

Processional "Day of Triumph" Vladimer Rebikoff / arr. George Blake

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

Call to Worship

Hosanna! Blessed is the One who comes in the name of the Lord!

Hosanna! Rejoice for the Lord is in our midst.

He comes with joy and hope.

He comes to set us free from fear.

Hosanna!

Hosanna! Glory to God in the Highest Heaven. AMEN.

*Hymn 237 "Ride On, Ride On in Majesty!" ST. DROSTANE

*Invocation and 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.

Bible Song 50 "The Triumphal Ascension of Christ" YE GATES, LIFT YOUR HEADS

Psalter Reading Psalm 24 (*Trinity Hymnal* pages 791-792)

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 "Ride On, Jesus, Ride" Traditional Spiritual / arr. Gregory Hamilton

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

Prayer

Scripture Acts 1:1-11 (ESV)

¹ In the first book, O Theophilus, I have dealt with all that Jesus began to do and teach, ² until the day when he was taken up, after he had given commands through the Holy Spirit to the apostles whom he had chosen. ³ He presented himself alive to them after his suffering by many proofs, appearing to them during forty days and speaking about the kingdom of God. ⁴ And while staying with them he ordered them not to depart from Jerusalem, but to wait for the promise of the Father, which, he said, "you heard from me; ⁵ for John baptized with water, but you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit not many days from now." ⁶ So when they had come together, they asked him, "Lord, will you at this time restore the kingdom to Israel?" ⁷ He said to them, "It is not for you to know times or seasons that the Father has fixed by his own authority. ⁸ But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you, and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the end of the earth." ⁹ And when he had said these things, as they were looking on, he was lifted up, and a cloud took him out of their sight. ¹⁰ And while they were gazing into heaven as he went, behold, two men stood by them in white robes, ¹¹ and said, "Men of Galilee, why do you stand looking into heaven? This Jesus, who was taken up from you into heaven, will come in the same way as you saw him go into heaven."

Sermon "I Believe"

Prayer

*Hymn 562 "All to Jesus I Surrender" (v 1, 4) SURRENDER

*Closing Prayer

*Benediction

*Postlude "All Glory, Laud, and Honor" arr. Anne Davis

Announcements for April 2, 2023

Holy Week Opportunities:

- April 6 – Maundy Thursday at Edgemoor ARP – 7:00pm – Rev. Gaston will preach
- April 7 – Good Friday Tenebrae at Union ARP – 7:00pm – Rev Bob Elliott will preach
- April 9 – Easter Sunrise worship at Union ARP – 7:00am/Children's Egg Hunt following breakfast
- April 9 – Easter Worship @ Edgemoor ARP – 11:00am

Easter Lilies will be available for placement in the Sanctuary on Sunday, April 9th. Please complete an order form and give it along with your payment to Nancy Bailey. The cost of each plant is \$14.53. All check should be made out to Union ARP Church. Please note Easter Lily in memo line. Twenty plants have been ordered from Bruce's Greenhouse in Blythewood.

Our Women's Ministry will host a covered dish lunch and baby shower for Susan and Wesley Wilder following worship today.

Remember to bring fresh flowers to adorn the cross on the front porch. If fresh flowers are not available, silk will be a good substitute. Some will be available, if needed. After worship, breakfast will be served in the social hall. Those who wish may join with Edgemoor ARP at 11:00 for worship.

We will not have our fellowship meal or Bible Study Wednesday night. The choir will have rehearsal at 7:15 p.m.

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. See insert for additional information.

The York County Choral Society will present Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart's Requiem, KV 626 on Sunday, April 30th 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.

Don't forget to take a look at our Flower Calendar posted on the hall bulletin board. Many of you may have flowers in your yard this spring and summer that would make a beautiful arrangement for the church. You can also pick up fresh flowers at the grocery store.

Upcoming Events

Saturday, April 8, 2023

9:00 a.m. Cleaning Ladies

Sunday, April 9, 2023 Easter

7:00 a.m. – Sunrise Worship Service

Breakfast in Fellowship Hall/Children's Easter Egg Hunt

No Sunday School

11:00 a.m. Worship at Edgemoor

Wednesday April 12, 2023

6:00 p.m. - Fellowship meal, Bible Study, **No Choir Rehearsal**

Thursday, April 13, 2023

6:00-8:00 p.m. – Girl Scouts meet in Fellowship Hall

Saturday, April 15, 2023

8:00-3:00 p.m. Concealed Weapons Class

Birthdays & Anniversaries

April 3 – Sally Rishebarger	April 16 – Jerry & Carolyn Locke
April 6 – Connie Agee	April 28 – Debbie Bennett
April 13 – T. & Sherry Melton	April 30 – Joe & Ann Simpson

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Order of Worship
Sunday, April 2, 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.