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FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER • APRIL 25, 2021

“There is salvation
in no one else, for there is no
other name under heaven . . .”
Acts 4:12a NRSV

REV. DR. KEN J. WALDEN, Senior Pastor
REV. LOUIS A. CHASE, Interim Minister of Community Outreach
REV. JAMES M. LAWSON, JR., Pastor Emeritus

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CELEBRATING 76 YEARS OF MISSION & MINISTRY
We GATHER for dynamic worship, GROW through inspired learning,
GO into joyful service, and LIVE the gospel of Jesus Christ.
Inviting people into discipleship with Jesus Christ
for the transformation of the world.”
WORSHIP CELEBRATION

CENTERING MOMENT  
(A time of meditation upon entering Sanctuary)
We gather together to worship God, the Shepherd of our souls. The one who has created us, who sustains us, who redeems us, who walks beside us in good times and bad, and who calls us to follow. This is our God! Let’s worship Him together!

PRELUDE

“What A Beautiful Name”
Robert Johnson, Jr.

GREETING

CALL TO WORSHIP
Leader: Come to the shepherd!
People: Walk in the paths of righteousness.
Leader: Come to Jesus Christ, the cornerstone!
People: Ground your life in Jesus.
Leader: Come to the Spirit, who abides in us!
People: Yes, we come with hearts of thanksgiving abiding in the Spirit to worship God, the shepherd!!

CELEBRATION OF PRAISE & WORSHIP

“My Hope is Built”
UMH #368

When darkness veils his lovely face
I rest on His unchanging grace.
In every high and stormy gale
My anchor holds within the veil.

On Christ the solid rock I stand,
all other ground is sinking sand, all other ground is sinking sand.

OPENING PRAYER
Loving Shepherd, you know our names; you care for us. When we face darkness and death, walk beside us. When we hunger for your love, fill us with your presence. When we are fearful, feed us at your table. May we dwell in the house of goodness and mercy all the days of our lives. Amen.

MINISTRY OF MUSIC

“Moving Forward”
Holman Singers

Israel Houghton

SCRIPTURE
Psalm 23
Acts 4:5-12

CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE
Liturgist: The Word of God for the people of God.
People: Thanks be to God!
INVITATION TO DISCIPLESHIP, MEMBERSHIP AND COMPANIONSHIP (ALTAR CALL)

God’s word has been proclaimed. God invites us to begin a new season of life; to know and begin a relationship with Him through His son, Jesus Christ, so that we might walk in the newness of life. That new relationship begins when you pause right now and tell Christ, “I give myself to you.” If you have already surrendered your life to Christ, you are invited to live your faith through a relationship with Christ’s church. If you are not actively in fellowship with a congregation, we invite you to come forth and join this fellowship called Holman. Give us your hand but God your heart so He might give you a new start. We will embrace you with the love of Christ and share in your spiritual journey. If you have stayed away from a past commitment to Christ, are struggling with a life situation that causes you great concern, or you just want to give God some thanks and praise, we invite you to contact the church office (323.703.5868). We can support you in a time of prayer, accompany you as you tell God of your desire to be in relationship, assist you in the renewal of your vows for Christian discipleship. We are here to meet you in the journey. May this be a time for reconciliation and renewal in your life.

OFFERTORY PRAYER IN THANKSGIVING FOR OUR TITHES & OFFERINGS

God of love, you abide with us; you provide for all our needs and guide us in your ways. Out of gratitude for your care, we bring our gifts before you. Use them for your work of caring, that all may feast at the table of abundance, walk without fear, and drink deeply from the cup of compassion. Amen.

“Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow”

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise him, all creatures here below; praise him above, ye heavenly host; praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen

INVITATION TO PARTICIPATE IN MINISTRY (ANNOUNCEMENTS)

BENEDICTION

As we depart worship, wherever you Go, toll YOUR Bell!!

POSTLUDE

“Something About The Name Jesus”

The Rance Allen Group, Kirk Franklin

PARTICIPATING IN OUR SERVICES TODAY: Rev. Dr. Ken L. Walden; Liturgist: Lydia Cincore-Templeton; Music Ministry directed by Melida Skeete Smith-Byrd; Robert Johnson, Jr., assistant director and organist; Ricardo L.J. Mowatt, drummer; Media Ministry: David R. Sears, Keith McGruder, and Mark Conway; Live Stream: Jules Green.
April 21, 2021, was Administrative Professionals Day. On behalf of the Holman congregation, the Staff Pastor Parish Relations Committee (SPPRC), would like to express our heartfelt appreciation to Holman’s administrative and custodial staffs including Joni Arlain, Bettye Fontenot, Jules Green, Aamira Mahir, Keith McGruder and King “Sonny” Jacobs. We are grateful for your on-going commitment to Holman United Methodist Church. A very special thank you for your steadfastness during this COVID-19 pandemic. Wishing God’s richest blessings upon you and your love ones.

To the Rev. Ken Walden and the Rev. L. Chase, a very special thanks to you both for your personal phone calls, cards and words of sympathy and encouragement. To all my Holman family and friends who responded with acts of sympathy and condolences to the recent passing of my aunt, Mrs. Annie W Reese, I truly thank you. May God’s grace and mercy be with you always.

With sincere gratitude and love to all, HELEN COOKE AND FAMILY

LET US PRAY FOR THE BEREAVED

JOANNE MCKINNEY BROOKS, sister and sister-in-law of Holman members Otis and Polly McKinney, passed away on April 7, 2021 in Durham, North Carolina. Homegoing service was held on April 12th. Holman member WILLIAM KING, husband of member Velma King, passed away on April 19. Funeral arrangements are pending at this time.

NEW PRAYER REQUESTS

Velma King and Family
Otis & Polly McKinney and Family
Family of Joanne McKinney Brooks

2021 COMMITMENT CARDS

It’s not too late to submit your Commitment Card. A fill-in form is available on the Holman website for your convenience. Thanks in advance for supporting this important commitment to stewardship with Holman United Methodist Church. Your Commitment Card is an important tool for the financial planning of the church.

THANK YOU.
Lydia Cincore Templeton, Chair–Stewardship Comm.
WEEKLY HEALTH TIP:
April 24-30 is World Immunization Week. The body’s immune system helps protect against pathogens that cause infection. Most of the time, it’s an efficient system. It either keeps microorganisms out or tracks them down and gets rid of them. Vaccination is a way to “teach” the immune system how to recognize and eliminate an organism. That way, your body is prepared if you’re ever exposed. In our current COVID-19 season, we are keenly aware of the importance of vaccination. The opportunity is available throughout the city to receive the COVID-19 vaccination, and protect yourself.

COMMUNION VISITATION TEAM – As we plan ahead and continue our work to stay connected to our sick & shut-in members, the Communion Visitation Ministry is recruiting volunteers to join in this important work. Our goal is 100!!! We are people of God called to service. Prayerfully consider joining the Communion Visitation Ministry team. A ministry description and training will be offered. Please call the church office at 323.703.5868 and leave your contact information for E. Lynn Matthews, the ministry coordinator, or Rev. Louis Chase.

JOIN US FOR CHURCH SCHOOL

If you are available to teach or volunteer please contact the church office at 323.703.5868

In the absence of our physically gathering together, parents and guardians are encouraged to read the scripture below with your children and view the lesson summary at https://mailchi.mp/baca50a31b3c/giving-credit-where-it-is-due

TODAY’S LESSON
Lesson: GIVING CREDIT WHERE CREDIT IS DUE
Scripture:
Summary: The children will learn that every day we have the opportunity to honor Christ by thanking Him for everything in our lives!

Deborah Mitchell | Director—Children’s Ministry
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“Train children in the way they should go; when they grow old, they won’t depart from it.”
Proverbs 22:6
The bells at Holman United Methodist Church have been ringing for 76 years and have brought us much love and joy. The bells remind us of our blessings, if ever we need to be reminded it is now. 2020 was a tumultuous year and we need something to lift our spirits. Let’s use our bells to lift our spirits in remembrance of loved ones who have passed, and loved ones we can still reach out and show our love and appreciation.

We are launching our Church of the Bells Campaign. We encourage you to consider sponsoring a bell on our Holman Bell Tree in the Multipurpose Building. The donation amount is $500.00.

Let’s keep the bells ringing at Holman and support this campaign. Let the Bells ring at Holman United Methodist Church. Please join in and support this Campaign.

“So that this may be a sign among you. When your children ask in time to come, ‘What do those stones mean to you?’ Then you shall tell them that the waters of the Jordan were cut off in front of the ark of the covenant of the Lord. When it crossed over the Jordan, the waters of the Jordan were cut off. So these stones shall be to the Israelites a memorial forever.”

Joshua 4:6-9,

With appreciation,
HOLMAN STEWARDSHIP COMMITTEE
SCHOLARSHIPS OPPORTUNITIES

THE ELGIN FOUNDATION FOR WELLNESS – The 2021 Holman scholarship applications are available! We encourage Holman high school seniors attending a 4-year college or university to apply. Here are the details:

- **Deadline:** APRIL 30, 2021
- **Minimum GPA requirement:** 3.3
- Each selected recipient will be awarded $1,000
- Each recipient must complete and return a signed copy of the photo release form or attach it to the end of their scholarship application
- Each recipient is expected to attend the virtual awards breakfast

Email hello@theelginfoundation.org with questions.

GOT TIME ON YOUR HANDS? Then put your digits to work and apply for a type-on 2021 $1000 Aleen Henry Memorial Scholarship application through venturepro2000@msn.com. However, you have to be a graduating high school senior or an active college/university student Holman member or recommended by one. Time is running out. The application, transcripts, and a one-page narrative have to be returned by May 15th. Remember. Time waits for no one.

The Holman UMC Permanent Endowment Committee (PEC) has established the HOLMAN UMC PERMANENT ENDOWMENT SCHOLARSHIP to assist deserving students currently in college as well as graduating high school seniors who plan to pursue education in college or in a vocational school program. A scholarship committee, appointed by the PEC, administers the Scholarship Program. Awards vary in size. Applications are available on the Holman UMC website and are due electronically by MAY 31, 2021. Further details are explained in the application.

2021 CLAUDIA WHITMORE / BEATRICE BORDERS MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP – Sponsored by Holman United Methodist Women. Applications are now available. To qualify you must be an active member of Holman UMC, a high school graduating senior accepted for admission to a college or University, or a continuing college/university student (age limit 25). An official transcript from your high school or college/University must be submitted with the completed application which includes a one-page narrative. Applications may be obtained by calling Claudia Spears at 323 294-8622. The deadline to return applications and official sealed transcripts is JUNE 4th, 2021.
REFLECTION

Today is observed as
“FESTIVAL OF GOD’S CREATION”

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

O God,
We thank you for this earth, our home; for the wide sky and the blessed sun, for the ocean and streams, for the towering hills and the whispering wind, for the trees and green grass.
We thank you for our senses by which we hear the songs of birds, and see the splendor of fields of golden wheat, and taste autumn’s fruit, rejoice in the feel of snow, and smell the breath of spring flowers.
Grant us a heart opened wide to all this beauty; and save us from being so blind that we pass unseeing when even the common thorn bush is aflame with your glory.
For each new dawn is filled with infinite possibilities for new beginnings and new discoveries. Life is constantly changing and renewing itself.
In this new day of new beginnings with God, all things are possible. We are restored and renewed in a joyous awakening to the wonder that our lives are and, yet, can be. Amen.

Written by Walter Rauschenbusch
(1861-1918)

LOOKING AHEAD

5th SUNDAY OF EASTER

Sunday, May 2, 2021
Holy Communion Sunday
Rev. Dr. Ken J. Walden

By all the means we can . . .
Connecting people with the love of God through all channels.

Father in heaven, draw us near to you.
As we journey in the wilderness, guide our steps in your will.
Amen