

Prelude

“In Praise of God” (The Old 100<sup>th</sup>)

arr. Gayden Sikes

Welcome and Announcements

Rev. H. Neely Gaston, DD

Call to Worship

This is the day the Lord has made.  
***We will rejoice, and be glad in it!***

\*Trinity Hymnal, 604

“Rejoice, Ye Pure in Heart” (v. 1, 3, 4, 6)

MARION

\*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.

Trinity Hymnal, 673

“Cast Your Burden on the Lord” (v. 1, 2, 5)

MERCY

Psalter Reading

Psalm 14 ESV

The fool says in his heart, “There is no God.”  
***They are corrupt, they do abominable deeds; there is none who does good.***  
The Lord looks down from heaven on the children of man, to see if there are any who understand, who seek after God.  
***They have all turned aside; together they have become corrupt; there is none who does good, not even one.***  
Have they no knowledge, all the evildoers who eat up my people as they eat bread and do not call upon the Lord?  
***There they are in great terror, for God is with the generation of the righteous.***  
You would shame the plans of the poor, but the Lord is his refuge.  
***Oh, that salvation for Israel would come out of Zion!***  
When the Lord restores the fortunes of his people,  
***let Jacob rejoice, let Israel be glad.***

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” <sup>[TH 734]</sup>

MEINEKE

Children’s Sermon

Silent Prayer

“Hear Our Prayer, O Lord” <sup>(TH 728)</sup> **(Congregation sings once.)** WHELPTON

“Hear our prayer O Lord, Hear our prayer, O Lord; Incline thine ear to us, and grant us thy peace.”

Prayer

Offertory

“Come, Risen Lord”

arr. Dale Wood

\*Doxology

“Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow” <sup>[TH 731]</sup>

OLD HUNDREDTH

\*Prayer

Scripture

Mark 6:1-12 ESV

<sup>1</sup> He went away from there and came to his hometown, and his disciples followed him. <sup>2</sup> And on the Sabbath he began to teach in the synagogue, and many who heard him were astonished, saying, “Where did this man get these things? What is the wisdom given to him? How are such mighty works done by his hands? <sup>3</sup> Is not this the carpenter, the son of Mary and brother of James and Joses and Judas and Simon? And are not his sisters here with us?” And they took offense at him. <sup>4</sup> And Jesus said to them, “A prophet is not without honor, except in his hometown and among his relatives and in his own household.” <sup>5</sup> And he could do no mighty work there, except that he laid his hands on a few sick people and healed them. <sup>6</sup> And he marveled because of their unbelief. And he went about among the villages teaching. <sup>7</sup> And he called the twelve and began to send them out two by two, and gave them authority over the unclean spirits. <sup>8</sup> He charged them to take nothing for their journey except a staff—no bread, no bag, no money in their belts— <sup>9</sup> but to wear sandals and not put on two tunics.<sup>[a]</sup> <sup>10</sup> And he said to them, “Whenever you enter a house, stay there until you depart from there. <sup>11</sup> And if any place will not receive you and they will not listen to you, when you leave, shake off the dust that is on your feet as a testimony against them.” <sup>12</sup> So they went out and proclaimed that people should repent.

Sermon

“The Rejection”

Prayer

\*Bible Songs, 24

“Total Depravity” (Psalm 14)

FEDERAL STREET

\*Prayer

\*Benediction

\*Postlude

“Give to Our God Immortal Praise”

arr. Wilbur Held

**Announcements May 4, 2025**

Thanks to all of our volunteers for our Teacher Appreciation Lunch. Without your help this event would not be possible.

Deacons meet today following worship in the Fellowship Hall.

The Session and our Women’s Ministry meet May 18<sup>th</sup> following worship.

We are planning an outing to Mission Lake Prayer Garden in Gaston, SC on Saturday, May 24<sup>th</sup>. We plan to meet at the church at 10 AM to carpool. We will eat at Cracker Barrel before going to the Prayer Garden. There is a sign-up sheet on the desk in the hallway.

Please use the following mailing address for the church: Union ARP Church, PO Box 88, Richburg, SC, 29729. This will assure all mail and packages intended for the church arrive promptly.

Special Offerings:  
In Memory of Della McCorkle by Gene & Nancy Bailey, David & Jane McCain  
In Memory of James M. McCrorey and Patsy P. McCrorey by Peggy Anderson McCrorey (Union Cemetery)

*Upcoming Events*

**Wednesday, May 7**

6:30 p.m. - Choir Rehearsal

**Thursday, May 8**

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

**Sunday, May 11 (Mother’s Day)**

10:00 a.m. – Child/Adult Bible Study

11:00 a.m.- Worship

**Monday, May 12**

10:00 a.m. – Leadership Planning Meeting (Conference Room)

**Wednesday May 14**

6:30 p.m. - Choir Rehearsal

**Birthdays & Anniversaries**

May 1 – Libby Gaston	May 20 – Nancy Bailey
May 3 – John Misskelley	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

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Order of Worship  
Sunday, May 4, 2025  
The Second Sunday after Easter



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.