

Welcome to Allen Memorial United Methodist Church

First off, there is no announcement more important than to say "Welcome!" We are grateful that you have chosen to worship here this morning. We realize that today is different from a usual worship service. We expect kids to talk, dogs to bark, and other animals to make the noise that animals make. We expect for there to be some commotion, and that's perfectly fine. Be yourself, and have a great time! If you have any questions or needs please see a greeter or member of the staff and we will be glad to help. We look forward to seeing you again next week!

Earth Day Celebration: Today's Earth Day Observance was promoted and planned by the Explorers Sunday School Class of Allen Memorial United Methodist Church. In preparation for this celebration, the class beautified the church grounds by trimming hedges and planting flowers. Pet food and supplies collected today will be delivered to Newton County Animal Control.

Five individuals/families in attendance today will receive nature gifts. Register at the table in front of the steps. Names will be selected during worship today.

Keep Covington/Newton Beautiful donated reusable shopping bags, (please, one per family). Inside each bag you will find literature including a list of 10 actions that will help us save the planet.

Polo Shirts: We are ordering church polo shirts this year for \$25 (extended sizes add \$1) in white, navy blue, black, or green. See order form.

College Study Packs: We are once again collecting supplies to go in student study packs. Common items include: chips, granola bars, mini candy bars, ramen noodles, and similar items. Items must be in by April 30th. We will pack the study bags on May 1st at noon.

Bible Study: If you are interested in participating in an upcoming study on James Harnish's book *Make a Difference: Following Your Passion and Finding Your Place to Serve*, please contact the church office so that we can sign you up.

Graduates: If you have someone in your family that is planning to graduate whether from High School, Tech School or College this spring please let us know. We would like to honor that individual.

Vacation Bible School: VBS will be June 4- 8 this year. We are asking for donations of blue and green plastic table cloths, pool noodles, and balloons to help with decorating. Also we need volunteers who can donate dinner for Monday or Thursday. Please contact Blanka Gresham.

National Day of Prayer: May 3rd: Service will be held at Old Church in Oxford at 6:30 PM. For more info contact Rev. James Roach Jr. at 404-285-4054.

Giving: Remember, you can always give online @ www.allenmemorialumc.org/give

Use QR Code to go to our website



Weekly Scripture Passages:

Day 1 Psalm 9	Day 4 Isaiah 40
Day 2 Colossians 3:16-17	Day 5 1 Chronicles 16:34
Day 3 Psalm 139:13-14	Day 6 Ephesians 2:8-10

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The Worship of God

Fifth Sunday of Easter

"Creation Celebration"

April 29, 2018

CALLING OF THE HOUR

WELCOME / ANNOUNCEMENTS

Rev. Josh Roberts

PRELUDE

Morning Has Broken
Traditional Gaelic Melody

Principal Accompanist

INTROIT

The Earth Is the Lord's
Psalm 24 / Hank Beebe
Piano: Vivian Huang / Flute: Melissa Hervey

Chancel Choir

INVOCATION

Good God, Creator of the world, draw us into prayer and celebration as we gather to remember the gifts of your earth and the stewardship you have entrusted to us as fillers and tenders of your image.
We know that in the gathering of the people, power is present among us, your Holy Spirit stirs and moves and gives us courage to remember that all good gifts come first from you. We praise You for this creation in the words of the Psalmist, sung by our ancestors in faith for generations:
"God speaks: the heavens are made;
God breathes: the stars shine.
God bottles the waters of the sea and stores them in the deep.
All earth, be astounded,
stand in awe of God."
Keep us faithful to this gathering in faith and bless this vine your right hand has planted." Now and forever, Amen.

Led by Richard Henderson

Taken from liturgy materials used on Earth Day 1997 at Seattle University
Provided by Earth Ministry

***HYMN OF PRAISE**

UMH #62

Psalms 104:1; 10-24

All Creatures of Our God and King
stanzas 1, 2, 3, 4 & 7 w/ refrain

(Stanza 1) All creatures of our God and King,
lift up your voice and with us sing,
O praise ye! Alleluia!
O brother sun with golden beam,
O sister moon with silver gleam!
O praise ye! O praise ye! Alleluia! Alleluia!
Alleluia!

(4) Dear mother earth, who day by day
unfoldest blessings on our way,
Alleluia! Alleluia!
The flowers and fruits that in thee grow,
let them God's glory also show!
O praise ye! O praise ye! Alleluia! Alleluia!
Alleluia!

(2) O brother wind, air, clouds, and rain,
by which all creatures ye sustain,
O praise ye! Alleluia!
Thou rising morn, in praise rejoice,
ye lights of evening, find a voice!
O praise ye! O praise ye! Alleluia! Alleluia!
Alleluia!

(7) Let all things their Creator bless,
and worship him in humbleness,
O praise ye! Alleluia!
Praise, praise the Father, praise the Son,
and praise the Spirit, three in One!
O praise ye! O praise ye! Alleluia! Alleluia!
Alleluia!

(3) O sister water, flowing clear,
make music for thy Lord to hear,
Alleluia! Alleluia!
O brother fire who lights the night,
providing warmth, enhancing sight,
O praise ye! O praise ye! Alleluia! Alleluia!
Alleluia!

POEM

Consider Creation
Source: Service from August 1992, "Coming to See"

Jim and Anita Wildman

OUR STEWARDSHIP OF THE EARTH

WORSHIP WITH TITHES AND OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY

All Things Bright and Beautiful
17th Century English Melody

Principal Accompanist

***THE DOXOLOGY**
UMH #95

Praise God, from whom All Blessing Flow

**Praise God, from who all blessings flow;
praise him, all creatures here below;
praise him above, ye heavenly host;
praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

***PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

ANTHEM

The Master Designer
Words by Cindy Ovokaitys / Music by Cindy Berry

Children

SCRIPTURE LESSON

SERMON

What a Wonderful World

***CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE**

UMH #144

This Is My Father's World

**This is my Father's world, and to my listening ears
all nature sings, and round me rings the music of the spheres.
This is my Father's world: I rest me in the thought
of rocks and trees, of skies and seas;
his hand the wonders wrought.**

**This is my Father's world, the birds their carols raise,
The morning light, the lily white, declare their maker's praise.
This is my Father's world: he shines in all that's fair;
in the rustling grass I hear him pass;
he speaks to me everywhere.**

**This is my Father's world. O let me ne'er forget
that though the wrong seems off so strong, God is the ruler yet.
This is my Father's world: why should my heart be sad?
The Lord is King; let the heavens ring!
God reigns; let the earth be glad!**

BLESSING OF ANIMALS

INTRODUCTION

PRAYER

Response: O God, how wonderful are the works of your hands.

PRAYER OF BLESSING

***BENEDICTION**

*Congregation, please stand as you are able

Serving Today

Preacher | Rev. Josh Roberts, Pastor
Musicians | Harriett Jordan, Director of Music Ministries;
Melissa Hervey, Principal Accompanist
Greeters | ADD GREETERS
Sexton | Scott Fullerton

This Week

Today

Confirmation @ 4p

Tuesday

Student Packs Assembly
@12P

Wednesday

Hand bell Choir @6:30p
Chancel Choir @ 7:30 p

Thursday

Restorers @ 9 a

Next Sunday

Sunday School @ 9:45 a
Worship @ 11 a
Confirmation @ 4p