

# Sedge Garden

## UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

Traditional Worship Service

April 20, 2025

10:55 a.m.

Easter Sunday

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Prelude *Alleluia! (based in "Jesus Christ Is Risen Today")* Sandresky

\*\*Chiming of the Hour

Introit *Because He Lives* Gaither/arr. Hayes

\*\*Call to Worship

~ Adapted from Lent to Easter liturgies: Year C.

by Ann Siddall

Stillpoint Spirituality Centre

<http://stillpoint.unitingchurchsa.org.au/>

One: We are not eyewitnesses to an event, as were Mary and the disciples; we have not journeyed through a dangerous city to seek answers or consolation.

**ALL: We have not seen angels gathering at the rim of this day or wept in the garden this morning because we could not find Him.**

One: But we are here to attest to a story that has not lost its power during twenty centuries of change and conflict.

**ALL: We are here because those before us carried this story as if it were precious gold and cherished it as if it were the key to hidden wisdom.**

One: Sisters and brothers in Christ, take your places here today in celebration and in awe. What you are about to hear again has the capacity to change the world.

**ALL: Our very presence attests to the rising up of life from the tomb of despair and to the uncontrollable power of God.**

One: It is Easter morning again, and we will celebrate! Christ is risen!

**ALL: He has risen indeed!**

\*\*Hymn No. 302 vs. 1-4 *Christ the Lord Is Risen Today* EASTER HYMN

Welcome and Announcements

\*\*Affirmation of Faith The Apostle's Creed, Traditional Version UMH 881

\*\*Gloria Patri UMH 71

Life at Sedge Garden

Garden Kids Moment

Amanda Better

Offering/ Anthem

*Christ Is Risen! Alleluia!*

Hayes

\*\*Doxology

UMH 95

Scripture Reading

John 12:12-19

Sermon

*"Expectations"*

Pastoral Prayer

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.**

\*\*Hymn No. 308

*Thine Be The Glory*

arr. GF Handel

*Hallelujah Chorus (from "The Messiah")*

GF Handel

\*\*Benediction

\*\*Chiming of the Trinity

\*\*Postlude

*Christ Is Alive!*

Hill

April 13, 2025 Attendance

First Fruits 94

Traditional Worship 80

Online 503

Online 690

SGUMC Preschool Fall Registration will continue until all classes are full.

Registration Fee is \$50

Sept 2025 - May 2026

## Today's Worship Leadership

Pastor Keith Edwards

Cindy Darden, Traditional Music Director

Amanda Betters, Director of Youth & Children's Ministries

Mark Chandler, Liturgist

Debby Alexander, Otis Eubanks, Ashley Locklear, Tony Tice, Ushers

Tommy Holder, Jay & Catrin Giles, Tech Team

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## Congregational Care Circle of Concerns

Shirley Ayers

Peggy Conaway

Landon Graham

Denny Holder

Hope McClure

Vince Murphy

Bryan Staley

Mona Terrell

Robin Weavil

... and prayers unspoken.

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*Please join us in praying for our church everyday at 3 p.m.!*



Pastor Keith's upcoming messages:  
April 27 - "The Challenge of Taking the Risk"

Luke 5:1-11

**\*\*New Sermon Series\*\***  
"The Voice: Hearing God in a Noisy World."

May 4 - "What Did You Say, God?"  
Psalm 119:67,71-72

Thank you for joining us for worship this morning. Restrooms are located in the Narthex (front entrance) and through the double doors and on the left at the front of the sanctuary. Please know that there is a Nursery available to children, birth to 2-years-old. There is a diaper changing station in the Narthex, as well as in the nursery. If you have any questions, or need directions, please see one of our Greeters for assistance.

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THE OFFICE  
WILL BE  
CLOSED  
MONDAY,  
APRIL 21ST



**Widows & Widowers**  
**Wednesday, April 23rd**  
**11:45am**

*UWF Tulips*  
*April*  
*23rd*

*1:30pm-*  
*2:30pm*

*Meeting at the parsonage*



**United Methodist Men's  
Breakfast**

**April 27th @ 7am**



**UMCOR**  
SPECIAL OFFERING  
**SUNDAY**  
**April 27, 2025**

Love Notes Presents:  
Carolina Brass Quintet  
Percussion Sounding  
Brass!: Big Band, Dixieland,  
Broadway, Classical, and  
Contemporary



Free and open to the  
public.

Sunday, May 4, 2025  
3:00pm

**A Love Offering for Open Arms Ministries  
will be received at the concert**

**Alzheimer's and Dementia Informational  
Workshop**

Presented by the:



**ALZHEIMER'S  
ASSOCIATION**

**Free Lunch and Program**

**May 1st, 15th, & 29th**

**12-12:30 lunch, 12:30-1:30 program**

**This event is open to the public.**

**May 1 - Understanding Alzheimer's and Dementia**



**COMMUNITY Sale**

**May 17, 2025 8am-1pm**

DO YOU HAVE ITEMS YOU NO LONGER  
need or want?

DO YOU HAVE A CRAFT BUSINESS,  
HOBBY, OR MLM?  
WE WANT YOU!

CONTACT BRENDA ROTH 336-324-5609

Spaces are \$25

HOT DOGS AND REFRESHMENTS WILL BE  
AVAILABLE FOR PURCHASE.

ALL PROCEEDS GO TO THE BACKPACK  
PROGRAM.

**NO FOOD TRUCKS, PLEASE.**