

REDISCOVERING OUR UNITED METHODIST



Roots

Fifth Sunday of Easter | April 28, 2024

We welcome children of all ages in worship; however, a nursery is available for infants and toddlers under four years old who may need it. Please see an usher for assistance.

We have hearing assistive technology that connects via bluetooth available for those who need it. Please check with an usher for an instruction card to help you connect.

Prelude

Meditation on Gordon

Adoniram J. Gordon | arr. Gerald Peterson

Chiming of the Hour

Choral Call to Worship

Make Me a Servant

Kelly Willard

Opening Prayer

Aubrey Turner

* Hymn of Praise No. 419

I Am Thine, O Lord

* Affirmation of Faith | The Apostles' Creed

Addison Turner

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.

* Please rise in body or in spirit.

[†] universal

*** Gloria Patri**

GREATOREX

**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.**

*** Ritual of Friendship**

Children's Moment

Joyce Couch

Following the Children's Moment, children (kindergarten through second grade) will be escorted to Children's Church. Parents must pick up their child(ren) from the first floor classroom after the worship service.

Act of Centering No. 420

Breathe on Me, Breath of God (v. 1, 3)

**Breathe on me, Breath of God, fill me with life anew,
that I may love what thou dost love, and do what thou wouldst do.
Breathe on me, Breath of God, till I am wholly thine,
till all this earthly part of me glows with thy fire divine.**

Methodism Moment

Nancy Morrison

Choral Anthem

Make Me a Channel of Your Peace

Prayer of St. Francis | Sebastian Temple

Prayer for Illumination

Trenton Turner

Scripture Reading

Micah 6:6-8

This is the word of God, for us, the people of God ... **thanks be to God!**

Sermon

Walking with God (Personal & Social Holiness)

Rev. Malinda Weaver

Pastoral Prayer with 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.

Offering

I Surrender All

Winfield S. Weeden | arr. Carolyne M. Taylor



Giving our time, talents, and money is our natural response to an understanding of the generosity of God. Click the QR code to go online to let us know you're here, enter a prayer request, and/or make a contribution. Or go to avonumc.net/hereiam.

* Doxology

LASST UNS ERFREUEN

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;

praise him, all creatures here below; Alleluia! Alleluia!

Praise God the source of all our gifts!

Praise Jesus Christ whose power uplifts! Praise the Spirit, Holy Spirit!

Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

* Hymn of Praise No. 593

Here I Am, Lord

* Benediction

* Choral Benediction

Final Amen

arr. Daniel deShazo

* Postlude

To God Be the Glory

William H. Doane | arr. Melody Bober



at **AVONDALE** *all are welcome to...*

connect with God and others.

grow together in faith and love.

serve the world for Jesus Christ.

Folk Festival – Volunteers Needed

We're excited to be one of the sponsors and venues for the Birmingham Folk Festival that's happening in and around Avondale Park NEXT Saturday, May 4. We need volunteers to help throughout the day with (1) hospitality at the church and (2) at our table in the park. The event runs from 11am-7pm, and we're hoping to have folks work a 2-hour shift. Email Jeanne Baker to volunteer to help (jbaker@avonumc.net).

Supplies Needed for our Homeless Neighbors

Our mission arm, Avondale Samaritan Place (ASP), sees a need for a variety of items to help our homeless neighbors throughout the year. The current needs are: deodorant, socks, boxers (sizes 32-38), bar soap (small size), shaving supplies. Please purchase small or travel size items of toiletries because our homeless neighbors do not have room to store larger sizes. You can drop off these items on Sunday mornings when you come for worship or anytime during the week at ASP.

New Church Directory

We're working to update our church directory so we have an online option, and we need everyone's help. All of our individual and family photos are out of date. Please email us a current individual or family photo to directory@avonumc.net.

Hand to Heart

Hand to Heart, our prayer shawl ministry, meets the second and fourth Wednesdays of each month from 10:00am-12:00pm in the conference room on the first floor. This ministry is open to experienced needleworkers as well as those who want to learn. Their next meeting is this Wednesday, May 8. For more info, contact Barb Walker (205.672.9687).

GENERAL CONFERENCE: BY THE NUMBERS

The Postponed 2020
General Conference will
take place April 23-May 3 2024
in Charlotte, North Carolina

133

annual conferences
represented



862 voting delegates,
half clergy and half laypeople

1,099

valid petitions submitted



Delegates:

55.9% from the U.S.
32% from Africa
6% from the Philippines
4.6% from Europe



5 continents represented

26

plenary sessions



18
worship
services



**4 official written
languages:**
English, French,
Kiswahili and
Portuguese



14
legislative
committees

9

special addresses
and celebrations

10 languages spoken
via interpreters on site



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The United Methodist Church General Conference | CHARLOTTE, NORTH CAROLINA

North Alabama Conference Delegation to 2020 General Conference

Clergy Delegates

Rev. Dedric Cowser

Rev. Kelly Clem

Rev. Sherri Reynolds

Rev. Tiwirai "T.K." Kufarimai

Rev. Mary Henley (alternate)

Rev. Sheri Ferguson (alternate)

Lay Delegates

Steve Lyles

Pat Meadows

Precious Kufarimai

Gail Hiatt

Dr. Lisa Keys-Mathews (alternate)

Laura Ellis (alternate)

A Prayer for General Conference

God of wisdom, we pray for guidance ...

for the General Conference delegates who will gather from four continents to join in the work of kingdom-building through The United Methodist Church. They will bring a diversity of cultures, languages, experiences, and expectations that will influence their work. Though they may not be of one mind, may they be of one heart for your glory.

God of grace, we pray for unity ...

that the work of General Conference will be faithful to the commandment to love and be the example of Jesus Christ. May their actions be a testament to the transformative power of God's love in a broken and divided world.

God of love, we pray for your will to be done ...

in the United Methodist Church ... in its local churches ... among its leaders and ministries ... and in the holy work of making disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world. We pray for the connection and its commitment to have open hearts, open minds, and open doors.

May it be so. Amen.

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