

Closing Song *I Thank God* Praise Team

Benediction

adapted from Rainsley

Because Christ is risen, our lives can be full.

With joyous acceptance, we receive Christ's gift of life.

Alleluia and Amen!

Please Take Home Your Easter Lilies

If you sponsored an Easter lily, please take the plant with you to enjoy this week after Easter. If you prefer, you can deliver your plant to a friend to spread Easter joy.



Welcome to the Conyers Family!

Howard, Kathryn, and their children, Prosper Hope and Lavender Kamillelia have worshiped with us since last Fall. Today, Howard and Kathryn present their children for baptism. We receive them with joy!

Welcome Table at Washington St UMC Tomorrow

The Monday after Easter, we will partner with the Welcome Table to serve a lunch for Columbia's food insecure. Thank you to those who have already signed up to volunteer. Please be at Threatt Hall by 11:15 am on 4/21/25. Also, many thanks to Brenda, Duncan, Karen, Mina and Sandy who dyed eggs for this event.

Upcoming Project for Epworth's Foster Families



To support and encourage foster families in the Columbia area, we will be creating two gift baskets. To fund the baskets, homemade diamond painting crosses will be available for purchase. All funds will benefit the supplies

needed for our baskets. Alexandra Agee-Arnold, our Epworth rep, is coordinating this event.



HEYWARD STREET UMC

April 20, 2025

Easter Sunday

Welcome and Affirmation of Resurrection

Christ is risen!

Christ is risen indeed!

Alleluia!

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Song *Oh Happy Day* Praise Team

A Service of Holy Baptism Prosper Hope Conyers
Lavender Kamillelia Conyers

Scripture Luke 24:1-12 Pew Bible p 90

Sermon Doing Something About It Rev. Blom

Song *Lamb of God* Praise Team

Prayers of People

Communion

All are welcome at the table. Come down the center aisle. Receive bread and dip in cup. Return via side aisle. You are welcome to bring an offering or prayer request card for the offering plate.

Communion Hymn *Were You There?* Praise Team

Devotional for Week After Easter

The Hardest Part: hurt we carry, hope we find (adapted)
K. Bowler, B. Thompson, A. Taylor, H. Durrett



“On the evening of that day, the first day of the week, Jesus came and stood among them and said, ‘Peace be with you.’” — John 20:19 ESV (image Adobe stock)

Reflect

When my son turned two, I had just been diagnosed with cancer, and I thought that was the last birthday I would get to spend with him. So, I decided to throw him an absolutely absurd farm party. So recently, when he turned nine, I decided to celebrate again with another huge farm themed birthday because I couldn't believe that I was still here with him. I went all out. We couldn't just sit on chairs, we had to sit on bales of hay. We couldn't just have desserts, we had rice crispy cake that looked like—more hay. I invited anyone who I have ever known and so there were herds of children running around like wild things. At one point I looked around and I could see my kid delirious with joy, and he ran up to me and asked, “Is

this the day that I'm born again?” I thought yes, that is exactly how I feel about it. Being born again is like this reset button. God loves to make us new. We can be in the muck of all kinds of things—health, bad things we've done, bad things done to us, anything—and suddenly be free to start again. Or move on. Or feel the wild joy of zooming around hay bales for no reason except the calendar has declared that you are suddenly new.

Practice ~ Remove the tape measure from your bag of materials. Choose a number on the tape that best fits your measure of feeling loved by Christ. Now think about Easter Sunday, does the resurrection change that number? Why? Why not?

Blessing

*Blessed are we, stretching out our hands
in doubt and grief, in sickness of body, mind, or
spirit, our prayers unfinished,
and yet rejoicing . . . anyway.*

*This is what makes us Easter people:
carrying the hope of the Resurrected One,
singing alleluias great and small,
while it is still dark.*

*Christ Has died. Christ is risen.
Christ will come again.*



Kate Bowler and Jessica Richie. Adapted from “For Easter Sunday” Convergent Books, 2023). Art by Peev