

*Christ is Risen! Alleluia!*



*EASTER SUNDAY  
APRIL 5, 2026*



**RIVERSIDE PARK**  
UNITED METHODIST CHURCH



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*"Empowering others to live life abundantly in Christ."*

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## Announcements

### Serving in Worship Today

#### 9 a.m. Contemporary Service

Nursery Helpers: Kristen & Nicholle Griffiths  
Greeters: Deb Day, Beth Joyner, Miranda Snipes  
Tech Team: Amy Collier, Britt Scott

#### 11 a.m. Traditional Service

Greeters: Shirley Davis, Peggy McCord,  
Carolyn & Bill Sherman  
Tech Team: Michael Bone, Britt Scott  
Ushers: Diane Wells, Niel & Denise Fleming  
Liturgist: David Holladay  
Crucifers: Tessa McCorkle, Wyatt Snipes  
Acolytes: Mariah Cope, Ria McCorkle  
Banner Bearers: Tadd Manning, Bobby Brazell  
Brass Quartet: 1<sup>st</sup> Trumpet: Einar Lopez  
2<sup>nd</sup> Trumpet : Ginger Walker  
1<sup>st</sup> Trombone: Nicholas Batten  
2<sup>nd</sup> Trombone: Justin Coker  
Timpani: Paul Butler

### Easter Cross

Please stop by the front courtyard after worship for family photos by the Easter cross. Feel free to post on our Facebook. #rpumceastercross

### Connect Cards

Please fill out a Connect Card to let us know you are here today. You can find one in the pew pocket or scan here.



### Worship Attendance - March 29, 2026

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| Palm Sunday Combined Service - In Person | 235 |
| Palm Sunday Combined Service - Online    | 13  |
| Total Worship                            | 248 |

### What's Happening This Week?

#### Today:

Worship: 9:00 a.m. & 11:00 a.m.  
Sunday School: 10:00 a.m.  
No Kids Choir Today  
Kids Club: 10:00 a.m.

#### Other Activities:

**The church office will be closed tomorrow, April 6.**  
SPRC Meeting: Tuesday at 6:00 p.m. (Library)  
Tai Chi: Tues. at 10:30 a.m. & Thurs. at 7:00 p.m.  
(Rhames Fellowship Hall)  
Wednesday Night Ministries: Wed. at 5:15 p.m.  
Circle of Hope: Thursday at 11 a.m. (Parlor)  
Mental Health & Wholeness: Friday at 12 p.m.  
Margaret's Memories Box Making: Sat. at 10 a.m.  
(Room 302)

**Free Meals Served Last Week: 120**

# Contemporary Service of Worship

April 5, 2026

9:00 a.m.

## Prelude

*Come Sunday* - Duke Ellington  
Praise Band

*King of Kings* - Hillsong United

## Gather with Song

*Resurrecting* - Elevation Worship

**Welcome! Greet one another in Christ!**

**Scripture Reading:** Psalm 118:14-24

*Because He Lives* - Bill Gaither

## Kid's Message

*We value the gift of generations, so all kids are invited to grab a worship bag (or coloring supplies) and remain in the sanctuary as part of worship. The nursery is open and available for kids four and younger.*

## Announcements

Please fill out a Connect Card located in the pew pocket or online using the QR code on the previous page.

## Resurrection Prayer

## Offer Gifts to God

*\*During the song, you are invited to place an offering in one of the baskets in the aisle.\**  
*Son of Suffering* - Bethel Music

## Proclaim God's Word

Luke 24:1-12  
"Empty isn't Absence."  
Pastor Emily Knight

## Communion

## Final Hymn

*It Was Finished Upon That Cross* - CityAlight Music

## Benediction and Sending

*Oh Happy Day* - Edwin R Hawkins  
Praise Band

# Traditional Service of Worship

April 5, 2026

11:00 a.m.

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## CHIMING OF THE HOUR

PRELUDE:

Peters

*Entrata Festiva*  
Brass Quartet, Timpani, Organ, and Chancel Choir

## WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Please fill out a Connect Card located in the pew pocket.

\*HYMN:

No. 302

*Christ the Lord Is Risen Today*  
Verses 1, 2 (choir only), 3, 4  
Brass Quartet, Timpani, Handbells, Organ, Chancel Choir, and Congregation

## \*CALL TO WORSHIP:

One: No grave, no guilt, no grief, no stone—no, *nothing* can stop the abundant life of Christ

**All: Alleluia! Christ is Risen.**

One: In our homes, in our neighborhoods, in our moments of fear and our places of joy:

**All: Alleluia! Christ is Risen.**

One: For we echo the faith shared long ago—carried and proclaimed from generation to generation:

**All: Alleluia! Christ is Risen.**

One: Christ is Risen Indeed!

**All: Alleluia.**

## \*GLORIA PATRI:

No. 70

**Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost;  
As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be,  
World without end. Amen. Amen.**

## \*RITUAL OF FRIENDSHIP *Let no one be a stranger in the house of God.*

Please take this opportunity to greet those around you

\*HYMN

No. 308

*Thine Be the Glory* (Refrain)

## SCRIPTURE

Psalm 118:14-24

One: The Word of God for the people of God.

**All: Thanks be to God!**

## CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

*We value the gift of generations, so all kids are invited to grab a worship bag (or coloring supplies) and remain in the sanctuary as part of worship. The nursery is open and available for kids 4 and younger.*

ANTHEM:

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*Christ the Lord is Risen Today*  
Chancel Ringers

EASTER PRAYER & 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.**

PRESENTATION OF GOD'S TITHES AND OUR OFFERINGS:

*As forgiven and reconciled people, let us offer ourselves and our gifts to God.*

OFFERTORY:

Harlan

*Lift High the Cross*  
Chancel Choir and Brass Quartet

\*DOXOLOGY:

No. 95

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;  
Praise Him, all creatures here below.  
Praise Him, above ye heavenly hosts.  
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

\*HYMN OF ILLUMINATION:

No. 364

*Because He Lives*

SERMON

Rev. Emily Knight

"Empty isn't Absence."  
Luke 24:1-12

HOLY COMMUNION

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MUSIC DURING COMMUNION

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*Christ Is Risen*  
Chancel Choir

\*HYMN OF DEDICATION:

No. 310

*He Lives*

\*THE BENEDICTION:

\*POSTLUDE:

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*Toccata, Op. 42, No. 5*

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**\*CONGREGATION, PLEASE STAND**

# *Easter Flowers*

The flowers placed in the chancel area for Easter are given by members and friends of Riverside Park UMC to enhance our worship experience and to express their love for someone special during the Easter Season.

## *In Loving Honor of...*

Rick Bible by the Chancel Choir  
Rick Bible by John Larsen  
Bobby and Jennifer Brazell, Tisha Brazell, Kim, Robert, and Sam Moseley by Peggy McCord  
Chuck Coley by Elizabeth Coley  
Kim, Trevor, and Mariah Cope by Scott and Suzanne Brooks-Cope  
Tre Devine by John Larsen  
Family by Karen and Wayne Bailey  
Joye Hampton by Chuck and Julie Pickren  
Jesus by Becky and Tom Morcom  
Pastor Emily Knight by Chuck and Julie Pickren  
Pastor Emily Knight, staff and volunteers by Bonnie & Tom Dudley  
Marie Meraklis by Rachel DeLong  
My Family by JoAnn Stephens  
Our children and grandchildren by Bill and Carolyn Sherman  
Our grandchildren: Hayes, Mars, Charlie, & Henry by Bonnie & Tom Dudley  
My caring daughters, Pam Pearsall and Judy Marks by Emily Rehberg  
Adam & Harley Peckenpaugh's recent marriage by Kent & Missy Peckenpaugh  
Emily Rehberg by Chuck and Julie Pickren  
Brittany Scott by Chuck and Julie Pickren  
Karen Western (Gigi) with love by Anna and Molley  
Karen Western (Mom) with love by Matthew, Kaila, Stuart, Courtney

## *To the Glory of God*

by John and Mary Jane Simpson

*I thank my God every time I remember you.*

Philippians 1:3 (NIV)

*In Hope of Resurrection and Loving Memory of...*

Patricia Bergman by Faith and Warren Jones  
James B. Bibb, her husband by Jennie K. Bibb  
Michael Bibb, her son by Jennie K. Bibb  
Faye Burner and Wendy Myers by Jane and Clark Burner  
Donald Crowell by Kevin and Tami Crowell  
Ginny Davey, her sister by Beth Joyner  
COL and Mrs. Charles Dayhoff Jr., US Army by Alicia Frank  
LTCOL Charles "Hal" Dayhoff III, US Army by Alicia Frank  
SFC Joseph Dorsie US Army by Alicia Frank  
Family & friends who are no longer here but always in her heart by Beth Joyner  
Dot and Tom Fitzpatrick by Chuck and Julie Pickren  
Dan Francabandiero by Chuck and Julie Pickren  
CDR Thomas Frank, US Navy by Alicia Frank  
Helen Gibson, her mother by Beth Joyner  
Lee Steven Harralson, her dad by Beth Harralson  
Claire Henderson, her mother by Sandy Murphy  
Stephen and Betty Hite, loving parents and grandparents by Quinton and Susan White  
My precious daughter, Kathy Hoover by Emily Rehberg  
Marian and Connie Mack Jones by Faith and Warren Jones  
Hazel and Julian Kirkland, Billie Shirah, Woodrow Garner,  
their parents by Rebecca and Woody Garner  
Jennie and Prentice Klicker, her parents by Jennie K. Bibb  
Lyn Lewis by Chuck and Julie Pickren  
Loved Ones by John and Mary Jane Simpson  
Linda McClain and Ashley Lewter by Miranda Snipes  
Mr. and Mrs. L.P. McCord, Mr. and Mrs. R.A. McCord, Mrs. Emma Lewis by Peggy McCord  
Olga and John McCrary by Jane and Clark Burner  
Wilma O'Connell and Jeannie Illges, our sisters, by Bonnie and Tom Dudley  
James Thomas Pickren by Chuck and Julie Pickren  
Lucie and Jack Pickren by Chuck and Julie Pickren  
Our parents - Ralph, Ruth, Charles, and Patricia by Scott and Suzanne Brooks-Cope  
Mary Rector, her mother by Emily Rehberg  
Gordon Rehberg by Chuck and Julie Pickren  
Gordon Rehberg, her loving husband by Emily Rehberg  
David and Diana Snipes by Miranda Snipes  
Susie Starnes by Emily and Ian Charleton  
Alice Starnes by Emily and Ian Charleton  
Judy Stowers by Kevin and Tami Crowell  
Elois Strickland by Kevin and Tami Crowell  
Carolyn Thurman, her sister by Jennie K. Bibb  
Mike and Victoria Varunok by Maria Varunok  
Ronald Waters, Sr. by the Waters Family  
Toni Waters by the Waters Family  
Jennifer and John Wells by Diane Wells  
Arlynn and Mazie White, loving parents and grandparents by Quinton and Susan White

# Welcome to Riverside Park UMC

## WOMEN IN MISSION GROUPS

Thurs., April 9  
Circle of Hope  
11 a.m. - Parlor

Tues., April 14  
Sisters of Service  
6:30 p.m. - Parlor

Wed., April 15  
Circle of Joy & Peace  
11 a.m. - Fellowship Hall

Sign Up Now for the **Men's Breakfast**  
**Dads, bring your kids!**

**The playground will be open.**  
with RPUMC Methodist Men



**Saturday, April 18<sup>th</sup> 9-12**  
**Rhames Fellowship Hall**



## MENTAL HEALTH AND WHOLENESS

*next gathering: April 10<sup>th</sup> @ Noon*  
Monthly conversations in the church office library (2<sup>nd</sup> floor McCord)  
Second Friday of every month

## Margaret's Memories Box Making

**Saturday, April 11**  
**10am-12pm Room #302**

*Help assemble bereavement memory boxes for local hospitals.*

## New STUDY

Dietrich Bonhoeffer's *Life Together* starts Sunday, April 19<sup>th</sup> @6pm (5 Weeks; Fellowship Hall)

REGISTER HERE FOR MORE INFO

## KIDS MINISTRY

Sunday Mornings  
Kids Club @10-10:30  
Kids Choir @ 10:30-11  
Room 402 & 403  
(next to the nursery)  
Bible lessons, games & music for pre-K to 5th grade.

## Wednesday Ministries:

food, clothing & hygiene items

**1,722** free meals served since January 1st

## 6-12<sup>TH</sup> GRADE

SUNDAYS @10AM  
IN THE YOUTH ROOM

## Save The Date

Chancel Choir & Chancel Ringers Concert  
with Mary Holladay & Brenda Scott

May 31, 2026 at 4:00 p.m.  
RPUMC Sanctuary

## Fuel the Mission

Give Online:

[RPUMC.mywell.org](https://RPUMC.mywell.org)  
(Please select ACH transfers for lower processing fees.)  
—or—  
Text "RPUMC" to 40101

**Thank you!**