

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

You have been given **2 posted notes** in your bulletin for you to write in your prayers and put on the prayer bulletin board during Prayers of the People.

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

Call to Worship—Psalm 4 (CEB) Autumn Boyer

Answer me when I cry out, my righteous God!

Set me free from my troubles! Have mercy on me! Listen to my prayer!

² How long, you people, will my reputation be insulted?

How long will you continue to love what is worthless and go after lies?

³ Know this: the LORD takes personal care of the faithful.

The LORD will hear me when I cry out to him.

⁴ So be afraid, and don't sin! Think hard about it in your bed and weep over it!

⁵ Bring righteous offerings, and trust the LORD!

⁶ Many people say,

“We can't find goodness anywhere. The light of your face has left us, LORD!”

⁷ But you have filled my heart with more joy than when their wheat and wine are everywhere!

⁸ I will lie down and fall asleep in peace because you alone, LORD, let me live in safety.

Young Disciples Time

After young disciples' time, the young disciples may leave for the nursery or return to their seats.

† **Opening Hymn** “Joyful, Joyful We Adore Thee” **UMH 89**

† **Hymn** “Lift High the Cross” **UMH 159**

Prayer for Illumination

Surprising God, you appear to your disciples in the midst of their grief, doubt, and anxiety. Come among us today in the reading of your word and may these words come alive for us today. Like the Roman soldier we say, “Lord, we believe; help my unbelief.” Amen.

New Testament Reading 1 John 3:1-7 Ms. Jan Schwarze
Gospel Reading Luke 24:36b-48

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

Prayer of Confession Autumn Boyer
God of empty tombs, you met your disciples in their fear, doubt, and pain, offering them a new chance at joy, wonder, and resurrection life. The psalmist speaks of trusting in you, while our doubts overwhelm us. Jesus, unlock the doors of our hearts. Meet us in our doubt, fear and frailty. Forgive us where we have strayed. Lead us as your sheep to pastures where we can be filled and renewed. Transform us into Easter people, in the name of the risen Jesus, amen.

Moment of silent confession

Words of Forgiveness Autumn Boyer
Friends, hear this good news: the Lord comes to us also in the midst of our doubts and fears to say, “Peace be with you.” Be free from chains of fear and sin to live in new resurrection joy and life.
We are God's children, whose lives have been changed by the One who loves and forgives us. Thanks be to God!

† **Peace of Christ**

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

Sermon “The Certainty of Doubt” Rev. Adam Benson

Moment of Silence

† **Hymn** “Tis So Sweet to Trust in Jesus” (v.1,3-4) **UMH 462**

Prayers of the People

At this time, the congregation is invited to bring forward a prayer request to post on the Prayer Bulletin Board

Invitation to the Offering

The Doxology (UMH 94)

Dedicating our gifts to God

† **Closing Hymn** “All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name” (v.1-4) **UMH 154**

† **Benediction**

† **Chiming the Trinity**

† **Postlude**

Announcements:

Sign up for Dinner Groups: Dinner groups will be randomly configured of 6-8 people, who will rotate between houses. If it's your night to host, you will provide the main dish. Others can bring an appetizer, a side dish, a salad, or a dessert. OR, the group may decide to go out together to a restaurant. Groups shall commit to meeting twice per month and will continue to meet as a group until each person has hosted. Then, groups will be randomly reconfigured, again. Sign up sheet is on the small white table in the main hallway.

Sign up for the Prayer Walkers Group: Prayer walkers shall meet on a set day and time each week (that works for everyone) to walk with Pastor Adam through the neighborhood 1-2 miles, praying for the people of the homes and businesses on those particular streets. Pastor Adam and the group will choose a new section of the neighborhood to walk each week, until the whole neighborhood has been walked and prayed for. Sign up sheet is on the white table in the main hallway.

Study on Philippians, "Chasing Happy," on Thursdays @ noon: for six Thursdays @ noon in the fellowship hall, starting April 18, Pastor Adam will be leading a study on Paul's letter to the Philippians, where Paul is writing from a jail cell in Rome and mentions "joy" or "rejoice" 15 times in 100 verses. That's a lot of joy for someone locked up in a cell. Join us to discuss how God wants us to find happiness in the midst of life.

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! 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 on **TONIGHT @ 5-7 PM**.

Our **Yard Sale and Silent Auction Fundraiser** for PUMC Missions will be this Friday-Saturday, **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.

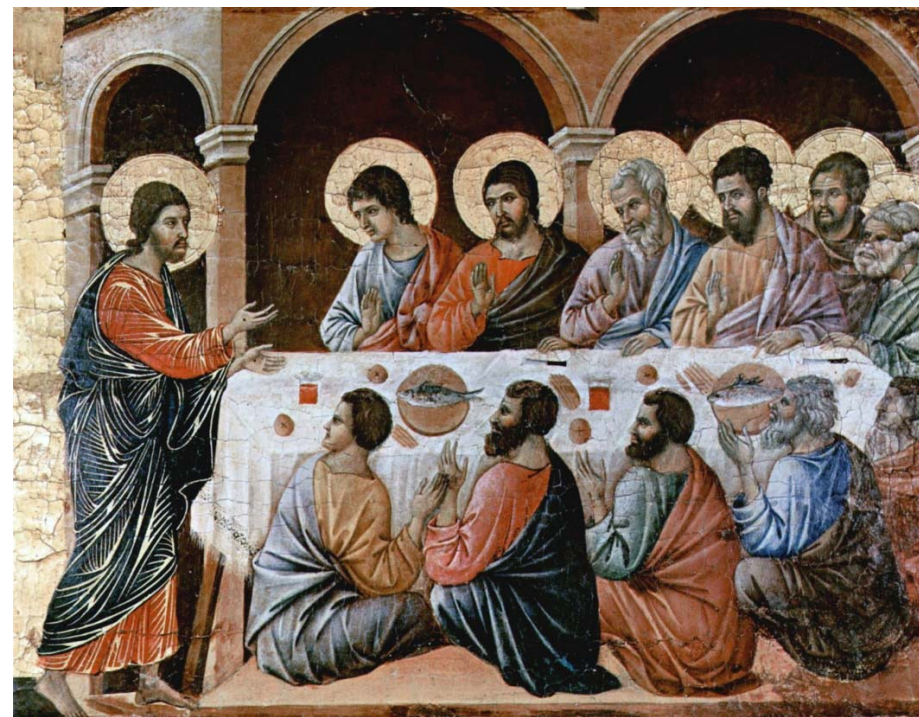
If you are interested in getting more involved or becoming a member, please contact Pastor Adam at adam.benson@nccumc.org.

Total Offering or Gifts given Jan-Mar, 2024: \$33,564.65

Total budgeted for Jan-Mar: \$39,834

Difference between collected offerings and the budget for Jan-Mar: **-\$6,269.35**

Parkwood United Methodist Church April 14, 2024



"Christ Appears to the Disciples After the Resurrection"
Duccio, di Buoninsegna, 1308-1311

The Difference Resurrection Makes

Sunday, April 14, 2024 • Third Sunday of Easter