

GREENSBORO UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

Sunday, April 14, 2024 | 3rd Sunday of Easter

Hal Parker, Music Director

Rev. Dr. Ed Sunday-Winters, Pastor

Prelude

solo piano, Hal

Welcome & Announcements

Call to Worship

One: Let us fill our hearts and minds with hope as we hear the Words of Jesus Christ.

All: "Peace be with you."

One: When peace and justice seem uncertain, let us hear anew the Words of Jesus Christ.

All: "Why are you troubled, and why do doubts rise in your minds?"

One: Let us be comforted by the presence of Christ, whose love, and light dwells within us.

All: Let our lives be witnesses of these things.

One: Help us to be instruments of Christ's peace to all in need of God's healing love.

Opening Prayer

***Gloria Patri #36**

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

***Hymn: #202 (Songs of Spirit)**

When I Survey the Wondrous Cross

Scripture

Luke 24:36-48

Shelly Jungwirth

Anthem

Sermon

Touching Jesus

Rev. Ed Sunday-Winters

A Time of Silence

Offertory

***Doxology**

*Praise God from whom all blessings flow; Praise God, all creatures here below;
Praise God for all that love has done; Creator, Christ, and Spirit, One. Amen.*

** Those who are able, please stand.*

***Unison Prayer of Dedication**

Let us remember that weeping may endure for a night, but joy comes early in the morning. May these gifts of blessing be a sign of the love, light, and glory of our redeeming God who has created a world of abundance with all that we need. May we remain thankful witnesses to your generosity, O God, as we dedicate these offerings to you and your beloved creation. Amen.

***Hymn: #209 (Songs of Spirit)**

Alleluia! The Strife is O'er

Prayers of the People and 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 debts,
as we forgive our debtors.
And lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom,
and the power, and the glory,
forever.

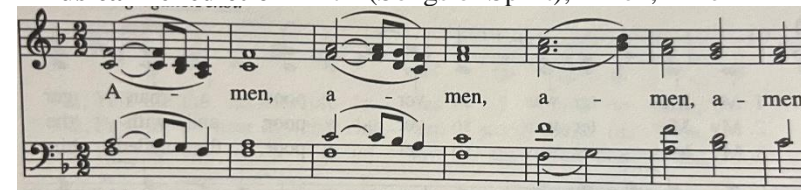


***Hymn: #204 (Songs of Spirit)**

Come, You Faithful, Raise the Strain

***Benediction**

***Musical Benediction #174 (Songs of Spirit), Amen, Amen**



Postlude

solo organ, Hal

Our Church's Wider Mission: As we support Our Church's Wider Mission, we lift up the work of Academias Discípulos de Cristo (Disciples in Puerto Rico) including their evangelistic and educational efforts through five schools in Bayamón, Hato Tejas, Toa Baja, Manatí, and Vega Alta. The interest of the schools is to affirm the importance of spiritual formation and educational experiences for the development of Puerto Rican families and congregations, integrate chapels and retreats, sports teams, science and math clubs, and arts, which result in a high college admissions rate that makes them a good option for education. This year, our central offices began an initiative to unite the five senior classes and provide them with a spiritual retreat as a spiritual mark on their transition to college. All of this is possible through the amazing work of administration, faculty, chaplains, parents, and the integration with the church.

PARISH NEWS:

COFFEE HOUR: Please join us after Sunday service for refreshments in Fellowship Hall.

Poetry and Prose for Peace: Rural Arts would like to invite you to attend our free workshops. In this three-part series, two renowned authors, Peter Gould and Sean Prentiss, are guiding our community through a creative exploration of peace reflected in nature, humanity, and action. Through writing, storytelling, and listening to each other, we can learn about the perspectives and experiences of our global and local neighbors in an attempt to answer the question "What is peace?". Sean and Peter Gould will co-lead the final workshop, on April 20. Link to register is in the weekly email newsletter, or email greensborochurch@gmail.com to get a link!

Book Discussion: A Little Liar by Mitch Albom. This discussion will only be one meeting on Tuesday, May 14. Please join us at 7PM in the church Library.

Peace Vigil: Thursdays at 5pm at the Hardwick Peace Park. We are horrified by the violence on both sides. Join us in calling for an end to the bloodshed.

GUCC Directory: Have an edit? Send it to greensborochurchedirectory@gmail.com!

FELLOWSHIP HALL CLASS SCHEDULE:

- ☉ Bone Builders: Mon & Wed 10-11 am
- ☉ Global Campus: Tuesdays, 12-3pm
- ☉ TaiChi: Thurs, 9:15-10:30, 10:30-11:30 am
- ☉ Pilates: Tue & Thurs 4-5 pm

Pleasants Fund Meeting: Tuesday, April 16, 11-12, Library

Parents Group: Wednesday, April 10, 11-1, Classroom

Poetry and Prose Writing Workshop: Saturday, April 20, FH

Next Week's Lectionary: Acts 4:5-12 Psalm 23 1 John 3:16-24 John 10:11-18

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To Our Visitors

*If you are new among us, welcome!
Whoever you are, wherever you are on
life's journey, you are welcome here.
You are invited to become a part of our life together.
Our goal is to be a loving and caring church,
and we hope you feel this
Please help us to know you by introducing yourself,
filling out a green pew card, and joining us in
fellowship following the service
May you go forth refreshed by the Spirit here.*

Our Mission: To love as Jesus loved, caring for others and joyfully serving God, our community and our world.

Worship During COVID: Masking is now optional

- Stay home if you are ill (even a little)
- Distance from others around you