at 4:00!

BRYSON'S RACERS – The annual MDA Muscle Walk will be on Saturday, April 29 at 10 a.m. in Jetton Village in Cornelius. You may sign up to walk, or give a donation at <http://www2.mda.org/goto/BrysonFoster2017>; or mail a check payable to MDA to Bryson's grandparents: Morrison & Betty Honeycutt, 347 Hatley Circle, NE; Concord, NC 28025.

WE WELCOME OUR NEW DIRECTOR OF PRESCHOOL Ashley Hunter. Ashley began this past Monday, and is off to a great start! Special thanks to Pat Smith and Don Rogers for their leadership during our transition time. Summer Camp and Fall Registration are still open – tell your friends and neighbors!

30-HOUR FAMINE On Friday, April 28 through Saturday, April 29, our youth will participate in a 30-hour famine, to raise money for and awareness of world hunger. Please check with one of our youth and see how you can help support them!



Forest Hill United Methodist Church and our friends at Bethpage Presbyterian Church will pack 10,000+ meals to send to hungry people in our world.

Saturday, April 29, 2017 – Forest Hill UMC – Multi-purpose Building
9:00 a.m. – ‘til we’re finished (approx. 2-3 hours)

Sign up online or by calling the church office:
<http://events.stophungernow.org/ForestHillUMC>

Some volunteers needed at 7:30 to help unload the truck and set up.
Please call Pastor Suzanne if you can come early (704-782-1109).

Bible Readings for the Coming Week:

Monday, April 17, 2017: Psalm 118:1-2, 14-24; Exodus 14:10-31; 15:20-21; Colossians 3:5-11
Tuesday, April 18, 2017: Exodus 15:1-18; Colossians 3:12-17
Wednesday, April 19, 2017: Joshua 3:1-17; Matthew 28:1-10
Thursday, April 20, 2017: Psalm 16; Song of Solomon 2:8-15; Colossians 4:2-5
Friday, April 21, 2017: Song of Solomon 5:9-6:3; 1 Corinthians 15:1-11
Saturday, April 22, 2017: Song of Solomon 8:6-7; John 20:11-20

PRAYER CONCERNS – Lord, in your mercy, hear our prayers for: family of Jerry Barringer, Aria Blackburn, Kitty Cline, Greg Faggart, the family of Margaret Goff, Debbie Haynes, Edwin Haynes, family of David Levan, Janette Mann, Mike Tallant, Sandy Tallant, William Tallent, Judy Taylor, Kimberly Teague, Angel Thompson, Dori Thurman, Dorson White, Taylor Whitley, Nora Williams (Names remain on the PRAYER CONCERNS list for three consecutive weeks. Long-term Prayer Concerns are listed in the Newsletter.

Hospital/Urgent Care – Scott Crowell, Barbara Horgan, Alexis Sutorius, Joan Wells

In Sympathy – We extend our sympathy and the strength of our resurrection faith to the family of Margaret Goff, who passed away on April 8, 2017.

OUR STAFF

Senior Pastor.....Rev. Mandy Jones
Associate Pastor Rev. Suzanne E. Dornsmith
Director of Music Justin Snyder
Organist M. L. Marley
Director of Youth and Children’s Ministries Vera Smith
Director of Preschool.....Ashley Hunter
Faith Community Nurse.....Laura Tolbert, RN
Administrative Secretary Connie Moss
Treasurer Don Rogers
Choir Director Emeritus..... Cy Maulden

FOREST HILL RECYCLES!! Please look for the basket as you leave the sanctuary!

