



# WHITEHOUSE UMC

...to love, serve, and share Christ

5<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY OF EASTER  
MAY 2, 2021—9:30 AM

WELCOME

PRELUDE

Dr. Sarah Roberts

ANNOUNCEMENTS

†CALL TO WORSHIP

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Thanks and praise to you, Jesus Christ, King and Lord of all, given the name above every other name;

**Jesus, King and Lord of all, we worship and adore you.**

King of righteousness, King of peace, enthroned at the right hand of Majesty on high;

**Jesus, King and Lord of all, we worship and adore you**

Great high priest, living for ever to intercede for us;

**Jesus, King and Lord of all, we worship and adore you.**

Pioneer of our salvation, you bring us to glory through your death and resurrection;

**Jesus, King and Lord of all, we worship and adore you.**

Every knee bows to you; every tongue confesses, you are King of kings and Lord of Lords, to the glory of God the Father.

†OPENING PRAYER

†HYMN

Rejoice, the Lord is King

UMH 715

<i>Rejoice, the Lord is King!</i>	<i>Jesus the Savior reigns,</i>	<i>His kingdom cannot fail;</i>	<i>Rejoice in glorious hope!</i>
<i>Your Lord and King adore;</i>	<i>the God of truth and love;</i>	<i>he rules o'er earth and heaven;</i>	<i>Jesus the judge shall come,</i>
<i>mortals give thanks and sing,</i>	<i>when he had purged our stains,</i>	<i>the keys of earth and hell</i>	<i>and take his servants up</i>
<i>and triumph ever more.</i>	<i>he took his seat above.</i>	<i>are to our Jesus given.</i>	<i>to their eternal home.</i>
<i>Lift up your heart,</i>	<i>Lift up your heart,</i>	<i>Lift up your heart,</i>	<i>We soon shall hear</i>
<i>lift up your voice;</i>	<i>lift up your voice;</i>	<i>lift up your voice;</i>	<i>th'archangel's voice;</i>
<i>rejoice; again I say, rejoice.</i>	<i>rejoice; again I say, rejoice.</i>	<i>rejoice; again I say, rejoice.</i>	<i>the trump of God shall sound, rejoice!</i>

"Rejoice, the Lord Is King" - words by Charles Wesley; music by John Darwell

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†AFFIRMATION

The 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.**

PASTORAL PRAYER

Rev. Trey Burns

†OFFERING MOMENT & DOXOLOGY

UMH 94

*Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise God, all creatures here below: Alleluia! Alleluia!*

*Praise God, the source of all our gifts! Praise Jesus Christ, whose power uplifts!*

*Praise the Spirit, Holy Spirit! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!*

"Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow" – words by Thomas Ken, adapt. By Gilbert H. Viera;

music from *Geistliche Kirchengesänge*, hamr. by Ralph Vaughan Williams adapt. © 1989 The United Methodist Publishing House

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## †HYMN

## The Battle Hymn of the Republic, vv. 1, 3, 5

UMH 717

*Mine eyes have seen the glory  
of the coming of the Lord;  
he is trampling out the vintage  
where the grapes of wrath are stored;  
he hath loosed the fateful lightning  
of his terrible swift sword;  
his truth is marching on.*

*He has sounded forth the trumpet  
that shall never call retreat;  
he is sifting out the hearts of men  
before the judgment seat;  
O be swift, my soul, to answer him;  
be jubilant my feet!  
Our God is marching on.*

*He is coming like the glory  
of the morning on the wave,  
he is wisdom to the mighty,  
he is honor to the brave;  
so the world shall be his footstool,  
and the soul of wrong his slave.  
Our God is marching on.*

*Glory, glory, hallelujah! Glory, glory, hallelujah! Glory, glory hallelujah! His truth is marching on.*

"The Battle Hymn of the Republic" - words, sts. 1 & 3, Julia Ward Howe, st. 5 anon.; music traditional American campmeeting tune

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## †SCRIPTURE LESSON

## Revelation 19:17-20:10

<sup>17</sup>Then I saw an angel standing in the sun, and with a loud voice he called to all the birds that fly in mid-heaven, 'Come, gather for the great supper of God, <sup>18</sup>to eat the flesh of kings, the flesh of captains, the flesh of the mighty, the flesh of horses and their riders—flesh of all, both free and slave, both small and great.' <sup>19</sup>Then I saw the beast and the kings of the earth with their armies gathered to make war against the rider on the horse and against his army. <sup>20</sup>And the beast was captured, and with it the false prophet who had performed in its presence the signs by which he deceived those who had received the mark of the beast and those who worshipped its image. These two were thrown alive into the lake of fire that burns with sulphur. <sup>21</sup>And the rest were killed by the sword of the rider on the horse, the sword that came from his mouth; and all the birds were gorged with their flesh. <sup>20:1</sup>Then I saw an angel coming down from heaven, holding in his hand the key to the bottomless pit and a great chain. <sup>2</sup>He seized the dragon, that ancient serpent, who is the Devil and Satan, and bound him for a thousand years, <sup>3</sup>and threw him into the pit, and locked and sealed it over him, so that he would deceive the nations no more, until the thousand years were ended. After that he must be let out for a little while. <sup>4</sup>Then I saw thrones, and those seated on them were given authority to judge. I also saw the souls of those who had been beheaded for their testimony to Jesus and for the word of God. They had not worshipped the beast or its image and had not received its mark on their foreheads or their hands. They came to life and reigned with Christ for a thousand years. <sup>5</sup>(The rest of the dead did not come to life until the thousand years were ended.) This is the first resurrection. <sup>6</sup>Blessed and holy are those who share in the first resurrection. Over these the second death has no power, but they will be priests of God and of Christ, and they will reign with him for a thousand years. <sup>7</sup>When the thousand years are ended, Satan will be released from his prison <sup>8</sup>and will come out to deceive the nations at the four corners of the earth, Gog and Magog, in order to gather them for battle; they are as numerous as the sands of the sea. <sup>9</sup>They marched up over the breadth of the earth and surrounded the camp of the saints and the beloved city. And fire came down from heaven and consumed them. <sup>10</sup>And the devil who had deceived them was thrown into the lake of fire and sulphur, where the beast and the false prophet were, and they will be tormented day and night for ever and ever. <sup>11</sup>Then I saw a great white throne and the one who sat on it; the earth and the heaven fled from his presence, and no place was found for them. <sup>12</sup>And I saw the dead, great and small, standing before the throne, and books were opened. Also another book was opened, the book of life. And the dead were judged according to their works, as recorded in the books. <sup>13</sup>And the sea gave up the dead that were in it, Death and Hades gave up the dead that were in them, and all were judged according to what they had done. <sup>14</sup>Then Death and Hades were thrown into the lake of fire. This is the second death, the lake of fire; <sup>15</sup>and anyone whose name was not found written in the book of life was thrown into the lake of fire.

This is the word of God for us, the people of God. **Thanks be to God.**

## SERMON

## Victory in Jesus: Final Victory

Rev. Trey Burns

## THE SERVICE OF HOLY COMMUNION

## INVITATION

Christ our Lord invites to his table all who love him, who earnestly repent of their sin and seek to live in peace with one another. Therefore, let us confess our sin before God and one another.

## PRAYER OF CONFESSION

by Michael Seward (adapted), based on Revelation ch. 21

**Architect and builder of the heavenly city yet to come, look in judgment on the cities of the world,  
where greed forces many to live in squalor and filth;  
where indifference condemns many to live alone and unwanted;  
where lust tempts many to use others callously, thoughtlessly and heartlessly;  
where hate drives many away from loving community.  
Forgive us, O God, for we know we have been a part of this darkness.  
Look in mercy on those who suffer at the hands of their fellows,  
and teach us all that in Christ we can find the power to live generously, compassionately and lovingly,  
that cities of the world may become true reflections of the city of God; for Jesus' sake. Amen.**

*Time of Silent Confession*

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Behold! Fire has come down from heaven and consumed our sins, and Christ has come to make us into new creations! In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven!

**In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven!**

RESPONSE

The Gloria Patri

UMH 70

*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.*

"Glory be to the Father" – words *Lesser Doxology*; music by Charles Meineke

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THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

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.**

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, creator of heaven and earth. You formed us in your image and breathed into us the breath of life. When we turned away, and our love failed, your love remained steadfast. You delivered us from captivity, made covenant to be our sovereign God, brought us to a land flowing with milk and honey, and set before us the way of life.

And so, with your people on earth and all the company of heaven we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest!**

**Blessed is the One who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest!**

Holy are you, and blessed is your Son Jesus Christ. By the baptism of his suffering, death, and resurrection you gave birth to your Church, delivered us from slavery under sin and death, and made with us a new covenant by water and the Spirit.

By your great mercy we have been born anew to a living hope through the resurrection of your Son from the dead and to an inheritance that is imperishable, undefiled, and unfading. Once we were no people, but now we are your people, declaring your wonderful deeds in Christ, who called us out of darkness into his marvelous light. When the Lord Jesus ascended, he promised to be with us always, in the power of your Word and Holy Spirit.

On the night in which he gave himself up for us, he took bread, gave thanks to you, broke the bread, gave it to his disciples, and said: "Take, eat; this is my body which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me."

When the supper was over he took the cup, gave thanks to you, gave it to his disciples, and said: "Drink from this, all of you; this is my blood of the new covenant, poured out for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me."

On the day you raised him from the dead he was recognized by his disciples in the breaking of the bread, and in the power of your Holy Spirit your Church has continued in the breaking of the bread and the sharing of the cup.

And so, in remembrance of these your mighty acts in Jesus Christ, we offer ourselves in praise and thanksgiving as a holy and living sacrifice, in union with Christ's offering for us, as we proclaim the mystery of faith.

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

Pour out your Holy Spirit on us gathered here, and on these gifts of bread and wine. Make them be for us the body and blood of Christ, that we may be for the world the body of Christ, redeemed by his blood.

By your Spirit make us one with Christ, one with each other, and one in ministry to all the world, until Christ comes in final victory, and we feast at his heavenly banquet.

Through your Son Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit in your holy Church,

all honor and glory is yours, almighty Father, now and for ever. **Amen.**

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THE LORD'S PRAYER

**Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name.**

**Thy kingdom come, thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven.**

**Give us this day our daily bread.**

**And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us.**

**And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.**

**For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.**

BREAKING THE BREAD AND GIVING THE CUP

RECEIVING HOLY COMMUNION

PRAYER AFTER RECEIVING

Eternal God, we give you thanks for this holy mystery in which you have given yourself to us. Grant that we may go into the world in the strength of your Spirit, to give ourselves for others, in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

INVITATION TO CHRISTIAN DISCIPLESHIP

†HYMN

1. O day of God draw nigh in beauty and in power; come with thy timeless judgment now to match our present hour.

O Day of God, Draw Night 2. Bring to our troubled minds, uncertain and afraid, the quiet of a steadfast faith, calm of a call obeyed.

UMH 730 3. Bring justice to our land, that all may dwell secure, and finely build for days to come foundations that endure.

4. Bring to our world of strife thy sovereign word of peace, that war may haunt the earth no more, and desolation cease.

5. O day of God draw nigh, as at creation's birth; let there be light again, and set thy judgments on the earth.

"O Day of God, Draw Nigh" - words by R.B.Y. Scott; music from the Genevan Psalter, arr. by William Crotch

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†BENEDCITION

by Cheryl Lawrie

Maybe in this there is a glimpse of the kingdom a foretaste a hint a promise of victory. Let it hold you and let it send you so you will never be at peace until all are fed until all know home until all are free until justice is done until peace is the way until grace is the law until love is the rule until God's realm comes until God's realm comes until God's realm comes....

POSTLUDE

Dr. Sarah Roberts

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

Want to participate in our children's or youth ministries? We can always use more volunteers! Anyone who wants to help share God's love with our students is welcome to join us on Wednesday evenings. If you're interested in serving in this ministry, you can sign up on the board at the Welcome Center, or by using the sign up form Pastor Trey will be sending out sent out.

WUMC is hosting a UM ARMY camp this summer! We'll be welcoming a missions group June 20-26, and we need some help! WUMC will provide at least one dinner for the week, and the camp directors are also looking for homes that teams can go take showers in since the school showers aren't available. If you'd like to volunteer for providing a meal, talk to Pat Lavender. If you'd like to offer your home for showers (or to help out in another way), talk to Pastor Trey.

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