

† 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

Welcome and Announcements

Chiming the Trinity

Call to Worship—by John Indermark

Coming from places that have seen better days,

God bids us to celebrate this day, a day full of new possibilities.

Coming with our bodies weighed down by stress and our breath taken away by grief, **the Holy Spirit breathes new life within us, renewing our connection with God and with one another.**

We come to worship seeking a hope that will endure,

Christ meets us where we are, unbinds the fetters that hold us in death, and restores us to community for holy service.

Let us worship.

Let us worship the Living God who can raise us to new life.

Opening Prayer—by John Indermark

God of life, present and promised, you are the One to whom we call: for you are the One who hears, and you are the One who acts, bringing us new life with your grace, love and power. Lead us and bring us into your Presence in our time of worship, that we may be strengthened to follow your lead in places where life is at risk and hope seems far away. When we leave these walls, may your teachings live in and through our bodies, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

† ***Opening Hymn*** “This Is a Day of New Beginnings” **UMH 383**

Young Disciples Time

Afterwards, the young disciples may go with volunteers to the nursery or return to their seats.

Prayer for Illumination

Lord, we wait for you. In your Word, we trust. Set our hearts and minds on You and speak to us the words of eternal life. Free us from burdens and

distractions. Give us ears to hear what you wish to say to us today. Amen.

Gospel Reading

John 11:1-7, 17-45

Autumn Boyer

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

Prayer of Confession—Psalm 130 (the Message)

¹⁻² **Help, GOD—I’ve hit rock bottom!**

Master, hear my cry for help!

Listen hard! Open your ears!

Listen to my cries for mercy.

³⁻⁴ **If you, GOD, kept records on wrongdoings,
who would stand a chance?**

**As it turns out, forgiveness is your habit,
and that’s why you’re worshiped.**

⁵⁻⁶ **I pray to GOD—my life a prayer—
and wait for what he’ll say and do.**

**My life’s on the line before God, my Lord,
waiting and watching till morning,
waiting and watching till morning.**

⁷⁻⁸ **O Israel, wait and watch for GOD—
with GOD’s arrival comes love,
with GOD’s arrival comes generous redemption.**

**No doubt about it—he’ll redeem Israel,
buy back Israel from captivity to sin.**

Words of Forgiveness—Feasting on the Word

The Lord who raised Lazarus will give life to you also. From him, we receive our forgiveness and a new start at life. Thanks be to God! In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven.

People: In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven.

All: Glory to God! Amen.

Peace of Christ

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

Hymn

“Now the Green Blade Riseth”

UMH 311

Sermon

“Be Surprised”

Pastor Adam

Prayers of the People

If you have a prayer or a burden you would like have prayed for, you may raise your prayer card up in the air during this time.

Invitation to the Offering
The Doxology on UMH 94

Dedicating our gifts to God—Feasting on the Word Worship Companion

Holy God, giver of life, we thank you for raising us up and joining us together as one people, your people, flesh and bone in the Body of Christ. As you have delivered us from death and into life, use our lives to proclaim the good news of new life in Jesus Christ. **Amen.**

† ***Closing Hymn***

“Hymn of Promise”

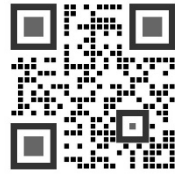
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† ***Benediction***

† ***Chiming the Trinity***

† ***Postlude***

QR Code to Give Online:



Announcements:

Today @ 5-7 PM is the Out of School Bash and Pool Party for youth and parents (and any others!), who are invited to gather at Brenda and Frank Stephans' home @ 2812 Tanglewood Dr., 27705. We will have hot dogs, chili, slaw, and ice cream items to make sundaes. Please RSVP to Pastor Adam if you plan to come and haven't RSVPed already. For all youth, a permission slip needs to be signed and brought.

June 13-15 is Annual Conference for the North Carolina Annual Conference in Greenville, NC. Rosemary, Mike, and I will be gone during that time. Please pray for a fruitful, joyful, and collaborative conference.

June 23-28: Pastor Adam will be the pastor in residence at Camp Chestnut Ridge in Efland, NC. Camp Chestnut is a UMC camp that host a number of summer camps for kids and youth. He will not be at the office and will be staying on site that week.

June 25-27 @ 7-8:30 PM Triangle Grace Lutheran is having a conversation series on human identity which promises to be interesting, engaging, and worthwhile.

Sunday, June 30: 5th Sunday Potluck immediately following worship, and youth will meet that evening @ 5-7 PM at the church.

Parkwood United Methodist Church



“The Raising of Lazarus,” by Rembrandt 1630-1632

Be Surprised

Sunday, June 9, 2024 • 3rd Sunday after Pentecost