



# First United Methodist Church Graham, NC

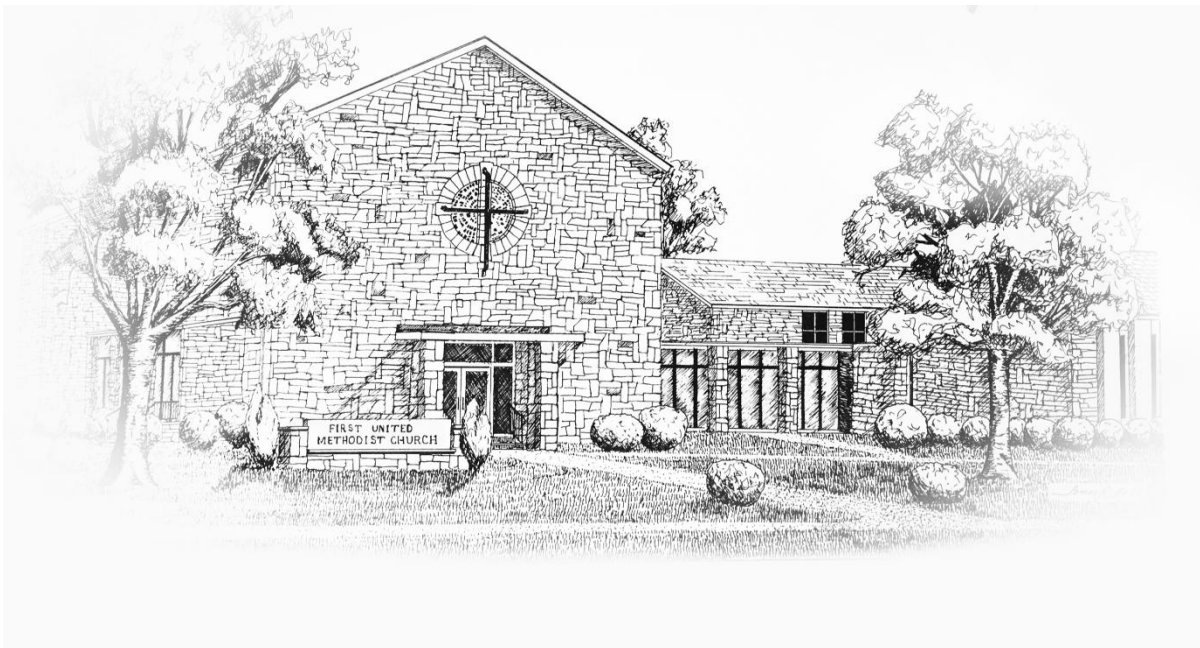
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***Second Sunday of Easter***

***April 12, 2026***



## **Our Mission**

*To make disciples for Jesus Christ through love and service*

## **Our Vision**

*A loving and diverse community meeting the real needs of our neighbors through spirit-filled worship, intergenerational discipleship, and caring service*

# ***Come, Let Us Worship the Lord***

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## ***Gathering***

CHIMING OF THE HOUR

WELCOME

PRELUDE

*My Heart Ever Faithful*

Bach

†CALL TO WORSHIP

Rejoice, for the Lord has called us here.

**We come joyfully, for we have heard the good news that Christ is risen!**

Open your spirits to receive all of God's blessings.

**May God's blessings to us turn our hearts to be a blessing to others.**

Christ the Lord is risen!

**He is risen indeed! Alleluia!**

†OPENING HYMN

*The Day of Resurrection*

(UMH #303)\*

1. The day of resurrection! Earth, tell it out abroad;  
the Passover of gladness, the Passover of God.  
From death to life eternal, from earth unto the sky,  
our Christ hath brought us over, with hymns of victory.
2. Our hearts be pure from evil that we may see aright  
the Lord in rays eternal of resurrection light;  
and listening to his accents, may hear, so calm and plain,  
his own "All hail!" and, hearing, may raise the victor strain.
3. Now let the heavens be joyful! Let earth the song begin!  
Let the round world keep triumph, and all that is therein!  
Let all things seen and unseen their notes in gladness blend,  
for Christ the Lord hath risen, our joy that hath no end.

†SHARING THE PEACE

*Please greet your neighbor and pass the Connect pads to register your attendance.*

# Proclamation

MISSION MOMENT

Miracle Sunday Video

Pastor Duane

## PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

**God of mercy, we no longer look for Jesus among the dead, for he is alive and has become the Lord of life. Increase in our minds and hearts knowledge of the risen life we share with Christ. Help us to grow as your people toward the fullness of eternal life with you.  
Amen.**

## FIRST SCRIPTURE LESSON

[1 Peter 1:3-9](#)

Susan Rayle

<sup>3</sup> May the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ be blessed! On account of his vast mercy, he has given us new birth. You have been born anew into a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead. <sup>4</sup> You have a pure and enduring inheritance that cannot perish—an inheritance that is presently kept safe in heaven for you. <sup>5</sup> Through his faithfulness, you are guarded by God's power so that you can receive the salvation he is ready to reveal in the last time.

<sup>6</sup> You now rejoice in this hope, even if it's necessary for you to be distressed for a short time by various trials. <sup>7</sup> This is necessary so that your faith may be found genuine. (Your faith is more valuable than gold, which will be destroyed even though it is itself tested by fire.) Your genuine faith will result in praise, glory, and honor for you when Jesus Christ is revealed.

<sup>8</sup> Although you've never seen him, you love him. Even though you don't see him now, you trust him and so rejoice with a glorious joy that is too much for words. <sup>9</sup> You are receiving the goal of your faith: your salvation.

## SHARING FAITH WITH ALL GOD'S CHILDREN

Chris Fulkerson

*Childcare is available for children aged 5 and under in Room 121. Red drawstring "Worship Kid Kits" with children's bulletins are available in the entrance area each week for children to use throughout worship.*

## ANTHEM

*O Breath of God (The Risen Christ)*

arr. Shackley

O Breath of God, come fill this place.  
Revive our hearts to know Your grace.  
And from our slumber make us rise,  
that we may know the risen Christ.

O Word of God, so clear and true,  
renew our minds to trust in You.  
And give to us the Bread of Life,  
that we may know the risen Christ.

O Love of God, so unrestrained,  
refresh our souls in Jesus' name.  
Let us reflect Your sacrifice,  
that we may know the risen Christ.

That we may know the risen Christ.  
The risen Christ.

†SECOND SCRIPTURE LESSON      [John 20:19-31](#)

<sup>19</sup> When it was evening on that day, the first day of the week, and the doors of the house where the disciples had met were locked for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said, “Peace be with you.” <sup>20</sup> After he said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord. <sup>21</sup> Jesus said to them again, “Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you.” <sup>22</sup> When he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, “Receive the Holy Spirit. <sup>23</sup> If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained.”

<sup>24</sup> But Thomas (who was called the Twin), one of the twelve, was not with them when Jesus came. <sup>25</sup> So the other disciples told him, “We have seen the Lord.” But he said to them, “Unless I see the mark of the nails in his hands, and put my finger in the mark of the nails and my hand in his side, I will not believe.”

<sup>26</sup> A week later his disciples were again in the house, and Thomas was with them. Although the doors were shut, Jesus came and stood among them and said, “Peace be with you.”

<sup>27</sup> Then he said to Thomas, “Put your finger here and see my hands. Reach out your hand and put it in my side. Do not doubt but believe.” <sup>28</sup> Thomas answered him, “My Lord and my God!” <sup>29</sup> Jesus said to him, “Have you believed because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have come to believe.”

<sup>30</sup> Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of his disciples that are not written in this book. <sup>31</sup> But these are written so that you may continue to believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, and that through believing you may have life in his name.

SERMON

Pastor Duane

## ***Response***

OFFERING OUR GIFTS

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

THE LORD’S PRAYER

(UMH #895)\*

**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.**

†AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

(UMH #881)\*

**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

(UMH #71)\*

**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.**

## ***Sending Forth***

RESPOND TO THE WORD

*The altar is always open if you would like to pray. Feel free to stay as long as you desire. If people remain in prayer after the dismissal, those who must leave are asked to move quietly and reverently toward the back of the sanctuary.*

†CLOSING HYMN

*He Lives*

(UMH #310)\*

1. I serve a risen Savior, he's in the world today;  
I know that he is living, whatever foes may say.  
I see his hand of mercy, I hear his voice of cheer,  
and just the time I need him, he's always near.  
He lives (he lives) he lives, (he lives)  
Christ Jesus lives today!

He walks with me and talks with me  
along life's narrow way.

He lives, (he lives) he lives, (he lives)  
salvation to impart!

You ask me how I know he lives?

He lives within my heart.

2. In all the world around me I see his loving care,  
and though my heart grows weary, I never will despair.  
I know that he is leading through all the stormy blast;  
the day of his appearing will come at last.

He lives (he lives) he lives, (he lives)

Christ Jesus lives today!

He walks with me and talks with me  
along life's narrow way.

He lives, (he lives) he lives, (he lives)  
salvation to impart!

You ask me how I know he lives?

He lives within my heart.

3. Rejoice, rejoice, O Christian, lift up your voice and sing  
eternal hallelujahs to Jesus Christ the King!

The hope of all who seek him, the help of all who find;  
none other is so loving, so good and kind.

He lives (he lives) he lives, (he lives)

Christ Jesus lives today!

He walks with me and talks with me  
along life's narrow way.

He lives, (he lives) he lives, (he lives)  
salvation to impart!

You ask me how I know he lives?

He lives within my heart.

†THE BLESSING

†CHORAL RESPONSE (Choir and Congregation)

(UMH #898)\*

**Amen, amen, amen.**

†CHIMING OF THE TRINITY

†POSTLUDE

*Thine Is the Glory*

Handel

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†*Please stand if you are able.*  
\**Songbooks are located in pew rack.*