

# FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

April 29, 2018

## CLASSIC WORSHIP

### WORDS OF WELCOME

#### PRELUDE

Covenant Carillon

"God of Grace and God of Glory" - Manz/Thompson

#### \*CALL TO WORSHIP

O God, you summon the day to dawn;  
you teach the morning to waken the earth.

**For you, the valleys shall sing for joy  
and the trees of the field shall clap their hands.**

Your love and mercy last forever:  
fresh as the morning, sure as the sunrise.

**Great is your name, and great is your love!**

#### \*HYMN OF PRAISE

No. 92

"For the Beauty of the Earth"

#### \*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

**We believe in God, creator of the world and of all people; and in Jesus Christ, incarnate among us, who died and rose again; and in the Holy Spirit, present with us to guide, strengthen, and comfort. We rejoice in every sign of God's kingdom: in the upholding of human dignity and community; in every expression of love, justice, and reconciliation; in each act of self-giving on behalf of others; in the abundance of God's gifts entrusted to us that all may have enough. We commit ourselves to the way of Christ: to take up the cross; to seek abundant life for all humanity; to struggle for peace with justice and freedom; to risk ourselves in faith, hope, and love, praying that God's kingdom may come. Amen.**

#### \*GLORIA PATRI

No. 70

**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.**

#### SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

No. 39

11 AM Chloe Robin Ivie

### CHILDREN'S TIME (11 AM)

#### ANTHEM

8:15 AM

Agape Singers

"Jesus Loves Me" - arr. Charlie Sinclair

9:30 & 11 AM

Chancel Choir

"I Know the Lord's Laid His Hands on Me"  
- arr. Moses Hogan

#### SCRIPTURE READING

Psalm 103:8-14

#### PASTORAL PRAYER

#### 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 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.**

#### CHORAL RESPONSE

#### OFFERTORY

Covenant Carillon

"Joyance" - Ron Mallory

#### \*DOXOLOGY

No. 95

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

#### \*HYMN OF INSPIRATION

No. 557

"Blest Be the Tie That Binds"

#### \*SERMON TEXT

Matthew 5:1-7

This is the Word of God for the people of God.  
**Thanks be to God.**

#### SERMON

Dr. John Robbins

**Fourth in a Series  
Upside Down: Living the Beatitudes**  
"The Merciful"

#### BEATITUDE PRAYER

God of all grace, in our strength and especially in our  
weakness, your heart is moved with compassion toward us.

**Make us mindful at all times of the gift of your mercy, that  
it may not stop with us but flow through us, extending  
your grace to all people. We ask all this in the name of  
Jesus. Amen.**

#### \*HYMN OF INVITATION

No. 560

"Help Us Accept Each Other"

#### RECEPTION OF NEW MEMBERS

#### \*BENEDICTION

#### \*CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE

No. 159

**Lift high the cross, the love of Christ proclaim  
till all the world adore his sacred name.**

#### POSTLUDE

Toccata on "Duke Street" - arr. Gilbert Martin

\*Please stand as you are able

## SERMON STUDY GUIDE

#### READ:

Matthew 5:1-7

#### REFLECT:

- How do you define mercy?
- When have you experienced mercy, from God or from others? When have you shown it toward others?

#### RESPOND:

This week, pray the Lord's Prayer daily. As you pray, "Forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us," bring this week's beatitude to mind. How does it affect your understanding of the prayer? How does it affect the way you encounter the world?

#### LEADING WORSHIP TODAY:

Dr. John Robbins, Senior Pastor  
Rev. Jennifer Veres-Schrecengost, Associate Pastor  
Rev. Jim McPhail, Associate Pastor  
Victor Resendiz, Lay Pastor  
Ann Ables, Director of Music & Fine Arts  
Terry Tullis, Associate Director of Music & Fine Arts  
Kathy Crain, Organist  
Allyson George, Director of Children's Ministries

# WELCOME

## TO MDUMC

**Welcome, guests!** We are glad you have chosen MDUMC for your worship this morning and extend to you a warm welcome. If you have questions about our church, you may go to the **INFO CENTER** located in the lobby of the Sanctuary.

### NEW HERE?

**Discover MDUMC:** Are you brand new to MDUMC, or simply looking for new ways to connect? If so, you're invited to join our pastors for the next Discover MDUMC Sunday! Guests and members alike will learn more about Methodism, MDUMC, and ways to engage in community life. Lunch and nursery care are provided. To register, please email [JenniferVS@mdumc.org](mailto:JenniferVS@mdumc.org).

**Children:** Worship activity packets for children can be found in the sanctuary lobby. Also, the Bride's Room is available for families with young children, where a live-feed of the service can be seen. We provide childcare for younger children at all three services in the Nursery. Sunday School is offered at 9:30 AM.

**Communion:** On non-communion Sundays, we offer the sacrament at 9:20 AM in the Landrum Prayer Chapel located in the east side of Wesley Hall.

**Hearing Assistance Devices:** If you are hearing impaired, you may request a hearing enhancement device from any usher.

### GIVING:

**Text Giving:** Text the dollar contribution amount to **713-597-3558**. If it is your first time using text giving, a link will display, allowing payment information to be entered. Once the payment information has been set up, just text the dollar amount to make an offering.

**Other Ways to Give:** Visit [mdumc.org/give/](http://mdumc.org/give/) for various ways to give including gifts of stock and securities, tribute and memorial gifts, and giving by phone or mail.

Week of April 22

Worship Attendance: 1,746

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# MDUMC NEWS

## FEATURED EVENT:

### VBS VOLUNTEER

#### OPPORTUNITIES

JULY 16 - 20 | 9 AM - 12 PM

Vacation Bible School can't happen without our wonderful volunteers! Opportunities are available to help as group leaders, or with crafts, snacks, games, and more!

SIGN UP ONLINE AT [MDUMC.ORG](http://MDUMC.ORG), OR CONTACT [MELISSASIMMONS@MDUMC.ORG](mailto:MELISSASIMMONS@MDUMC.ORG)

## UPCOMING EVENTS:

### Stained Glass Sanctuary Tour

Today | 12:10 PM | Meet in Sanctuary Narthex

All are welcome to join Tom Taylor and learn more about the history and symbolism of the MDUMC Sanctuary windows!

### Confirmation Sunday

Today | 4 PM | Main Campus Sanctuary

This afternoon, we celebrate 70 sixth graders who have made a commitment to live as followers of Christ! Come support the Confirmation Class of 2018 as we recognize their membership.

### Blood Drive

Saturday, May 5 | 8 AM - 2 PM | Main Campus Wesley Hall

Sunday, May 6 | 8 AM - 2 PM | Main Campus Gym & Refuge

Make an appointment to donate on Sunday mornings, or visit [giveblood.org](http://giveblood.org) and use 4308 as your digital donor code. Don't forget to eat, drink, and bring an ID!

### Wednesday Night Celebrate

Wednesday, May 16 | 5:30 PM | Main Campus Wesley Hall

Dinner | Speaker | Concert

Join us for an end of spring celebration with special guests, Bishop Mike McKee and The Homestead band. Childcare is available in the Nursery.

### Purchase a Piano Part

Visit [mdumc.org/music](http://mdumc.org/music) to learn more about how you can sponsor and help cover the cost of the magnificent Steinway piano in the Sanctuary. Questions, contact [AnnAbles@mdumc.org](mailto:AnnAbles@mdumc.org).

Upside  
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LIVING THE BEATITUDES

The Merciful  
Matthew 5:1-7



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