

Prelude "Improvisation on DIADEMATA" arr. Robert J. Hughes

Welcome and Announcements Rev. H. Neely Gaston, D. D.

Call to Worship Second Sunday After Easter (calvin.edu)

Mighty God, by your power you raised your Son, our Lord Jesus, from death;  
**by his glorious resurrection, you proved him victor over death;**  
and you assured all of us, who acknowledge him as Savior and Lord, that we do not need to fear death.

**With grateful hearts we welcome another Sunday,**  
joyously repeating the ancient Christian greeting: "Christ is risen!"  
**"He is risen indeed!"**

\*Hymn 295 "Crown Him with Many Crowns" DIADEMATA  
[Introduction by Jerry Westenkuehler]

\*Invocation

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 debts, as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For Thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

Hymn 17 "Praise the Lord! Ye Heavens Adore Him" FABEN

Psalter Reading Psalm 111 (*Trinity Hymnal*, page 826)

Apostles' Creed

I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth; and in Jesus Christ His only Son, our Lord Who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary; suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; He descended into hell; and the third day He rose again from the dead; He ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence He shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Ghost, the holy catholic\* Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

\*universal or world-wide

Gloria Patri "Glory Be to the Father" [TH 734] MEINEKE

Children's Sermon

Silent Prayer "Andante" Charles Rinck

Prayer

Offertory "In the Garden" arr. Fred Bock

\*Doxology "Praise God from Whom All Blessing Flow" [TH 731] OLD HUNDREDTH

\*Prayer

Scripture Hebrews 1:1-14 ESV

<sup>1</sup> Long ago, at many times and in many ways, God spoke to our fathers by the prophets, <sup>2</sup> but in these last days he has spoken to us by his Son, whom he appointed the heir of all things, through whom also he created the world. <sup>3</sup> He is the radiance of the glory of God and the exact imprint of his nature, and he upholds the universe by the word of his power. After making purification for sins, he sat down at the right hand of the Majesty on high, <sup>4</sup> having become as much superior to angels as the name he has inherited is more excellent than theirs. <sup>5</sup> For to which of the angels did God ever say, "You are my Son, today I have begotten you"? Or again, "I will be to him a father, and he shall be to me a son"? <sup>6</sup> And again, when he brings the firstborn into the world, he says, "Let all God's angels worship him." <sup>7</sup> Of the angels he says, "He makes his angels winds, and his ministers a flame of fire." <sup>8</sup> But of the Son he says, "Your throne, O God, is forever and ever, the scepter of uprightness is the scepter of your kingdom. <sup>9</sup> You have loved righteousness and hated wickedness; therefore God, your God, has anointed you with the oil of gladness beyond your companions." <sup>10</sup> And, "You, Lord, laid the foundation of the earth in the beginning, and the heavens are the work of your hands; <sup>11</sup> they will perish, but you remain; they will all wear out like a garment, <sup>12</sup> like a robe you will roll them up, like a garment they will be changed. But you are the same, and your years will have no end." <sup>13</sup> And to which of the angels has he ever said, "Sit at my right hand until I make your enemies a footstool for your feet"? <sup>14</sup> Are they not all ministering spirits sent out to serve for the sake of those who are to inherit salvation?

Sermon "In These Last Days"

Prayer

\*Hymn 310 "Rejoice, the Lord Is King" DARWALL

\*Closing Prayer

\*Benediction

\*Postlude "Crown Him Lord of Lords" Edward Broughton

### Announcements for April 16, 2023

The Session meets today following worship in the Conference Room.

Please note the following changes. The Diaconate will meet Sunday, April 23<sup>rd</sup> and our Women's Ministry will meet Sunday, April 30<sup>th</sup>.

We will not have our fellowship meal or Bible Study on Wednesday. Choir rehearsal at 6:30 p.m.

Easter lilies that are not picked up today will be planted or disposed of.

Due to state testing, we will deliver meals to teachers on Wednesday, May 10<sup>th</sup> as part of Teacher Appreciation. There is a sign-up sheet for volunteers on May 9<sup>th</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup>.

Barry and Robin Dodson are pleased to announce the marriage of their daughter, Lydia Rebekah, to Mr. Richard Wayne Branham of Raeford, North Carolina, on November 22, 2022. They reside at 271 Gable Drive, Raeford, NC 28376. In addition to the marriage, Barry and Robin are pleased to announce that they have gained two additional grandchildren through the marriage, Hunter Cole (age 12) and Hayden Marie (age 10).

The ARP Church is collecting an Easter Offering to support some of the ministries of our denomination. The Easter Offering is for the benefit of: ARP Foundation, Bonclarken, Outreach North America, and World Witness. Please consider giving to these special causes through the month of April.

The York County Choral Society will present Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart's Requiem, KV 626 on Sunday, April 30<sup>th</sup> at 4 p.m. at Unity Presbyterian Church, 303 Tom Hall St., Fort Mill, SC. Tickets: \$20/Adult, \$10/Senior, \$5/Students with ID. Tickets can be purchased at the door or online at [www.yorkcountychoralsociety.org](http://www.yorkcountychoralsociety.org).

Special Offering:  
In Honor of Jerry and Carolyn Locke by Dean Jackson

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Second Sunday of Easter  
Sunday, April 16, 2023



Welcome in the name of Christ to all who gather for worship at Union Associate Reformed Presbyterian Church. As you join us for worship, we hope that you will sense God's presence, be caught up in joyful praise, be challenged by God's Word, and leave strengthened to live for Christ in the world. If you do not have a church home in this community, we encourage you to consider uniting with us in our work and worship.