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| *HYMN OF RESPONSE | Easter People, Raise Your Voices | UMH #304 |
| *BENEDICTION | | |
| *CHORAL BENEDICTION | <i>The Lord Bless You and Keep You</i> | John Rutter |
| *POSTLUDE | <i>Christ Arose</i> | arr. B.C. Dockery |

WORSHIP TODAY

The lovely flowers are given:

"To the glory of God and in celebration of our oldest granddaughter, Rachel Catoe's, sixteenth birthday by David & Maria Anderson."

"Given to the Glory of God and in Praise - He is Risen!! And in celebration of our wedding anniversary on April 3."
- Resel and John Bourne

Preacher – Bishop Leonard E. Fairley

Crucifer – Melissa Majewski

Acolyte – Caleb Thompson

Lay Reader – Connie Parker-Gatti

MUSIC & WORSHIP ARTS

Chancel Choir; Joey Rothfuss, organist;
Leaps of Faith dancers

Guest Musicians:

Michael Calamas - Timpani
Samantha Grover - Trombone
Cody Hebert - French Horn

Kevin Herbert - Trumpet
Ronald Johnson - Trumpet
Kyle Wisnewski - Tuba

Please don't forget to turn off or mute electronic devices before you enter for worship. Thank you.

Christ is risen! Hallelujah!

We wish you a Happy Easter!

We welcome guests today and invite you to be a part of the worship, study, service, and fellowship of our church family.

ANNOUNCEMENTS: APRIL 5, 2026

- **The new Easter banner** is given in honor of Reverend Stephen Taylor and his 70th birthday from his family.

- **Easter Wiggle Bags!** We have special Worship Wiggle Bags for Easter today. These bags are for our younger worshippers to keep their hands engaged during worship time. Today the bags are for you to take home and have the kids share with family what this Easter thing is about. Happy Easter!!

- **Easter Lilies** - The Easter lilies in the sanctuary are available for members to take home on a first come, first serve basis following the 9am worship service on Easter morning.



- **The Wilson Circle Book Club** meets on Tuesday, April 14, 2026 at 1:30 pm in the Fellowship Hall. We will be discussing the book, *The Happiest Man on Earth: The Beautiful Life of an Auschwitz Survivor* by Eddie Jaku. Jaku's powerful memoir as a Holocaust survivor pays tribute to those lost while offering inspiring wisdom on living one's best possible life despite the most horrible circumstances. He was a teenager when Nazi soldiers sent him to a concentration camp with thousands of other Jews. He spent seven years in Buchenwald and then Auschwitz and finally endured a forced death march during the Third Reich's final days. Jaku somehow found the will to survive and promised himself he would smile every day in gratitude and to honor the six million Jews murdered by Hitler.

There are 2 copies of the book in the UWF collection in the Church Library, 5 regular print copies and 2 Audio ebooks in the Lexington Public Library, 2 regular print copies in the Richland Public Library, and an Audio ebook through Hoopla at the Richland Public Library. You do not need to be a member of the Wilson Circle to participate in the Book Club. All are welcome to join us. If you have questions, please contact Harriet Simpson at 803-530-5060 or Becky Dixon at 803-361-5046.

* Please stand as you are able. Assistive hearing devices are available from the ushers.
NURSERY available in the Family Ministry Center: exit the hallway at the front right of the Sanctuary and take elevators to lower level.

UMH - The United Methodist Hymnal
TFWS - The Faith We Sing Hymnal
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- **The May newsletter deadline** is Wednesday, April 15. If you have an article, story or announcement you would like included in this upcoming newsletter, please send it to Amy at amy@unionirmo.org.

- **Confirmation Sunday!** - April 26 - ONE Worship Service - Plan to be here at 10am for ONE Worship Service to celebrate our youth who will be confirmed into the church. Sunday School will be at 9am. New this year - church-wide luncheon at 11:30am in the FMC Gym following worship. Keep an eye out for more details!

- **Shower of Hope Flyers & Posters are now available!** - Please stop by the narthex and grab a handful of posters or flyers to place and share everywhere you can think of. This Community Resource Expo on May 2 from 10am-1pm will be an excellent event for all new and growing families in our community, and we need your help to get the word out!

- **Graduation Sunday: May 17** - If you are graduating from High School this year and have not received communications regarding Grad Sunday, please contact Thomas as soon as possible at thomas@unionirmo.org.

If you are a college grad and would like to be recognized in the bulletin, please send the following info to Thomas at thomas@unionirmo.org: the name of the institution from which you are graduating, the diploma/degree earned, your following plans.



- **Vacation Bible School is coming!!** - June 15-18 - And we are moving to mornings! - 9-11:15am - We need your help this summer in crafts, small group guide, recreation, nursery, traffic, and more. We will be accepting registrations based on our volunteer team so please help us by volunteering early and bringing your friends. All volunteers must be safe sanctuary screened and we will be offering times as we near the summer. Sign up today! - Volunteer QR code on the right and Kid QR code on the left!

- **The Endowment Committee** is excited to share that \$15,000 is available this year for missions and projects. This blessing reflects the generosity of those who have given through bequests, in memory of loved ones, and by those who share a vision for sustaining Union UMC's ministries for generations to come.

We ask that you prayerfully consider how these funds will be used and be open to opportunities to serve, grow, and make a meaningful impact in our church and community. If the Holy Spirit is moving you to begin a ministry or mission, please apply for funding to make it happen. Applications can be found online at our church website under endowment.

- **PEP! Trip: Washington, DC** – America's 250th Celebration - IMPORTANT INFORMATION- For those that desire to go on the Washington, DC Grand Tour, **September 2-6**, please secure your seat NOW and get your reservation number *You may cancel up to August 2 for a full refund including insurance.* Deposit of \$350.00 plus the cost of insurance is due 7-10 days after reservation is made.

Contact Christian Tours, 800-476-3900 right away, to secure your seat. Make sure you tell the reservationist you are PART OF UNION UNITED METHODIST CHURCH. Do not be concerned if you are told there is a wait list. That is a good thing, request to be put on the wait list. Mail your check to Christian Tours P.O. Box 890, Newton, NC 28658. Write your reservation number on the check. For booking now you earn a 2% discount which will expire. Please let Faye Bailey know when you have reserved your seat. Faye Bailey 803-331-4349 or fayebailey424@gmail.com.

JOY CLASS SPRING GARAGE SALE

SATURDAY, April 25, 2026

TIME: 8AM - 1PM

Union members and friends, we need your unwanted treasures!



Including: clothes, shoes, toys, bicycles, furniture, crafts, housewares, linens, CDs, books, jewelry, sporting goods, hardware, hand tools, and baby items.

WORKING: Appliances, power tools, lawnmowers, tillers, blowers, chainsaws, outdoor items.

Please: No TVs, monitors, armoires, large office or house furniture, mattresses, box springs, high chairs, cribs, baby beds, car seats, swings, playpens, encyclopedias, magazines, video or cassette tapes, non-working, soiled, ripped, worn or damaged items.

Your dropping off items during garage sale week is very helpful and appreciated. Please note change: No pick ups or drop offs on Friday, April 24.

Donation pickups and drop offs begin Monday, April 20, through Thursday, April 23, from 9am to 6pm.

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To schedule a pickup, or if you have any questions, please text (preferred) or call **Charles Ayer at 803-447-0212**, as soon as possible during the coming days.

Thank you for your continued support.

Please join the NIKKI CIRCLE

April 19th - 12-1:30PM
Picnic lunch and fellowship

Young Ladies Circle for ages 4 through 5th grade
Devotions, fellowship and fun

Pack a lunch and meet us on the playground

More info text Carolyn Nicholson
704-502-8348



Congregational Concerns

If you have a prayer concern, please write the information below and place it in the offering basket. You may also fill out the Prayer Request form on our website or you can email it to: Prayers@UnionIrmO.org.

Share with:

Pastors

Prayer Team

Prayer Requests...

Name (optional)