

FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH  
Commerce, Texas  
April 14, 2024

**RESURRECTION STORY: RELEASED**

Prelude “Saraband for the Morning of Easter” H. Howells  
Choral Call to Worship “Enter Into His Gates”  
Threshold Moment Resurrection Story John 20:19-23

\* Words of Worship

**ALL: We see in the example of Christ how to forgive others and how to release our own woundedness. We open ourselves to the freedom, release, and peace that comes through forgiveness. We forgive ourselves and we forgive others.**

Reader: This is a Word of Hope for the people who long for it.

**ALL: Thanks be to the Living Word.**

\* Hymn “Breathe On Me, Breath of God” UMH 420

\* Passing the Peace

[You are invited to greet the people sitting near you in the name of Jesus Christ.]

**PROCLAIMING RELEASE**

Children’s Moment: New Life Happens Pastor Cheryl  
Anthem “Sing Alleluia, Sing” J. Knowles  
Scripture Nehemiah 9:9-15  
Message Remembering Is Everything Pastor Cheryl  
Testimony to Release

**RESPONDING TO RELEASE**

Choral Call to Prayer “Hear, O Lord”  
Prayers of the People  
The Lord’s Prayer  
Opportunities to Live Resurrected  
Offertory Prayer  
Offertory “Beautiful Savior” H. Schroeder  
\* Doxology  
\* Closing Hymn “Blessed Assurance” UMH 369  
\* Benediction  
\* Choral Benediction “God Be With You”  
\* Postlude “All Glory, Laud, and Honor” C. Phillips  
\*You are invited to stand.

**Worship Leaders**

Rev. Cheryl Murray, Pastor  
Gene Lockhart, Music Director  
John Burkett, Organist  
John Mark Dempsey, Sound Tech  
Claire Floyd, Video Tech  
Wyatt Bourcy, Acolyte  
Carolyn Trezevant, Reader



Please sign the attendance register and enter contact information to receive notices of church activities of interest.

Children’s Sunday School will be held in the Family Ministry Center today after the Children’s Moment. The Friendship Class meets in the Friendship Classroom after worship. Everyone is invited.



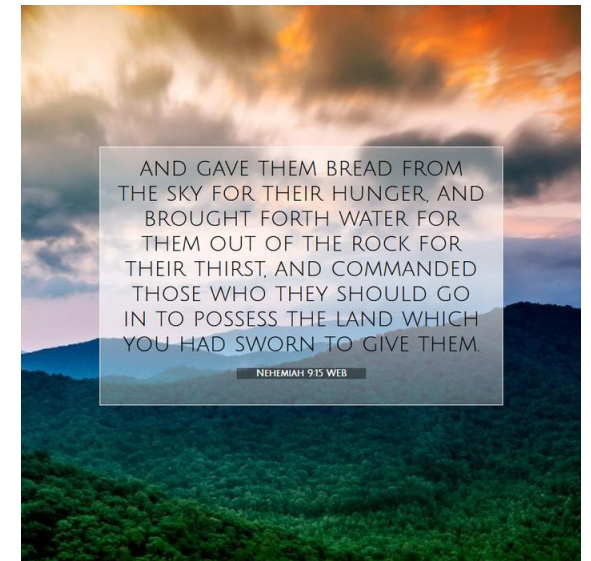
Use the QR code above to link to CBS News' full story of Ron Williams' resurrection from addiction to become a recovery coach for others going through similar circumstances.



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### Upcoming Activities

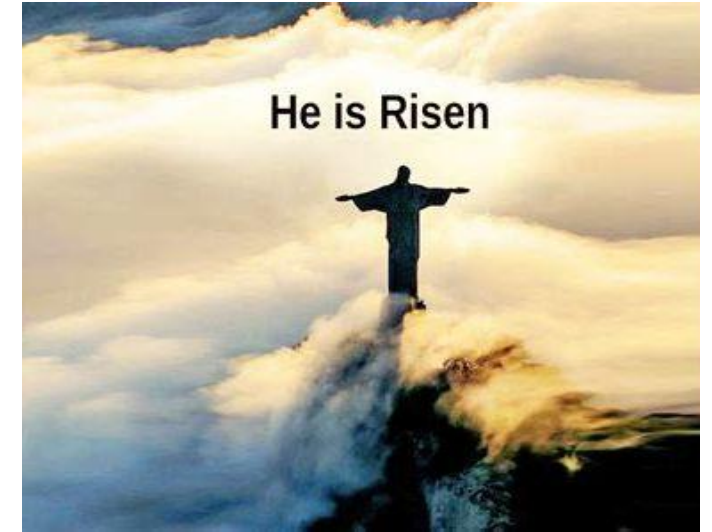
- April 16 - Men's Breakfast Group at 8:00am
- April 16 – Women's Study Group at 3:00pm
- April 17 - Little Ark Chapel at 11am
- April 17 - Country Home Estates worship at 2pm
- April 17 - Choir rehearsal at 7pm
- April 18 – Prayer Shawl Crafting at 9:30am
- April 18- M&M meets from 3:45-5:30pm

*Volunteers are very much needed to help in the nursery and in Children's Sunday School. Please see Ashlyn if you are able to assist in either of these ministries.*

Ministers	All Members of the Congregation
Pastor	Rev. Cheryl Murray
Office & Communications	Sharon Duncan
Financial Secretary	Mariann Andrews
Children/Youth Director	Ashlyn Woods
Children's Music Director	Meagan Jones
Little Ark Director	Jennifer Knight
Choir Director	Gene Lockhart
Organist	Dr. John Burkett
Custodians	Sandra & Fernanda Medrano

### Prayer List

- Family of Mary Ann St. Clair
- Lisa Horn
- Sherman Price
- Dan Perkins
- Betty Martin
- Diana Richards
- Clarence Jensen
- Anna Blohm
- Wyman Williams
- Rose Stapleton
- Mike King
- Stacy & John Arnold
- Richard Young
- Carlos Rickman
- Jack McDaniel
- Mike Smith
- Bob Clark
- Kerry Clark
- Jack Kelly, Jill Grove's father
- Sam Elwell
- Vance Underhill
- Glenda Helton
- Rob Lee
- Rita Thompson
- Suzanne Kizer Carter
- Priscilla McFarland
- Michael Vickers, Ginny Haight's father
- Jack Gray
- Richard Stapleton, Al Stapleton's brother
- Pete and Ann Chamberlain
- Rev. Dennis Wilkinson
- Bill Heitholt
- Janet & Jim Payne, family of Becky Coker
- Manuel Harrison
- Georgia Gholston
- Melanie Cortea
- Judy Cortea
- Harold & Becky Coker
- Mabel & Carl Little
- Brenda Mosley Longhoffer
- Robert Seay



### *3rd Sunday of Easter*

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**April 14, 2024  
10:00am Sanctuary**