

✠ PRESENTING OURSELVES AND OUR GIFTS TO GOD      “Praise God”      UMH 95

**CHILDREN’S MOMENT**

✠ HYMN OF PREPARATION      “Easter People, Raise Your Voices”      UMH 304

✠ SCRIPTURE READING      *John 20:19-31*

SERMON      “Keeping up appearances”      Rev. Sandra Blake

✠ HYMN OF DISCIPLESHIP      “Breathe on Me, Breath of God”      UMH 420

(You are invited to pray at the Communion railing.)

✠ CARRYING THE LIGHT OF CHRIST INTO THE WORLD

✠ BENEDICTION

✠ CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE

Leader: Go now, sent by the one who was sent by God. Walk in the light; testify to the resurrection of Christ; forgive the sins of all, and live at peace with one another. And may God bless you with life forever; May Christ Jesus breathe his Spirit and peace into you; And may the Holy Spirit lead you into the life and light of God.

**People: We go in peace to love and serve the Lord, in the name of Christ. Amen.**

✠POSTLUDE      “Alleluia! Jesus Lives!” L. Lindeman      Nan Leggett, Organist

✠ Please stand if you are able.

*The lovely flowers on the altar are given to the glory of God and  
in loving memory of Sue Jordan.*

*Given by: David Jordan*

**SERVING THIS MORNING**

**Greeters**..... Rob Conway & Tom Leggett  
**Music Director**.....L.A. Cothorn  
**Organist**..... Nan Leggett  
**Pianist**.....Geneva Ashley  
**Altar Committee**.....Sandy Turner, Margie Rabon  
and Elizabeth Gibson

# WHITEVILLE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

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April 27, 2025  
Second Sunday of Easter



**Mission Statement of Whiteville United Methodist Church**

As people of the body of Christ, we will gather for and be strengthened by Word and Sacraments, participate in loving fellowship, grow in discipleship, and serve our community and the world in Christ’s name.

## Welcome to Whiteville United Methodist Church

Thank you for worshiping with us today! We are grateful for your presence and invite you to participate in our worship, program, and ministry life here.

We hope the worship will inspire and comfort you as we hear God's message proclaimed. During this time, now more than ever, may the grace and love of Christ surround you.

### SERVICE OF WORSHIP

**ANNOUNCEMENTS** (Please use a microphone.)

Rob Conway

**PRELUDE** "Jesus Christ Is Risen" setting by W. Held

Nan Leggett, Organist

### LIGHTING OF THE CANDLES

(Symbolizing the presence of the Spirit of the Lord in our service.)

### CHIMING OF THE TRINITY

### WELCOME

#### ✠ RESPONSIVE CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: In the rising of the morning sun, the Holy speaks:

**People: You are my children. Shine!**

Leader: In the greening of the Earth and blooming of creation, the Holy speaks:

**People: You are my children. Grow!**

Leader: In the mountains reaching toward the sky, the Holy speaks:

**People: You are my children. Stand with strength!**

Leader: In the darkness of the winter days, the Holy speaks:

**People: You are my children. Trust!**

Leader: In the presence of the skies that float above us and the assurance of the Earth beneath us  
And with the calm of the Spirit within us, the Holy speaks:

**People: You are my children. Live!**

#### ✠ HYMN OF PRAISE

"Morning Has Broken"

UMH 145

#### ✠ UNISON OPENING PRAYER

Lord of All, in spite of our doubts, may we recognize you in our midst: wounded, bloody, and resurrected. In spite of our doubts, may we know when we come face to face with the love that is greater than all deaths. In spite of our doubts, may we reach out to touch the wounds of the world's pain trusting that when grace and love surround them, they will become part of Christ's resurrected body. And in spite of our doubts, may we live as though we are, too. AMEN.

#### ✠ 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 Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; the third day he rose from the dead, he ascended into heaven, and sitteth at 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 Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.**

#### ✠ GLORIA PATRI

**Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost;  
as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be,  
world without end. Amen. Amen.**

#### ✠ WORDS OF ASSURANCE AND RESPONSE

Leader: We use a lot of words, Gracious God, but do little to turn them into deeds. Instead of being of one heart and soul, we choose sides and form groups of folks just like us. Blessed with great grace, we have trouble sharing it with those who need it the most. Forgive us, God of love. Forgive us, as we step out of our shadows into your light. Restore us, as we reveal our brokenness. Hear us, as we proclaim Jesus Christ as our Lord and our God.

**People: This is the good news we have declare: God leads us out of the shadows to walk in the light of Christ. This is the word we have heard: our faithful God forgives our sins and raises us to new life. Thanks be to God. Amen.**

#### ✠ THE PASSING OF CHRISTIAN PEACE

Piano Selection

#### PASTORAL CONCERNS AND PRAYER

#### OFFERING OURSELVES AND OUR GIFTS TO GOD

"Jesus Paid it All"

Melvin Ezzell – Tenor

L.A. Cothorn – Baritone

D. Scott Ferguson - Piano

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### Welcome to Whiteville United Methodist Church.

Visitors, please complete a Visitor's Card, which can be found in the pew rack, and place it in the offertory basket in the Narthex. We are happy to have you here with us today. Thank you.

United Women in Faith will hold their next meeting Monday, May 5 beginning at 6:00 p.m. in the church parlor.

**Prayer Concerns:** Chalmers Waddell, The Family of Bob Deans, Van Holcomb (Morgan's stepdad), The Family of Robert Page, Sylvia Walters, Debbie Conway, Dick & Janice Simms, Thetus Sessions, Florence Marlowe, Mary Hutchins, Phil Stoll, Wendy Hood, Sabra Allen, Peggy & Ralph Huffman, Dan Biser, Jan Avant.

Prayers of Support for our ongoing ministries: WUMC Preschool & Staff, Scouts, Food Pantry.

**Prayer Requests:** Contact the Church Office at [wumc@whitevilleumc.org](mailto:wumc@whitevilleumc.org) to add or remove names. Names will remain on the list for 4 weeks.

### Ongoing ministries:

**Adult Sunday School:** Meet in parlor @ 9:00 a.m.

**Children's Sunday School (ages 3-12):** Upstairs classroom @ 9:00 a.m.

**Handbell Rehearsals:** Wednesdays @ 6:00 p.m.

**Choir Rehearsals:** Wednesdays @ 7:00 p.m.

**Boy Scouts [ages 11-18]** Mondays @ 7:00 p.m.

**Cub Scouts [ages 6-10]** Tuesdays @ 7:00 p.m.

**Wednesday Morning Bible Study:** @ 9:30 a.m. in the parlor

**Preschool [ages 2-4]** Monday – Friday 8:15-11:30 a.m.

**Fifty-Plus Exercise Class:** Tuesdays & Thursdays 10:00-11:00 a.m. in the parlor

**Food Bank:** distributes food on the 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesdays 9:30-11:00 a.m.

**United Women of Faith:** 1<sup>st</sup> Monday of the month @ 6:00 p.m. in the parlor

**Caregivers Support Group:** 2<sup>nd</sup> Thursday of the month @ 1:00 p.m. in the parlor

**Reaching Out:** 4<sup>th</sup> Tuesday of the month @ 11:30 (support group for widows and widowers)

<i>2025 Church Budget</i>	<i>\$302,140.00</i>
<i>As of 04/20, Needed</i>	<i>\$92,960.00</i>
<i>As of 04/20, Received</i>	<i>\$62,232.00</i>
<i>Needed Each Sunday</i>	<i>\$5,810.00</i>
<i>Received on 04/20</i>	<i>\$1,466.00</i>
<i>Attendance 04/20</i>	<i>57</i>
<i>Online Views</i>	<i>31</i>