

**For no stone could keep God at bay,
and no violence could keep God's love from us.
So today we sing, Alleluia!
For somewhere in between our belief and doubt, hope lives.
Christ has died, and Christ has also risen.
Thanks be to God! Amen.**

April 20, 2025

9:00 AM

EASTER SUNDAY

PRAYER OF INTERCESSION

SPECIAL MUSIC: "The Easter Song" Choir

PASTOR PRAYER/LORD'S PRAYER

COMMUNION

ANNOUNCEMENTS

HYMN: "Easter People, Raise Your Voices" (v. 1) UMH #304

BENEDICTION

MUSICAL AMEN

POSTLUDE



everything
[in] between
grief & hope

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ORDER OF WORSHIP

PRELUDE

WELCOME/OPENING WORDS

PASSING OF THE PEACE

OPENING MUSIC: "Lift High the Cross" (v. 1, 3, 4) UMH #159

CALL TO WORSHIP:

Liturgist: My dear friends, we have known grief. We have known loss. We have known the long road, tired and winding. We have whispered prayers on bended knees. We have stared at the sky, empty of stars. But today—

People: today we know hope.

Liturgist: Today we know life.

People: Today we know the sound of Alleluias.

Liturgist: Today we know that death does not have the last word.

People: Today we know that nothing can separate us from the love of God.

Liturgist: It is Easter. May hope find you. And may you know, deep in your bones, that today is a new day.

People: Alleluia! Amen.

HYMN: "He Lives" (v. 1, 3) UMH #310

PRAYER OF CONFESSION:

Pastor: The Gospel of Luke...Peter got up and ran to the tomb.

People: Forgive us, God, when good news lands in our lap and we refuse to believe it. Forgive us, God, when grief and fear crowd out any room in our hearts for hope. Forgive us, God, when we dismiss the stories of others and minimize the voices of our neighbors. In a world that teeters between grief and hope, show us how to be like Peter. Show us how to hold onto hope. Show us how to run toward you. Amen

Pastor: Family and Faith, at first, the disciples didn't believe that Jesus had risen. They stayed locked in an upper room, shaking and afraid. Peter was the only exception. Fortunately, Jesus loves us on our best days and our worst days.

People: God's grace exists for us when we are hopeful and when we're grieving, when we're shouting and when we're silent, when we're full of faith and when we're full of fear. God's grace exists for us on the best days, the worst days, and every day in between. Thanks be to God for this good news. Alleluia! Amen.

SINGING THE PSALTER: Psalm 98 UMH #818

BAPTISM: Lucas Blaes (insert)

NEW TESTAMENT READING: Luke 24:1-12

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

People: Thanks be to God!

HYMN: "O Christ Your Friends were Gathered" (insert)

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

MESSAGE: "Grief and Hope" Rev. Jamie Booth

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

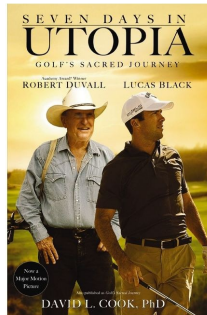
**People: In the dark before dawn,
we believe that God is alive.
In the midst of our grief,
we believe the Spirit is at work.
In the chaos of our broken world,
we believe that love is on the loose.**

ANNOUNCEMENTS

May Fieldtrip– Join us on Tuesday, May 6, when we go to Herberger Theater at 222 E. Monroe Street for Lunch Time Theater. We will see “Gather-round the Campfire” as Storyteller John Abbott brings to the Herberger Stage the adventure of Traditional Storytelling in his classic ghost story of the Old West and with a mysterious Legend set in Old Mexico on the Caribbean Coast in his one act play "Gather-round The Campfire". We will meet at the church at 10:45 am for those who would like to carpool. The show starts at 12:10 pm. Tickets are \$10 each, not including lunch. Lunch can be pre-ordered while purchasing a ticket or you may bring your own meal. All lunches are \$12 and come with bottled water, chips and a cookie. There is a sign-up sheet for this event that includes a lunch box menu. If you would like the office to order your ticket and lunch, please indicate which lunch you want from the menu on the sign-up sheet (Turkey Club, Chicken Salad Sandwich, Pita Hummus Veggie Wrap, Ceasar Salad, or Southwest Salad). Payment needs to be made in the church office by April 30 or if you would like to order your own ticket and meal here is the website. [Gather-round the Campfire - Herberger Theater Center](#) Orders with meals need to be purchased by May 5th through the box office. If you do not preorder the box lunch, it will not be available on the day of the event. We have scholarships available.



Food, Faith, Friends: Please join us for Food, Faith, Friends on Tuesday, May 13, from 11:30-1:00 pm. We will be serving Mexican food, salad and dessert. Suggested donation for the food is \$5.00. There is a sign-up sheet available for this event or contact the church office (480) 946-5301.



May FFF Movie: Please join us for Food, Faith, Friends on Tuesday, May 27 from 11:15-1:30 pm. We will be having pizza, salad, popcorn, and dessert. Please arrive by 11:15 am to get your food and seat so we can start the movie at 11:30 am. We will be showing the movie “Seven Days in Utopia”. After a disastrous debut on the pro circuit, a young golfer (Lucas Black) finds himself unexpectedly stranded in Utopia, Texas and welcomed by an eccentric rancher (Robert Duvall). A suggested donation for food is \$5.00.

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Fellowship: Join us after the worship service in Burgess Hall for refreshments TODAY. We have some delicious snacks for you to enjoy.

Renewal Leave: We talk a lot in church about the gifts God gives us and how important it is to receive them. One of the gifts given to clergy in our United Methodist Church is a time of sabbath leave every six years. I have been appointed clergy since 2017 and have not yet taken advantage of this opportunity. I'm aware that a couple of your former clergy have taken advantage of this opportunity while appointed at SUMC. I've done well to balance the ministry of two congregations and my personal/parenting life over those years, but renewal is needed. Following the Easter service, I will begin three months of sabbath renewal leave. This leave will be from April 21 to July 13, 2025. I feel very blessed to be able to have this opportunity so that I can approach ministry with a renewed vigor upon my return.

I'm not going away: I'm going to focus on resting, reading, and spending time with my family. I will be on campus to drop off and pick up Bryant from the SUMC Daycare. I have arranged six different pastors to cover preaching responsibilities during this time. I will also be creating worship plans for each Sunday. If you have church business or need a visit while I'm on leave, call the church office and Mary or Bucky will ensure your needs are met or you receive a visit.

I am so excited for our continuing work at SUMC and can't wait for the coming years. Love and blessings to you all! Pastor Jamie

The church office will be closed on
Monday, April 21.

O Christ Your Friends were Gathered

Verse 1: O Christ, your friends were gathered together in a room.

They'd heard the women's stories about your empty tomb.

Some talked about Emmaus—they'd seen you breaking bread.

Some claimed that you were risen; some thought you still were dead.

Verse 2: You met your friends and showed them your wounded hands
and side,

For you were Jesus risen and Jesus crucified.

You showed them God had triumphed and God had suffered pain.

And in that intersection, you made them whole again.

Verse 3: You meet us in the places where all seems doomed or lost—

Where people face oppression, where children pay the cost,

Where poor ones cry in hunger, where illness takes its toll:

You meet us, suffering Savior, and make the wounded whole.

Verse 4: O Christ, your resurrection gives hope and life anew.

And yet your wounds and anguish give peace and promise, too.

For you've been there before us! Now send us out to be

a church that bears your suffering and claims your victory.

The Holy Baptism of Lucas Blaes

Pastor: Will you nurture one another in living the faith of the church and include Lucas in your care?

People: **With God's help we will live the gospel of Jesus Christ. We will embody faith, hope and love so that Lucas will grow up to trust God and live Love's service in the world.**

We will pray for him on his journey of discipleship among us.

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

People: **We are not alone,
we live in God's world.**

We believe in God:

**who has created and is creating,
who has come in Jesus,
the Word made flesh,
to reconcile and make new,
who works in us and others by the Spirit.**

We trust in God.

We are called to be the Church: to celebrate God's presence,

to live with respect in Creation,

to love and serve others,

to seek justice and resist evil,

**to proclaim Jesus, crucified and risen,
our judge and our hope.**

**In life, in death, in life beyond death,
God is with us.**

We are not alone.

Thanks be to God.