

Prelude "How Firm a Foundation" arr. Don Hustad
[See *Trinity Hymnal* number 94 for text]

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

Call to Worship [Hebrews 12:1-2, *NRSV*]

Since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses,
Let us also lay aside every weight, and the sin that clings so closely,
And let us run with perseverance the race that is set before us,
Looking to Jesus, the pioneer and perfecter of our faith.
We come with faith to worship our God.

*Bible Song 93 "Boasting in God" Tune: Unknown

*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 507 "Approach, My Soul, the Mercy Seat" DALEHURST

Psalter Reading Psalm 27 (*Trinity Hymnal*, page 793)

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 "Awake, My Heart, with Gladness" Setting by Rudolf Moser

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

*Prayer

Scripture Hebrews 3:1-6 NIV

¹Therefore, holy brothers and sisters, who share in the heavenly calling, fix your thoughts on Jesus, whom we acknowledge as our apostle and high priest. ² He was faithful to the one who appointed him, just as Moses was faithful in all God's house. ³ Jesus has been found worthy of greater honor than Moses, just as the builder of a house has greater honor than the house itself. ⁴ For every house is built by someone, but God is the builder of everything. ⁵ "Moses was faithful as a servant in all God's house," bearing witness to what would be spoken by God in the future. ⁶ But Christ is faithful as the Son over God's house. And we are his house, if indeed we hold firmly to our confidence and the hope in which we glory.

Sermon "On Being Faithful"

Prayer

*Hymn 188 "Jesus, I Am Resting, Resting" (v. 1, 3, 4) TRANQUILITY

*Prayer

*Benediction

*Postlude "Trumpet Finale" John Stanley / arr. S. Drummond Wolff

Announcements for April 30, 2023

The rosebud on alter is in honor on Emmett Smith's born on March 26, 2023. He is the son of Nathan and Alissa Smith. He has a big sister, Hattie Faye.

Our Women's Ministry meets after worship today in the Fellowship Hall.

Thanks in advance to everyone who signed up to help with our Teacher Appreciation Lunch. You're the best!

Due to all of the events taking place in the church next week, we will not have our fellowship meal or Bible Study. Choir rehearsal at 6:30 p.m.

You are invited to attend a time of prayer commemorating the National Day of Prayer, to be held on the front steps of the church, at Noon, Thursday May 4, 2023. After a brief welcome and call to prayer, all participants will be invited to pray for our community, our county, our state, and our nation.

The adult Sunday School class will meet in the Adult Classroom next Sunday.

Scholarship forms are on the hall table. Please complete and return to David McCain by Sunday, May 28th.

You are invited to a baby shower and tea with the mother-to-be, Danielle Dhokai, on Sunday, May 7, 2023 at 3 p.m. at Union ARP Church. Danielle is the daughter of Pete and Mary Beth Burton and the granddaughter of David and Jane McCain. Danielle is registered at babylist.com.

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 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.

Special Offerings:

- In Memory of Jimmy Starnes by David & Jane McCain, Ginger Sharpe
- In Memory of Levi Gorman by Ginger Sharpe
- In Honor of Daniel Williams by Lisa Williams

April anniversaries:

April 30 – Joe & Ann Simpson

May Birthdays & Anniversaries

May 1 – Libby Gaston	May 23 – Andy & Sandy Bennett
May 8 – Scott & Kathy Rishebarger	May 24 – Ann Simpson
May 10 – Lyn Gaston	May 25 – Reid Carrico
May 10 – Scott Rishebarger	May 26 – Rob Dodson
May 11 – Kathy Rishebarger	May 26 – Pete & Mary Beth Burton
May 14 – Alissa Smith	May 27 – Mark & Debbie Bennett
May 20 – Nancy Bailey	

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Order of Worship
Fourth Sunday of Easter
Sunday, April 30, 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.