

† Please stand as you are able. The congregation may join in by reciting **the words in bold.**

**Prayer and Attendance Cards:** Please help us take attendance by writing your name on the prayer card (in the buckets) that is most appropriate for you. You may also write a prayer concern.

**Prelude** Ms. Desiree Davis-Omburo  
**Welcome and Announcements** Rev. Adam Benson  
**Chiming the Trinity**

*Moment of Silence*

**Call to Worship—Psalm 16:1-2, 5-11a** Rev. Adam Benson

Protect me, God, because I take refuge in you.

<sup>2</sup> **I say to the Lord, “You are my Lord.**

**Apart from you, I have nothing good.”**

<sup>5</sup> You, Lord, are my portion, my cup;  
**you control my destiny.**

<sup>6</sup> The property lines have fallen beautifully for me;  
**yes, I have a lovely home.**

<sup>7</sup> I will bless the Lord who advises me;  
**even at night I am instructed  
in the depths of my mind.**

<sup>8</sup> I always put the Lord in front of me;  
**I will not stumble because he is on my right side.**

<sup>9</sup> That’s why my heart celebrates and my mood is joyous;  
**yes, my whole body will rest in safety**

<sup>10</sup> **because you won’t abandon my life to the grave;  
you won’t let your faithful follower see the pit.**

<sup>11</sup> You teach me the way of life.

**In your presence is total celebration.**

† **Opening Song** “I Surrender All” **UMH 354**  
*After the song, children ages 0-4 may proceed to the nursery.*

**Glory Moments**

*During this time, we share when we have seen or experienced God’s glory breaking into our lives during the past week. If you have a glory moment, please raise your hand, so a mic can be brought to you. After each glory moment, Leader: and all God’s people said, **People: Glory!***

**Hallelujah!**

**Prayer for Illumination**

**Living God, send your Holy Spirit in the reading of your Word that it may show us the path of life and lead us where you are calling us, where there is fulfillment of joy. Amen.**

**New Testament Reading** Acts 4:32-35  
**Gospel Reading** John 20:19-31

Leader: this is the word of God for us the people of God, **thanks be to God!**

**Prayer of Confession—Feasting on the Word Worship Companion**

**God, you have made known to us the ways of life. Yet, too often we put other things above you and turn away from the ways of life and toward the ways of death. Forgive us, cleanse us from our sin, and guide us back into your presence, so that we may know the fullness of joy, again. Amen.**

*Moment of silent confession*

**Words of Forgiveness—Feasting on the Word**

Friends, God is our refuge and will not abandon us. In Jesus Christ, we are reconciled to God. That is the promise of peace and joy that Christ offers us. Receive it today.

**All: Thanks be to God! Amen.**

**Peace of Christ**

*At this time, you may greet your neighbor with signs of peace.*

**Hymn** “He Lives” **UMH 310**

**Sermon** “Life When Forever Starts Now” Rev. Rachel Randall

**Time of Reflection**

*At this time, you may draw or reflect on the message using the half sheets of paper bulletin insert.*

HOLY COMMUNION

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts. **We lift them up to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

*The hymn of unending praise:*

**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might.**

**Heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest.**

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.

*The mystery of faith:*

Christ has died; Christ is risen; Christ will come again.

†*Receiving the Bread and Cup of Christ*

*Invitation to the Offering*

*The Doxology* (UMH 94)

*Dedicating our gifts to God*

Generous God, you are our portion and our cup. In you our hearts are glad, our souls rejoice, and our bodies rest. Bless and multiply our offerings and pledges that they may bring the joy of your presence more deeply into the world. **Amen.**

†*Closing Hymn*

“Welcome”

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†*Benediction*

Rev. Rachel Randall

†*Chiming the Trinity*

†*Postlude*

#### Announcements:

A **new Sunday School class** with Herb Schwarze and Marie Porter on **“Moses”** by Adam Hamilton is being offered at **9:30 AM on Sundays in Room 1**. The Conference has offered the class 6 books, so join and get a book while they last!  
**Mission Announcement: Parkwood UMC is now in charge of stocking the green bean shelf in the Parktown Food Hub every month!** This is something we can all do. The Parktown Food Hub goes through about 250-300 cans of green beans per month, which is a lot, but if everyone brought 10 cans each month, we would more than exceed that goal. We encourage you all to bring your cans of green beans each month!

**“Coffee with the Pastor”** resumes this Wednesday at Bean Traders @ 9:30-12 AM

**Youth:** the youth will meet next on **Sunday, April 14 @ 5-7 PM.**

Our **Yard Sale and Silent Auction Fundraiser** for PUMC Missions will be on **April 19-20 @ 3-7 PM, 8 AM-2 PM**, respectively. Contact Ann Farmer or Mike Marlowe if you are interested in volunteering or helping in some way.

If you would be interested in **volunteering at Urban Ministries in a jewelry class on Fridays @ 10 AM** please let Pastor Adam know. They need people to hand out supplies, answer questions, clean up, give encouraging words, and create a welcoming atmosphere.

If you are interested in getting more involved or becoming a member, please contact Pastor Adam at [adam.benson@nccumc.org](mailto:adam.benson@nccumc.org).

# Parkwood United Methodist Church April 7, 2024



“Christ Showing Himself to Thomas” Mosaic, by LeCompte, Rowan and Irene LeCompte at Washington National Cathedral

## Life When Forever Starts Now

Sunday, April 7, 2024 • Second Sunday of Easter