



The Messenger

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Easter in the air, on the air, on the ground, at the table

Sunday was a tall day at Laurel Heights. Easter began four stories up on the church's rooftop with a sunrise service at which we declared the good news before a glimmer of sunrise: Christ is risen!

All day long an online Easter service <https://www.laurelheights.org/online-worship/> featured a group from the Laurel Heights chancel choir in full voice singing the Hallelujah Chorus from Handel's *Messiah*. Muriel Manchester offered a stirring witness of hope, and Geoffrey and Aubrey worked in tandem to bring spectacular visual and musical vibrancy to the Widor Toccata.



At 11 in the morning we gathered on the church's lawn to sing together in person as a congregation for the first time in over a year, meaning in a very special way the words we sang: *Christ the Lord is risen today, Alleluia!*

In the afternoon we shared an Easter feast of Holy Communion, retelling the Emmaus story from Luke 24. The risen Christ, the guest of two oblivious disciples, took bread, blessed it, broke it, and gave it to them. In that moment, in that sharing, they recognized him. And on Sunday afternoon, following a tall day of raising our joys and triumphs high, so did we.

Martin Marty once observed that worship can be summed up in a single word: *gratitude*. Nothing in my recent experience has reminded me so much of the truth of his insight as the observance of Easter 2021 with the people of Laurel Heights United Methodist Church—on the roof, on the lawn, at the table, and online. For such a marvelous day, and the promise of all that is yet to be, I am grateful; we are grateful. Let's meet again next Sunday!

Grace and peace.

Sunday April 11 on Rowe Plaza at 11 am
Bring your lawn chair, if able

Sunday April 18 in the sanctuary at 11 am
by reservation at 210-733-7156 or click on

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/8050c49afad23a64-lhumc1>

Sunday April 25 in the sanctuary at 11 am
by reservation at 210-733-7156 or click on

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and selected Sunday school classes
will gather in the church this day



Wednesday Prayer Gathering

April 7

from 6:30-7:00 p.m.

Though scattered, we are gathered in prayer in the name of the One from whose love nothing can separate us.

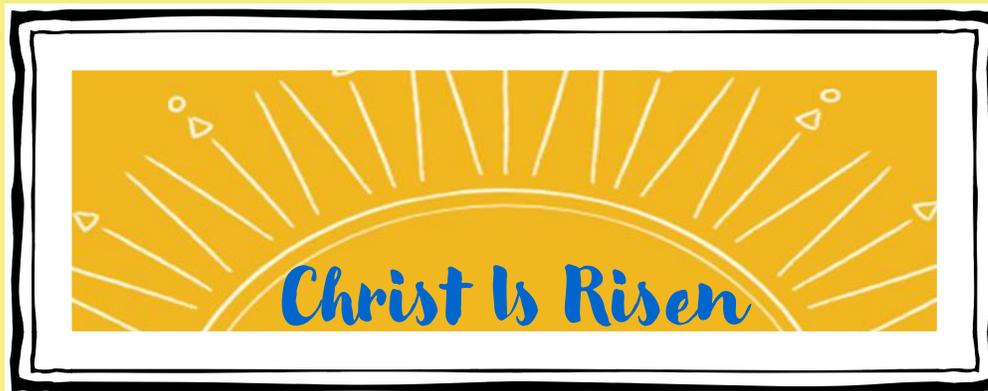


*A time to
to pray for one another
and the world...*

Click on this link: <https://www.zoom.us/j/130214408>

OR

Call (346) 248-7799, and when prompted,
enter the Meeting ID: 130 214 408



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Come and See



Have you heard Katie Myers share about the joy of being released from sin in the current Come & See video?

Spend 20 minutes in artful worship and reflection, and then make your way to the Come & See Podcast featuring Patrice Law as she shares her story of the new life she found through making amends.

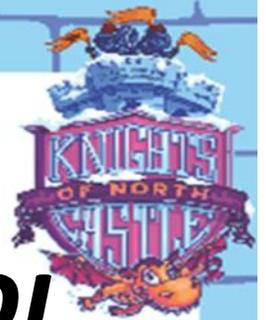
In our upcoming video worship we'll hear from Marisa Parker on the topic of "Rest." Marisa and Katie are among many of our Laurel Heights family who have contributed to this worship experience, and you're invited to share in the fruits of this labor of love.

Rest
Catch the premiere
April 17
6:00 PM

SAVE the DATE

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

JULY 12-16



LIMITED REGISTRATION
DETAILS TO FOLLOW!



Be strong in the Lord and in the strength of his power. Ephesians 6:10

Missions Corner

Mission of the Month



The United Methodist Committee on Relief is dedicated to stand with communities in need over the long haul of their recovery until a new normal is established after a crisis. UMCOR responds to disasters that overwhelm a community's ability to recover on its own. Relief is holistic in nature, offering preparedness training, essential relief supplies, long-term support in rebuilding efforts and assisting communities as they adapt.

For an array of ways to give and serve,
please go online to: <https://umcmmission.org/umcor>

There is a special initiative now to help welcome and provide for juvenile migrant travelers. For more information on this, please contact Paul Escamilla, Laura Healy or call the church office.



interfaith
**WELCOME
COALITION**

Interfaith Welcome Coalition (IWC) provides migrant families a food bag to keep them nourished during the long bus rides. Most pass through the San Antonio bus station on their way to their sponsors around the country. The food bags are provided by our volunteers who purchase the supplies, assemble the them, and deliver them to a designated volunteer who brings them to the bus station on their scheduled day. If you would like to gather a group together to provide this loving gift, please contact Dawn Silvius at 210-559-6453 or dawnsilvius@gmail.com.

SUPER ADULTS NEWS

Monday, May 10 – 10 a.m. Book Talk

Have you ever wondered what your life would be like if you had made a different decision at some point? The novel by Matt Haig, *The Midnight Library*, explores that idea. Nora Seed, when she has had enough of an unfulfilling life decides to end it. Instead, she is taken to a library where all the books of her life, and her possible lives are on a vast array of shelves.

There, with the help of the librarian, she explores all the possibilities of lives she might have had. She can go back to any one she truly wants to live.

In the end, her choice is a surprising one. Let's explore what this book might have to say to us.

Join us by zoom. Call Susan, 210-872-8031 if you would like to join us.



Wednesday, May 12

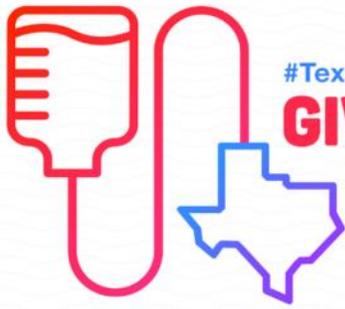
10 a.m. by Zoom

Steering Committee Meeting

Susan will send an invitation. Watch for the email.

Anyone is welcome to join us. Just let Susan know

(210 -872-8031) so she can send you an invitation.



#TexasStrong All Day Long.
GIVE BLOOD

Laurel Heights United Methodist Church



Sunday May 2nd

9a.m. – 2p.m.

Inside the Bloodmobile on Woodlawn Parking Lot

This is by appointment ONLY

https://donor.southtexasblood.org/donor/schedules/drive_schedule/129357

**Click the link above to schedule an appointment or
Call 210-731-5555 to schedule an appt by phone**

Giving to Laurel Heights

Online Gifts: Please visit our website,

<https://www.laurelheights.org/give/>

Text to Give:

Please text "LHUMC" to 73256.

Checks: Please mail to

LHUMC, Attn: Bookkeeper 227 W. Woodlawn, SATX, 78212.

Thank you, Laurel Heights, for your faithfulness in giving.



April 9—April 15

4/12

Ray Boazeman

*We don't want to leave anyone out!
If you have a birthday but don't see your
name on the list, please notify the church
office. It could be that for some reason
we don't have your birthdate in
our database.*

JOYS AND CONCERNS

Healing: Josh Benninger (*Susan Holloway*),
Betty Benson, Judy Davis,
Marvin Gregory (*Carrie Clemens*), Lucien Manchester,
Shelley McMullen, May O'Neal, Richard Parrigan,
Melanie Rudd (*WDS*), Doug Semmes,
Stephen (*Aubrey Reichman*).

God's Presence: for our country, parents, teachers and
students both face to face and remote, those affected by
the COVID-19 virus and their families, as well as for
the caregivers and researchers working to treat those
affected and combat the spread of the disease;
homebound members, the incarcerated,
and women and men in our military.

*Lord, in your mercy,
hear our PRAYER*

You can offer a prayer of gratitude
or concern by emailing prayers@mylhumc.org,
through [Facebook Messenger](#),
or calling the church office
(210) 733-7156.



New Members:

Alexis and Mysti Trainer joined LHUMC on April 4.

Son, Nixon Lee Trainer, was baptized on April 4.

Contact Us

To reach the office staff by phone,
please call (210) 733-7156.

For an appointment with

Yvonne Garcia, RN,

our Wesley Nurse,

please call (210) 272-7921.



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